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Subject:           Accreditations

- Appointment of H.E. Mr José Alberto BRIZ GUTIÉRREZ as the Head of Mission of the Republic of Guatemala to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales
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With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of the Republic of Guatemala intends to appoint H.E. Mr José Alberto BRIZ GUTIÉRREZ as Head of Mission of the Republic of Guatemala to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 17 September 2016 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Mission of the Republic of Guatemala to the European Union and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr José Alberto BRIZ GUTIÉRREZ.

Jepppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN  
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

#### NOTE VERBALE

*The Directorate-General for Multilateral and Economic International Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala presents its compliments to the Protocol Service of the European Commission and has the honour of requesting agreement to the appointment of His Excellency José Alberto Briz Gutiérrez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, as Head of the Mission of the Republic of Guatemala to the European Union and to the European Atomic Energy Community.*

*In this regard, the Directorate-General for Multilateral and Economic International Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala encloses herewith the curriculum vitae of Ambassador Briz Gutiérrez, for your approval.*

*The Directorate-General for Multilateral and Economic International Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala takes this opportunity to renew to the Protocol Service of the European Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.*

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#### CURRICULUM VITAE, JOSÉ ALBERTO BRIZ GUTIÉRREZ

##### *Academic formation*

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|------------------|---|
| <b>1994/1997</b> | <b>MASTER IN EUROPEAN STUDIES, DEUSTO UNIVERSITY.</b><br>(Bilbao, Spain).                   |
| <b>1995/1996</b> | <b>INTERNATIONAL LAW CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM</b> (Amsterdam, The Netherlands). |

- 1995/1996**                    **LAW CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM**  
(Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- 1994/1995**                    **EUROPEAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE, DEUSTO**  
**UNIVERSITY, Socio Political Specialty** (Bilbao, Spain).
- 1987/1992**                    **BACHELOR IN SOCIAL AND LEGAL SCIENCES,**  
**FRANCISCO MARROQUIN UNIVERSITY** (Guatemala City, Guatemala).  
VALIDATED TO **BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B.)** by the **MINISTRY OF**  
**EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, Spain-1995**

*Professional Experience*

- 2013-present**                    **GUATEMALAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS**  
*Ambassador - Director General of International Multilateral and Economic*  
*Relations. Deputy National Coordinator for the Community of Latin*  
*American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and for the Iberoamerican*  
*Summits - SEGIB; Political Coordinator of the Guatemalan Pro Tempore*  
*Presidency of the Central American Integration System (SICA), 1st Semester*  
*of 2015; Political Coordinator of the Guatemalan Presidency of the*  
*Ministerial Council of the Association of Caribbean States - ACS (2014-*  
*2015) Deputy Political Coordinator of the Guatemalan Presidency of the*  
*Extraordinary General Assembly of the Organization of American States -*  
*OAS (September 2014); Deputy Political Coordinator of the 1st Ministerial*  
*Meeting of the Latin-American and Caribbean States Community (CELAC)*  
*on the World Drug Problem (May 2014).*
- 2002 - 2013**                    *Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission Guatemala to the*  
*United Nations in New York, USA. Member of the Delegation to the*  
*Security Council (2012 - 2013); Rapporteur of the Second Committee (58th*  
*General Assembly); Treasurer of the Iberoamerican Group of Deputy*  
*Permanent Representatives; Vice-President of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS*  
*Executive Board 2007; Facilitator of General Assembly resolutions on*  
*microcredit and legal empowerment of the poor.*
- 2001 - 2002**                    *Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United*  
*Nations in New York, USA. In charge of the follow-up of the preparatory*  
*committee of the First United Nations Conference on Financing for*  
*Development*
- 2001**                                *First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of Guatemala to the United*  
*States of America*
- 2000 - 2001**                    *First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of Guatemala in Venezuela*
- 1998 - 2000**                    *First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of Guatemala in Costa Rica*

1996 - 1997

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, Geneva, Switzerland**

Assigned to the secretariat of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, in charge of: Preparing contributions of the High Commissioner to different media outlets; courtesy translations of documents addressed to member States related to the Convention on the Rights of the Child; Review of National reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; Prepare suggested questions for the members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; Support and follow up to the 14th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

1992 - 1994

**SUPPORT PROGRAMME TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (PAL) IN THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH (CIEN), Guatemala City, Guatemala**

*Legal Adviser and Associate Researcher*

*Co-editor of "Temas Públicos", periodic publication of PAL aimed at discussing current policies and law initiatives.*

*Author and co-author of various articles of CIEN, published in different national newspapers.*

*Coordinate participate and follow-up periodic meetings with authorities of central and local Government to promote interventions in the areas of: education, public health, environment, administrative decentralization and local fiscal policies.*

1991

**LAW OFFICE OF THE FRANCISCO MARROQUÍN UNIVERSITY, Guatemala City, Guatemala.**

1990

**PATRONAGE OF PRISONS AND RELEASED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE, Guatemala City, Guatemala.**

***Languages***

Spanish: Native

English: Bilingual proficiency

French: working level proficiency (passive)

Dutch: Elementary proficiency

German: Elementary proficiency

***Other interests***

**Literature:** Historic novel, Latin-American classics and Guatemalan new authors.

**Theatre**

**Music:** Classical, Baroque, Opera, World Music and Latin and European pop.

**Sports:** Tennis; Ski (water and snow), Swimming; Horse riding.

**Traveling**