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Mary Robinson took up her duties as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 12 September 1997. As a lawyer, activist, Senator and President of Ireland, she has displayed a lifetime commitment to human rights both in her country and throughout the world. Mrs. Robinson has served as a member of the International Commission of Jurists and of the Advisory Commission of Inter-Rights. She was the first Head of State to visit Rwanda in the aftermath of the genocide, and Somalia following the crisis there in 1992. As High Commissioner, she has been responsible for implementing UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s reforms to integrate human rights throughout the work of the Organization and has consistently called for action to extend the full range of human rights—civil, cultural, economic, political, and social—to all people.

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