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Biographical Note

José Graça Aranha, a national of Brazil, is Director, International Registrations Department, Sector of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

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Mr. Graça Aranha lectured at the University Cândido Mendes, Brazil, from 2000 to 2003, and at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil, from 2001 to 2002. Mr. Graça Aranha was the Manager of the PluriAnnual Plan of the Government of Brazil on Intellectual Property matters, from 2000 to 2003, and a Counsellor of the Superior Council of Technology and Competitiveness of the Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo (FIESP), from 2000 to 2003.

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