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Ms. Begoña Gonzalez is an expert on Humanitarian Affairs, Protection of Civilians and Civil-Military-Police cooperation, with 10 years experience in the United Nations system, where she has been engaged in humanitarian and protection of civilians' coordination, and working with civil society, Host Governments and local defense and security forces.

Ms. Gonzalez joined the UN integrated Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) in 2015 as a Protection of Civilians Office, advising Mission Leadership on protection of civilians issues, assisting the civilian, military and police components on the implementation of the Mission's protection of civilians strategy, and acting as liaison with the humanitarian community on protection issues. Prior to joining MINUSMA, Ms. Gonzalez was a Humanitarian Affairs Officer in the Protection of Civilians/Humanitarian Liaison Section in the UN/African Union Mission in Darfur (Sudan); headed the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) sub-office in Gambella (Ethiopia); and served as Humanitarian Affairs Officer in the UN Mission in Timor-Leste. Earlier in her career, Ms. Gonzalez worked in UNDP Timor-Leste and UNICEF Spain.

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