



Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of twelve members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2012

Election of members to the Subcommittee on Prevention

Note by the Secretary-General*

Addendum

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fourth meeting of States parties to the Optional Protocol will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva, on Thursday, 25 October 2012, to elect twelve members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December.
2. In compliance with article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 9 May 2012, invited the States parties to the Optional Protocol to submit their nominations for membership in the Subcommittee on Prevention by 9 August 2012. The curricula vitae of 14 candidates received by 9 August 2012 are reproduced in document CAT/OP/SP/10.
3. Annexed to the present document are the curricula vitae of the candidates proposed by Argentina, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Philippines and the Republic of Moldova, after 9 August 2012.

* Late submission.

Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates

Enrique Andrés Font (Argentina)

Date and place of birth: 12 March 1964, Santa Fe, Argentina

Working languages: Spanish, English

Current position/function

Senior lecturer in Criminology and Social Control and Criminology and Crime Policy at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, Faculty of Law, National University of Rosario; lecturer on the institution of policing, International Masters in Comparative Penal Systems and Social Problems, National University of Mar del Plata and University of Barcelona; lecturer in Sociology of the Police, Masters in Criminology, National University of El Litoral.

Main professional activities

Secretary of Community Security, Ministry of Security, Province of Santa Fe, 2009–2011

Academic Coordinator, project on human rights standards and use of the police in Argentina, UNTreF, Secretariat for Internal Security, Tinker Foundation, 2008–2011

Coordinator-General, project on multi-agency intervention in dealing with crime at the local level, Secretariat for Internal Security and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2010–2011

Adviser, National Programme for the Preparation, Training and Professional Modernization of Police and Security Forces, Secretariat for Internal Security and UNTreF, 2007–2008

Member, General Technical Unit, National Plan for Crime Prevention, 2000–2002

Coordinator, “Proyecto Comunidades Justas y Seguras” (Fair, safe communities project), University of Toronto, National University of Rosario and Canadian International Development Agency, 2000–2005

Educational background

Master of Science in Criminology, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, 1996

Attorney, Faculty of Law, National University of Rosario

List of most recent publications in the field

Regulación y Control del Uso Policial de la Coerción y la Fuerza en Argentina (Regulation and control of the use of force by the police in Argentina), AAVV, Ministry of National Security and Tinker Foundation, Buenos Aires, 2011 (as Academic Coordinator of the research project)

Informe final sobre la represión de diciembre de 2001 en Rosario (Final report on the police operation in Rosario in December 2001), AAVV, Comisión Investigadora No Gubernamental sobre la Represión de Diciembre de 2001 (forthcoming)

Víctor Madrigal-Borloz (Costa Rica)

Date and place of birth: San José, Costa Rica

Working languages: Spanish, French, English

Current position/function

Senior specialist in human rights, Chief of Registry, Executive Secretariat, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Main professional activities

1. Chief of Litigation Group, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 2004–2007
2. Team Leader, Legal Reform and Reform of the State, Danish Institute for Human Rights, 1999–2004
3. Chief of Legal Department, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 1998–1999
4. Attorney, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 1996–1997

Educational background

1. Diploma, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1998
2. Diploma in International Human Rights Law, San José, 1996
3. Bachelor of Law (Hons.), San José, 1995
4. Victorian Certificate of Education, Victoria, Australia, 1987

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

President, General Assembly of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), Berlin and Copenhagen, 2006 and 2009; Chair, meetings of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), various venues, 2002–2011; Head of IRCT delegation on implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Mexico, Mexico DF, 2002; founder member, Costa Rican Association of International Law; founder member, Jiménez de Aréchaga inter-American human rights contest; member of the Costa Rican bar; member of the Board of Directors of the Resource Centre for International Justice

List of most recent publications in the field

“Millennium Development Goals, Human Rights and the Role of Adjudication”, in *Getting the Millennium Development Goals Right: Towards the founding of an operational framework for the MDG-Human Rights Nexus* (2011)

“To foresee, see and remedy: State responsibilities for investigating torture”, in *Shedding light on a dark practice* (2009)

“Combating torture” in *Handbook on the Practical Use of International Humanitarian Law*, Danish Red Cross (2004)

Fernandez Murhola Muhigirwa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Date and place of birth: 26 January 1970, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Working languages: French, English, Lingala, Swahili

Current position/function

Coordinator, Rehabilitation Centre for the Victims of Torture (CRVT/MATADI); National Executive Secretary, National Network of Human Rights NGOs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RENADHOC); Vice-President, Network against Torture in Central Africa (ROLTAC); since 2010, national expert and member, Steering Committee of the Human Rights Liaison Body for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (inter-institutional human rights mechanism in the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

