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“ADVANCING CHILD-CENTRED JUSTICE:  
Preventing And Responding to Violence Affecting Children In Child Justice Systems”



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Mr. Luis Pedernera currently serves as the Vice President of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (2023–2025) and acts as the Committee's Focal Point for addressing threats against child rights defenders during this term. He previously served as President of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (2019–2021) and as President of the Meeting of Chairpersons of United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies (2020–2021).

Mr. Pedernera is a member of the Academic Committee for the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Juvenile Justice at the University of Geneva and the Institut de droit de l'Enfant in Switzerland. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR) in Canada and is a member of the Assembly of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) in Geneva.

With extensive experience in monitoring juvenile justice systems, Mr. Pedernera has coordinated inspection teams for detention centers for children and adolescents in Uruguay and other countries, with a strong focus on the fight against torture.

