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Claudia P. Gutierrez Roca is the vice-president of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Bolivia, chair of the Energy and Environment Commission of ICC Bolivia, and a member of the Global ICC Arbitration Committee. She recently joined the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) global delegation to the COP 27 in Cairo, Egypt and participated as business representative in the first meeting of the Transitional Committee on the operationalization of the new funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage and the associated fund, held in March in Luxor, Egypt. Claudia has more than twenty years of academic and professional experience as a corporate lawyer, negotiator, arbitrator, project manager and university professor (both graduate and postgraduate level), with specific knowledge and skills in energy, mining, oil and gas industry, and higher education. She belongs to the list of experts at the Mining Arbitration and Mediation Center of the Mining Chamber of Chile (CAMMIN), and she is also an arbitrator of the Arbitration and Conciliation Center of the Commerce and Industry Chamber of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She obtained her LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University, and also became a certified project manager at Stanford University, in 2016. She was awarded the Fulbright-LASPAU scholarship in 2004 and became the only Bolivian to have been awarded the United Nations Fulbright Fellowship in 2005, when she was commended on mission at the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs in Vienna, Austria.

She served as the Legal Counsel for the Board of Directors of the Hydrocarbon and Energy Chamber of Bolivia (CBHE) from 2010 to 2020, where she participated in meetings with government authorities, business representatives and stakeholders regarding energy, hydrocarbon, socioenvironmental and natural resources policies and legislation to support the development of the Bolivian energy industry. In May 2006, during Hydrocarbons nationalization in Bolivia, she advised a major UK player within a multidisciplinary team which successfully executed new E&P contracts protecting multimillion shareholder investment value allowing business continuity. Her experience includes implementation of effective Legal

Compliance and corporate governance standards and policies, including an Ethical Conduct Compliance system for BG Group (now Shell) branch in Bolivia, created to comply with the UK Bribery Act 2010. In 2016, she was appointed as a technical expert in the assessment of environmental responsibility and contractual obligations related to compliance with decommissioning and abandonment obligations of circa 32 petroleum wells, in the Colpa and Caranda area in Bolivia, within a highly complex multimillion dispute, between the state-owned oil-company (YPFB) and Petrobras Argentina. In 2018 she provided consultancy services to the German company, ACI Systems GmbH (ACISA) in the creation of a PPP with the Bolivian government for lithium exploitation in the Uyuni Salt Flat. In 2020 she provided expert advice on new Gas Transportation Agreements and tariffs for gas exportation to Brazil, and successfully overcame pandemic force majeure issues and challenges. Since 2022 she has successfully advised a major energy company in the international invitation of Yacimientos de Lito Bolivianos (YLB) for industrialization on of lithium with DLE technology, acting as a business consultant for project development, legal structure, project financing, including socio environmental aspects of the project. She has been a university professor on Legal Theory, Constitutional Law, International Law, Negotiation, Conciliation, Arbitration, and Oil and Gas Law, between 2000 and 2019. She serves as a member of the Board in several non-profit organizations, where she deals with funding, financing and project development issues. She has also participated as a speaker in regional legal conferences in Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Turkey at the World Energy Council (WEC), Future Energy Leaders Congress back in September 2016.