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Before joining the NEA, Mrs. Vásquez-Maignan worked for six years as an international legal adviser for a leading global water company and then settled down in China for eight years where she acted at first as a senior legal adviser for a French nuclear power company and then as a senior associate for an international law firm where she advised on nuclear issues. These different positions, where she advised investors, operators, service and equipment suppliers, have allowed her to acquire a wide perspective of the nuclear sector.

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