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Luis Moreno-Ocampo was elected as an International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor in 2003. Between 1984-92, he was involved in precedent-setting prosecutions of top military commanders for mass killings and other large-scale human rights abuses.

Mr. Moreno-Ocampo was the Prosecutor in charge of the extradition from the United States of former Argentine General Carlos Guillermo Suárez Mason, and in the investigation and prosecution of guerrilla leaders and of those responsible for two military rebellions in Argentina. He also took part in the case against Army commanders accused of malpractice during the Malvinas/Falklands war, as well as in dozens of major cases of corruption.

In 1992, Mr. Moreno-Ocampo resigned as Prosecutor of the Federal Criminal Court of Buenos Aires, and established a private law firm, Moreno-Ocampo & Wortman Jofre, which specializes in corruption control programs for large firms and organisations, criminal and human rights law. As a Private Inspector General for large companies prior to his election for Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Moreno-Ocampo took on many pro bono activities as legal representative for the victims in the extradition of former Nazi officer Erich Priebke to Italy, the trial of the chief of the Chilean secret police for the murder of General Carlos Prats, and several cases concerning political bribery, journalists’ protection and freedom of expression.

Mr. Moreno-Ocampo was the president of Transparency International for Latin America and the Carribean, allowing him to work for various local, regional and international NGO’s. He has also served on the global Advisory Board and the Board of Transparency International, whose aim is...
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