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Candidate for:

Chairperson

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I am a Salvadorian theologian and social researcher with over 15 years of experience in evidence-based drug policy, human rights, and international cooperation. Since 2016, I have actively engaged with the CND, attending all regular sessions, most reconvened segments, and several intersessional meetings. I have been an active VNGOC member since 2017 and participated in the 2018 election process as a candidate for Deputy Chair. I have co-organized side events with civil society and member states, promoting inclusive, evidence-based discussions. My participation in expert groups on synthetic opioids, cybercrime, and access to controlled medicines demonstrates my collaborative, results-driven approach. If elected as Chair, I will prioritize expanding regional representation, promoting digital and linguistic inclusion to remove barriers, and ensuring civil society's perspectives drive global drug policies, creating a more inclusive and effective VNGOC.