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Elizabeth Odio Benito, former judge of the International ad hoc Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and currently judge at the International Criminal Court, has extensive practical and academic experience in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law. From 1983 to 2003 she served as member of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNFVT) and in 1987 and 1988 she was a member of the Expert Committee for the Prevention of Torture in the Americas (ECPTA). In the year 2000 she was elected Chairperson of the Working Group on the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and greatly contributed to its adoption in 2002. In her country of Costa Rica she served as Second Vice-President from 1998 to 2002, and served twice as Minister of Justice, from 1978 to 1982 and from 1990 to 1993.