Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, Iberoamerican Secretary General

Enrique V. Iglesias was born in Asturias, Spain and is a naturalized Uruguayan citizen. He graduated as an Economist and Business Administration from the University of the Uruguayan Republic, 1953, and further studies in the United States and France.

He started his Carrere in 1954 in the private sector as director of Union de Bancos del Uruguay. In the academic field, he was Economic Development Professor and director of the Instituto de Economía de la Universidad de la República O. del Uruguay. He was a board member of the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO) and participated in different causes of CEPAL, of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI) and of the Instituto Latinoamericano del Caribe y Planificación Económica y Social (ILPES), of United Nations where he was director from 1965 and President between 1965 and 1972.

Mr. Iglesias was Secretary of Comisión de Inversiones y Desarrollo Económico (SIDE in 1960) and formulated the first Development Plan of the country. He later was the first president of the Central Bank of Uruguay. He was Foreign Minister of Uruguay (1985 – 1988), at the return of democracy.

He was Executive Secretary of the Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe of United Nations, (CEPAL), between 1972 and 1985. He was Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewal Energies, that took place in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1981, and President of the Ministerial Reunion that started the Ronda Uruguay del Acuerdo General sobre Aranceles y Comercio (GATT), Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1986.

He was chosen President of the Inter American Development Bank, (IDB) for the first time in March 1988 and reelected in 1993, 1998 and 2003. He concluded his administration when he resigned in September 30, 2005. The IDB , the largest and oldest regional Development Bank in the world, is the principal source of multilateral financing for the economic, social and institutional projects of the development and regional integration of commerce in Latin-America and the Caribbean.

He wrote various articles concerning different dimensions on Latinamerica development and is the author, among others, of the following books: “America Latina en el Umbral de los años Ochenta”, “ El desafío energético”, and “Desarrollo y Equidad: el desafío de los años Ochenta”.

ASTUR, associated to the Mercosur net, has published as well URUGUAY plus 25, investigation document collecting various and recognized contribution of expert and young thinkers. Recently, together with Uruguay plus 25 reflections and Mr. Iglesias opinions, was published the book called REFLEXIONES, counting with valuable personal thougths about the future of the country, based in technical works of the last publication.

Mr. Iglesias counts with various distinguished recognitions, national and international ones, among others, Premio Príncipe de Asturias, La Gran Cruz de Isabel la Catolica, as well as the highest condecorations of Latinamerican, European and Asian countries.
At the end of his functions, and as recognition to his professional career, His Majesty, King Juan Carlos of Spain, named him Caballero de la Orden del Toisón de Oro.

Mr. Iglesias was distinguished as doctor honoris causa by the Universities of Liverpool, 1987, Carlton, Ottawa, 1991, Autónoma de Guadalajara, México, 1994, “Cándido Mendez” from Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 1994, Southeastern Louisiana University, USA, 2000, Nacional Mayor de San

Marcos, Lima, Perú, 2001, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra de Santiago 2006, Universidad de Salamanca, 2006, Universidad Europea de Madrid and Universidad Andrés Bello , Santiago de Chile, 2008, Universidad de Chiapas, 2009, Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero, 2010, and Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, 2012.

In 2003, the UN Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan, named Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, member of the Comisión de Alto Nivel, to evaluate the Peace threat and the Worlds Security as well as the UNs reform. In 2005 Mr. Annan counted again with Mr. Iglesias as a worlds expert for the Grupo de Alto Nivel de la Alianza de Civilizaciones, iniciative of the Spanish President, Mr. José Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and the Turkish Prime Minister, Racip Eyep Erdogan.

Mr. Iglesias was elected Iberoamericas Secretary General for the XVIII Cumbre Iberoamericana de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno, in San Salvador, El Salvador, November 2008 and ending his functions April 1st. 2014.

Actually, he is the president of ASTUR FOUNDATION and member and adviser of various academic and institutional organaizations.