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Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi
(Former President of the International Criminal Court)

Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi is an international lawyer from Argentina. From 2010 to 2018 she served as Judge and President (2015-2018) of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Prior to joining the ICC, Judge Fernández de Gurmendi was the Director General for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina, where she acted as a representative of her country in cases before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Justice. She has also represented Argentina before other human rights bodies and advised on transitional justice issues related to the prevention of genocide and other international crimes.

She played a leadership role in the creation and setting up of the ICC as President of the Working Group on Criminal Procedure and Vice-President of the Committee of the Whole at the Rome Conference. She was also instrumental in the negotiations of the complementary instruments of the Rome Statute as Chair of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Working Group on Aggression.

Judge Fernández de Gurmendi has taught international law and international criminal law at the Universities of Buenos Aires and Palermo. She has published on topics related to the ICC including, amongst others, the role of the Prosecutor, criminal procedure, and the definition of victims.

She holds a Law Degree from the University of Cordoba, Argentina, a Masters in Public Law from the University of Limoges, France, and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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