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Dr. Lourdes Arizpe was appointed Secretary General and member of the United Nations Commission on Culture and Development at the same time that she was managing cultural projects in many countries of the world as UNESCO's Deputy Director of Culture. As a consultant for UNESCO, she participated to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as well as to the International Convention for the Protection of Cultural Expressions. Elected President of the International Social Science Council (ISSC). she was Chairman of the Governing Board of the UNRISD: United Nations Centre for Social Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. She also served on the Governing Board of the Great Library of Alexandria, in Egypt.

Dr. Arizpe holds a PhD in social anthropology from the London School of Economics, and was subsequently Director of the Institute of Anthropological Research and Researcher at the Regional Centre for multi-disciplinary Investigation at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, as well as Secretary of the Mexican Academy of Science. She also directed the National Museum of Popular Cultures of

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Mexico. In 2007 she was decorated with the Order of the Academic Palms in France, in 2010 she was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa by the University of Gainesville, Florida, USA and in subsequent years she received awards from several Mexican, European and Asian universities. She was Distinguished Professor of the Andrés Bello Chair at the King Juan Carlos Center of New York University and obtained an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Manchester.

Her most recent publications are "Cultura, Transacciones Internacionales y el Antropoceno" (CRIM-UNAM, M. A. Porrúa, 2019) - also published in English by Springer-MacMillan Publishing House; "Renovación y futuro del patrimonio cultural inmaterial en México" (CRIM-UNAM, 2017); "Culture, Diversity and Intangible Heritage" (Springer Verlag, 2016); "Living and Creating History. Anthology of Development, Migration, Gender and Indigenous Studies" (CRIM-UNAM, M. A. Porrúa, 2015) and "Lourdes Arizpe: a Pioneer in Mexican Anthropology" (Springer Verlag, 2014).