



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AT 20



Reflections on the Past,
Present and the Future

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Minou Tavárez Mirabal, is a Dominican philologist and politician recognized nationally and internationally for her commitment to democracy, justice, the defence of human rights, the fight for equality and non-discrimination. Marked by the crimes committed in her country, which included the murder of her parents and aunts, since her youth, Minou's work has been driven by defence of the rights of victims and the creation of transparent, human rights based and efficient institutions.

She led the involvement of the Dominican Republic at the Rome Conference of 1998. Her legislative initiatives and political mobilization were key to securing the Dominican Republic's ratification of the Rome Statute in 2005, of the APIC in 2008, and to advancing the national implementation of the Statute in her country.

Minou was Vice Chancellor of the Dominican Republic for four years and was a legislator for three terms (2002-2006, 2006-2010 and 2010-2016). As a national legislator, and as a member and later as President of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), Minou has worked for more than 20 years for the mission of the Rome Statute and for the strengthening of the ICC and the Trust Fund for Victims. From PGA she actively worked in 76 countries, hand in hand with Court officials, donors and other legislators to achieve the universal ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute.