

As an internationally recognized expert with more than thirty years of experience in academia and the judiciary, Prof. Dr. Mary Beloff was the most voted candidate to join the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2023-2027) in the election held in New York City on June 6, 2022.

Since taking office, Dr. Beloff has contributed her expertise in international human rights law to the Committee, as well as her solid knowledge of the main issues on the global agenda related to the rights of children and adolescents, in dozens of dialogues and country reports, as well as in various instances related to her mandate.

She has now been appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee, heads the Working Group on Rules of Procedure, and is the Focal Point for the harmonization of working methods with other treaty monitoring bodies, as well as the Focal Point for the follow-up to the United Nations Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty and Children in Armed Conflict.

It also includes the following working groups:

- Working group for the preparation of General Comment No. 26 on Children's Access to Justice
- Working group on working methods
- Working group on artificial intelligence and children's rights
- Joint working group with UNICEF to monitor the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

During this time, she has provided the Committee with a regional perspective based on her extensive practical experience in incorporating the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) into Latin American legal systems, as well as in assessing the impact of international standards for the protection of children's human rights on public policies, institutional designs, and national and international judicial decisions.

Dr. Mary Beloff is a professor of criminal law and criminal procedure at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) Law School. Her outstanding scientific work has made her an undisputed leader on the issue of the human rights of children and adolescents for the academic and judicial community, both nationally and internationally. Since 2007, she has also held the position of Attorney General for Criminal Policy, Human Rights, and Community Services.

#### Background

Mary Beloff trained as a lawyer at the University of Buenos Aires, where she graduated with honors and obtained a Doctorate in Criminal Law *summa cum laude* and the Faculty Award for the best thesis. She also graduated with an LL.M. (Magistri in Legibus) from Harvard Law School (United States).

A professor of undergraduate and various postgraduate courses at the UBA Law School, she also teaches at various national and international universities. As an accredited researcher,

she has served on the Advisory Councils of the United Nations Study on Children Deprived of Liberty (2018/2019) and the United Nations Study on Violence against Children (2003/2005).

Author of reference works and renowned publications in her areas of expertise, she is a member of the editorial boards of leading journals on children's rights, criminal justice, and human rights. She is also a member of prestigious national and international scientific institutions dedicated to the human rights of children and women.