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Carolina G. Hernandez is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of the Philippines. She is the Founding President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Inc. (ISDS Philippines), an independent non-profit policy research and advocacy institute that is also involved in training activities in cooperation with other training institutions at home and abroad. She holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (*cum laude*) from the University of the Philippines, Masters in International Relations (First in First Class) from the University of Karachi, and Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. She also trained in Political Philosophy at Duke University where she advanced to doctoral candidacy with a dissertation draft on the Christian-Marxist Dialogue until martial law in the Philippines led her to drop out from the program and pursue her PhD instead in the field of the military in politics. Her doctoral dissertation at SUNY Buffalo was a pioneering work in civil-military relations in the Philippines that had served to popularize in the 1980s the implications of martial law and changing civil-military relations for the country's future political development.

Dr. Hernandez is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the Global Facilitation Network on Security Sector Reform (GFN-SSR), and the Steering Committee of the Global Consortium on Security Transformation (GCST). She is also a member of the Advisory Group on Sustainable Security of the Oxford Research Group, and the Board of Directors of the Global Development Network (GDN), also acting as the Regional Coordinator of the East Asia Development Network (EADN). Since January 2006, Dr. Hernandez has been a member of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.

During the past 20 years, she has been involved in various policy research networks including the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN ISIS, which she currently chairs) that provides policy inputs to the ASEAN processes, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) in relation to the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), and the Council for Asia-Europe Cooperation (CAEC) in relation to the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). She is in the ARF Register of Eminent Persons/Experts on security issues and was Co-Chair of the ASEAN +3 Study Group for the Facilitation and Promotion of the Exchange of People and Human Resources Development tasked to provide policy recommendations on the subject to the ASEAN +3 process through Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Within these networks, she has either initiated or convened with the support of, or in cooperation with other colleagues, various initiatives such as the 15-year old ASEAN ISIS Colloquium on Human Rights (AICOHR), the 7-year old ASEAN People's Assembly (APA), and the 10-year old ASEAN-EU Think Tanks Dialogue.

She also served the Philippine Government as a Commissioner in the Fact-Finding Commission to investigate the failed coup of December 1989 under President Corazon C. Aquino, the National Peace Forum to conduct local peace talks with communist insurgent groups under President Joseph Ejercito Estrada and Commissioner of the Feliciano Fact-Finding Commission Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 78 (series of 2003) under President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. From November 2003 to February 2007, Dr. Hernandez served as President Arroyo's Adviser to oversee the implementation of the Feliciano Commission recommendations.