

PRESS RELEASE

Ms. María Jesús Conde Zabala, New representative of UNICEF to the Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo.- Effective October 11th, Ms. María Jesús Conde Zabala assumed the position of Representative for UNICEF in the Dominican Republic. Throughout her career within the organization, she has performed duties of Regional Protection Advisor to Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Representative for UNICEF in Nicaragua.

As Regional Advisor, she was responsible for, among many others, for the regional coordination of the study conducted by the Secretary General of the United Nations on Violence against Infancy. As Representative in Nicaragua she was responsible for the political coordination and management of the cooperation program for the improvement of the life span for women and children in the same country.

By assuming this position, Ms. Conde Zabala has expressed her interest and commitment in following up on the program that UNICEF has implemented in the country alongside the Government and Non-Government related entities, always abiding by the organization's mandate of voicing for infancy, and more particularly the less favored, the impoverished, to ensure their rights are warranted.

Ms. Conde Zabala has also served as Chairman of the Program for Migration and Development of the International Foundation and for Ibero America of Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP), in Madrid, Spain; Penal Justice in Bilbao, Spain; Human Rights and Justice Director in the Basque Government, and Sociology Law Lecturer in the University of the Basque Country, among other occupations.

The new Representative for UNICEF in Dominican Republic is a Spanish national, with a juris doctorate conferred by the University of Deusto, Bilbao, and Masters in Common European Law by the same educational entity. She undertook Judicial Studies in Spain, and as a hobby, Doctoral Studies in Literary Critique and Latin American Literature at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio in the United States.

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