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Dr. Peyró is currently Principal Legal Officer in the Office of Legal Affairs (United Nations Secretariat), leading teams providing legal advice on issues of public international law relating to conflict and post-conflict situations, including international criminal law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law. In particular, she supervises the provision of legal advice on criminal accountability-related questions relating, among others, to international and hybrid criminal tribunals (e.g.

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In 2024, she was appointed Acting Special Adviser and Head of the Investigative Team to support domestic efforts to hold the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh) accountable of international crimes committed in Iraq (UNITAD). She was in charge of a team of about 240 personnel, and she finalized criminal investigations relating to acts committed by ISIL (Da'esh) in Iraq that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. She has also been Acting Director of the Department of Legal Affairs of UNRWA, where she had to handle a humanitarian crisis.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Dr. Peyró was a Professor of International Law. She also worked as a Senior Advisor at the Spanish Ministry of Justice and as a consultant for international organizations.

The depth and breadth of her knowledge are amply attested to by her 25 years in progressively senior legal positions, by the combination of practical experience as a legal adviser in government service and in the United Nations, and as a professor of public international law at the most prestigious universities (e.g. Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), New York University, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris - "Sciences-Po", Universidad Autónoma and Universidad Complutense de Madrid). Her authority in the field is well evidenced by many publications, including a book that won the Suzanne Bastid prize (for the best PhD in public international law in the French language). As a result of her varied professional experience, Dr. Peyró has been exposed to and learned from different legal traditions, which has allowed her to address legal questions in a more sensitive and well-rounded manner.

Dr. Peyró has led and managed teams of different sizes over the course of the last 18 years. Her management style has been praised, in particular her capacity to motivate team members and

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Dr. Peyro is bilingual in Spanish and French and fluent in English and Italian. She holds a PhD in Public International Law from the Universities Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), France, and University Jaume I, Spain, two LL.M. in Constitutional Rights and Duties, and in Public International Law and International Organizations, and post-doctoral research in the Hauser Global Law School Program, at New York University.