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Mr. Gonzalez was a member of International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) Committee 4 from 1978 to 2000 and is currently a member of the Main Commission. He is one of the longest serving participants of the United Nations Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR).

He has been honoured with a number of awards, notably: the IAEA Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work for the International Chernobyl Project; the Morgan Award of the Health Physics Society (twice); the Lauriston S. Taylor Award of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements; and, most recently, the Sievert Award for outstanding contributions to the field of radiation protection.

Mr. Gonzalez graduated in 1964 from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) with the highest diploma in engineering. In 1962, while still an undergraduate, he began his professional career as a staff member of the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA) specializing in the fields of radiation protection, safety of radioactive waste management and of radioactive materials transport, and related aspects of nuclear safety