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Michelle Reyes Milk, (LL.B., LL.M.) is currently teaches International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law at the Law School of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). In addition, Ms. Reyes teaches “History and Politics of Human Rights”, at the Master’s Program on Human Rights, also at the PUCP. In the past, Ms. Reyes has been a lecturer on Public International Law, at the Law School of the PUCP. Since 2017, Ms. Reyes has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the Master’s Program on Human Rights, and, since August 2018, a member of the General Assembly of the Institute on Human Rights and Democracy of the PUCP (IDEH-PUCP). Since 2007, Ms. Reyes has been a guest lecturer (*ad honorem*) at the Institute on IHL and Human Rights of the Peruvian Armed Forces.

In addition to her academic work, Ms. Reyes Milk is the Regional Coordinator for the Americas at the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC). The Coalition, with headquarters in New York and The Hague – and regional offices in Lima, Brussels, Cotonou and Bangkok – is a network of 2,500 organizations in over 150 countries, working towards a more effective, fair and independent international criminal court.

In her capacity as Regional Coordinator, Ms. Reyes Milk spearheads the Secretariat’s actions in the Americas concerning ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute; cooperation of States with the ICC; and actively monitors and coordinates actions related to the Preliminary Examinations of the Court in the region, as well as other cases of gross human rights violations. Prior to this role, between 2009 and 2012, Ms. Reyes Milk held the position of Outreach Liaison for the Americas, Asia and the Pacific at the Coalition’s headquarters in New York, actively monitoring and participating at the sessions of the New York Working Group of the ASP, and other relevant sessions within the 6th Committee of the General Assembly, as well as the UN Security Council. During that time, she was in charge of liaising with GRULAC and Asia delegations in New York.

Before joining the team at CICC, Ms. Reyes Milk worked as Legal Advisor to the Peruvian National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, where she evaluated the implementation of IHL within the Peruvian legal system, and worked closely in drafting the implementing law of the Rome Statute for the ICC. Prior to that, Ms. Reyes Milk was a Legal Associate at the IDEH-PUCP, carrying out extensive research on International Law issues, and working, *inter alia*, towards the implementation of some of the recommendations adopted by the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Ms. Reyes Milk studied Law at the PUCP, obtaining her LL.B. after defending her thesis, “*The Principle of Immunity of Serving Heads of State and its status upon the commission of crimes under international law*”, graduating *Summa Cum Laude*. She obtained her LL.M. on Human Rights Studies from the Charles III University of Madrid, in Spain, graduating *summa cum laude*. Ms. Reyes Milk has also carried out advanced studies in International Law, including, *inter alia*, International Humanitarian Law studies at the San Remo Academy on International Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy, and advanced studies on International Criminal Law at the Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law. She has authored a number of articles on Public International Law, International Criminal Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, and has offered numerous lectures across the Americas on said issues.