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(Introductory remarks)



Mr. José Antonio Ocampo is meanwhile the director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration in the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Prior to his appointment, Ocampo served in a number of positions in the United Nations and the Government of Colombia, most notably as United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs; Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Chairman of the Board of Central Bank of Colombia, etc. In 2009, he served as a Member of the Commission of Experts of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System. He received his BA in economics and sociology from the University of Notre Dame in 1972 and his PhD in economics from Yale University in 1976.

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