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UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

JOSE AYALA LASSO, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, elaborates on his role in preventing human rights violations throughout the world. He hopes to achieve results by strengthening the existing moral authority and the political basis to carry out his duties authoritatively. He advocates an attitude of openness and vigilance and seeks the cooperation of governments, international and non-governmental organisations and individuals. One critical aspect of his work is the promotion of education for human rights. Strengthening the human rights of women is another concern. Mr. Ayala Lasso declares that he will inform the Security Council when he concludes that human rights violations threaten peace and security.

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