

Item 3. Election of chairpersons

Biographies of chairpersons

Co-chair nominee: Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva, Advisor to the Speaker of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Chairperson of the Senate Inclusion Council



Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva is a distinguished public servant and politician from Kazakhstan. Born on February 4, 1965, in the Kyzylorda region, she has built a significant career advocating for the rights of people with disabilities and serving in various leadership roles.

Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva is currently an Advisor to the Speaker of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Chairperson of the Senate Inclusion Council.

From January 2022 until 6 October 2024 Ms. Kaltayeva served as a member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

She holds a degree in Fine Arts Education from Abai Kazakh Pedagogical Institute (1983-1991)

and a Bachelor of Law from Caspian Public University (2009).

Her professional experience spans several important roles:

- Secretary of the Frunzensky District Society of the Disabled people in Almaty (1987-1991),
- Marketing engineer at the Alatau District Disabled Society's Small Enterprise "Tumar" (1991-1996),
- Marketing engineer at the "Victoria" Small Enterprise in Almaty (1996-1997),
- President of the public organization "Association of Women with Disabilities 'Shyrak'" in Almaty (2001-2022).

Her political career includes serving as a member of the Almaty City Maslikhat (2016-2021).

Recognized for her contributions to society, Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva was awarded the Order of "Kurmet" in 2015. She is fluent in Kazakh, Russian, and English, is married, and has one child.

Co-chair nominee: Mr. Marcos Gómez Martínez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Spain



Mr. Marcos Gómez Martínez is the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations Office at Geneva, as of July 2024.

Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Gómez Martínez had been serving as Ambassador of Spain to the Russian Federation since November 2021. He was the Ambassador of Spain to Colombia in 2020 and 2021. He served as Director-General for the United

Nations and Human Rights from 2018 to 2020. He also served as Consul General of Spain in Guangzhou in 2017 and 2018, and as Deputy Consul at the Consulate General of Spain in London from 2012 to 2017.

Mr. Gómez Martínez served as Ambassador for Polar and Oceanic Affairs in 2011 and 2012. He also served as Ambassador of Spain to New Zealand, cross-accredited to Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands from 2008 to 2011. Among other positions, he served as Foreign Policy Advisory in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister from 2004 to 2008; Human Rights Counsellor at the Spanish Mission to the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2001 to 2004; Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy to Argentina from 1998 to 2001; and Advisor in the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1996 to 1998.

Mr. Gómez Martínez joined the Spanish Foreign Service in 1990. He trained as a lawyer, majoring in Spanish law, at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid, and French law at the Université Paris-XI. Mr. Gomez Martinez is a certified translator for English and Russian.