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Ms. Granja has a strong international relations and political studies background. She completed her undergraduate work at York University's French faculty Glendon Campus, where she obtained a Trilingual (English, French & Spanish) International Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. She deepened her understanding of the importance of globalism in congruency with politics by completing a semester abroad at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. Further, during her undergraduate career Ms. Granja successfully completed two certification specializations; the first in Bilingual Excellence in English & French and the second in Law &

Social Thought. As a result of Ms. Granja's constant involvement in the community through countless volunteer efforts such as tutoring, mentoring, fund raising and holding clothing drives for the less fortunate, Ms. Granja has always pursued philanthropic efforts that aid in the protection of people's basic human needs. As such, she completed an internship in Toronto at the Centre for Spanish Speaking People's Legal Clinic. There she aided in cases pertaining to immigration and refugee claims, as well as landlord and tenant disputes. That experience strengthened Ms. Granja's resolve and desire to give back to her own ethnic community through her work in public policy. She believes that strong international partnerships are the foundation to creating a more egalitarian and politically amicable world. This philosophy is what inspired her to pursue and complete a Master's Degree in Public and International Affairs and it is why she is focusing her career around international relationship building and the protection of human rights.

Since 2014, Ms. Granja has taken every opportunity she can find to further expose herself to international affairs. With her most transformative experience being a four-month internship with the Embassy of Canada to Panama in Panama City. Being mentored by political delegates (including the Ambassador herself) had a powerful impact on her and further cemented her passion for international political work.

Thus, today Ms. Granja is the Communications Associate and Public Relations Director for the Canadian Human Rights International Organization where she is looking to put her experience in international affairs and public service to good use in the protection and implementation of human rights, women's rights and equality for all. In addition, Ms. Granja is working with CHRIO's sister organization, the Collective Human Rights Defenders Laura Acosta International Organization (COHURIDELA). There she is working tirelessly to promote the protection of human rights on an international scale. Lastly, Ms. Granja is a contributor to the Human Rights Journal where is utilizing her knowledge of international affairs to disseminate important information regarding human rights violations worldwide. Overall, Ms. Granja is a dedicated advocate of human rights and fights for the inclusion of citizens worldwide as a Goodwill Ambassador.