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**Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary
bodies for the period 2012-2013**

Note by the Secretariat

Note verbale Ref.: CRULAC-CR/062-2010 received by the Secretariat on 16 June 2010 from the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Costa Rica in Austria in its capacity as Chair of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group:

“The Embassy and Permanent Mission of Costa Rica in Austria presents its compliments to the Honourable United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and in its capacity as Chair of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group, has the Honour to inform the latter that the GRULAC has decided to nominate Mr. Félix Clementino MENICOCCI from Argentina for the position of Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee for the term 2012-2013.”

The curriculum vitae of Mr. Félix Clementino Menicocci is contained in the Annex to this conference room paper.



Annex

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Félix Clementino MENICOCCHI

Position: Secretary General of the National Commission on Space Activities (CONAE) of Argentina

Profession: Diplomat (National Foreign Service of the Argentine Republic)

Education: Graduate in International Relations (National University of Rosario, Argentina)

Master International Relations Institute “Pierre Renouvin” of the University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne, France.

Professional Career

1988 Joined the National Foreign Service of the Argentine Republic.

1991 Appointed at the Department of International Security and Nuclear and Space Affairs. Participated in the creation of the National Commission on Space Activities (CONAE)

1993 Appointed at the Argentine Embassy to France
Argentine Representative to the European Space Agency (ESA) and the National Centre for Space Studies of France (CNES)
Argentine representative to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)
Member of the Organizing Committee of the II° Euro Latin-American Space Days, organized by ESA and CONAE in Buenos Aires in May, 1994.

1998 - to date Secretary General of the National Commission on Space Activities

Also, President of the Board of VENG S.A. (State-owned Company for the development of a satellite launcher and satellite services.)

Memberships:

- SELPER (Latin American Society of Remote Sensing Experts)
- AADI (Argentine Society for International Law)
- Argentine Mountain Committee
- Argentine National Committee on Climate Change

His activities involve participating in several international fora, including the UN Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS), UNISPACE III, International Astronautical Federation (IAF), Space Conferences of the Americas (CEA). Also, participated as Argentine Delegate at the Hyogo World Conference on Disaster Reduction and at the ISDR (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) meeting.

Space activities in the region, organization of regional training activities, technical workshops and conferences, in collaboration with international bodies:

- Applications of space information for health. Development of regional project for landscape epidemiology and organization of Advanced School for Latin American Countries (CONAE/UNOOSA Fellowship)
- Disaster management: fires, floods, drought, slides, volcanoes, etc
- International Charter Space and Major Disasters,
- ESA-UNESCO-CONAE Open Initiative on the use of space information to support the monitoring and conservation of World Heritage Sites (Galapagos, Qhapaq Ñan and Iguazú),
- Sustainable Development of the Mountain Area of Andean countries
- CRECTALC/SPIDER: workshops on Environment, and on emergencies: drought and desertification
- EOPA (Earth Observation Partnership of the Americas): regional meeting to request the dedication of GOES Satellite to South American countries
- OAS (Organization of American States): Regional Training Activity on early warning of flooding.