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Mrs Sanz-Levia has long-standing experience as legal and policy advisor to national governments on how to upgrade governance, efficiency and accountability of their public administrations. She has been an official of the Council of Europe since 2004 where she provides advice, support and guidance to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), the anticorruption watchdog in Europe and beyond (including in the USA). Prior to joining the Council of Europe, she worked as a Brussels-based legal consultant for the European Union and as an NGO activist for OSCE-ODIHR projects on human rights education. She has a double Bachelor Degree in International Public Law and International Relations, a University expert degree on Human Rights, and a Master's Degree in High European Studies at the prestigious College of Europe, which trains top students to become European executives. Further, Mrs Sanz-Levia holds a PhD (*summa cum laude*) from the University of Salamanca and the University of Costa Rica on further strengthening the judiciary of Costa Rica to better protect it from the infiltration of organised crime networks. In her own personal time, she works *pro bono* in community development programmes in Nicaragua.