Main professional activities

Human rights defender and organizer of several human rights NGOs since 1993

Prison monitoring; assistance to torture victims; lobbying on behalf of torture victims in the Democratic Republic of the Congo at the national, regional and international levels; author of several reports exposing human rights violations and torture; author of several oral and written reports and communications on torture in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; since 2006, national expert responsible for the Peace and Security Committee, Democratic Republic of the Congo national coordinating mechanism for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region; member, Coordinating Council, World Civil Society Forum; since 1999, Head of Delegation of Congolese human rights NGOs to various sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and Human Rights Council and to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Educational background

Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution, Uppsala University, Sweden; Bachelor's degree in Developmental Sciences and Technology, University Institute of Development (IFAD), Kinshasa; Graduate in regional planning, Higher Institute of Rural Development (ISDR), Bukavu; several studies on human rights, international humanitarian law and transitional justice, and on techniques for monitoring and documenting human rights violations

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Coordinator, Rehabilitation Centre for the Victims of Torture (CRVT/MATADI)

Regional Vice-President, Network against Torture in Central Africa (ROLTAC)

Written submission and oral statement to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Responsible for monitoring several treaty body decisions and legal instruments to combat torture in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Operational partner, Joint Committee on Justice Reform and United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Coordinator, various human rights projects and programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

List of most recent publications in the field

“Esquisse sur l'état des lieux des droits des enfants durant les conflits armés en RDC” (Outline of the state of children's rights during the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), April 2007

“Etat des lieux de la situation générale des droits de l'homme en RDC” (Review of the general situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), Brazzaville, November 2007

Alternative report to the eighth, ninth and tenth periodic reports of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the forty-third session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights

“Esquisse sur les violations des droits de l'homme dans la problématique du développement durable de la RDC” (Outline of human rights violations in the context of sustainable development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

“Esquisse sur la problématique de la Torture en RDC” (Outline of the issue of torture in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), Kinshasa, 26 June 2012

June Caridad Paguadan-Lopez (Philippines)

Date and place of birth: 5 June 1951

Working languages: English

Current position/function

Full Professor, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines – Manila (UPCM)

Head, Human Rights Section, Social Medicine Unit, UPCM

Resource Person/Technical Adviser, Gender & Sexual Violence, Philippine Judicial Academy and the Philippine Supreme Court

Resource Person/Technical Adviser, Department of Health (DOH) Division of Health Emergencies Management

Main professional activities

- 30 years as educator in medical school and public health school
- 30 years of teaching and research in clinical psychiatry with focus on torture and other forms of human rights violations, sexual violence, stress management and trauma
- Gender and health specialist through international and local consultancies
- 6 years Director of Center for Gender and Women Studies (University of the Philippines – Manila)
- 7 years member and resource person of WHO Gender Advisory panel, Geneva
- Drafting and review of international and national policy documents, programmes and guidelines on torture, gender mainstreaming and violence against women
- Faculty, Peace Course (Torture Prevention/Rehab) Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University – Bangkok, Thailand

Educational background

1985: Psychiatry Fellowship on Torture, IRCT/Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen

1978–1980: Psychiatric Residency, Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH)

1972–1976: University of the Philippines-College of Medicine (UPCM), Doctor of Medicine

1967–1972: UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medicine

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- Forensic adviser and expert witnessing on cases of torture and VAW training and policy legislation on torture and Violence Against Women (VAW)
- Founder and Regional VP/Trainor, IRCT, Denmark establishing rehab centres for torture rehabilitation and prevention
- Founder, Medical Action Group and Philippine Action Against Torture
- Debriefing of torture survivors pre- and post-UN Enquiry and IRC staff post-kidnapping

- Training and implementation of rehab programmes for torture victims and post-conflict communities (Phil. East Timor, Kosovo, Nepal, India, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar)
- Conference organization/presentations on Istanbul Protocol, Torture Rehab/Prevention
- Teaching and curriculum development on torture for medical students, military, police and judiciary

List of most recent publications in the field

- Enhancing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Capacities in Emergencies and Disasters, 2009
- Medico-Legal and Health Services for Victims of Sexual Violence, Geneva: WHO 2006
- Multi-country Study on Medico-Legal Interventions for Survivors of Sexual Violence, WHO-WPRO 2006
- Recipes for Healing-Gender-Sensitive Care for Women Survivors of Torture, ISIS Int'l
- Human Rights and Health Professionals Towards an Education Program for the Asian Region 1997
- Torture Survivors and Caregivers, UP-CIDS and UP-Press, 1995
- Physicians and Torture: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices. PST Quarterly UPCIDS, December 1995
- Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims in the Philippines. Torture and its Consequences (Chapter 22), (London: Cambridge University Press), 1992
- The Psychosocial Profile of Filipino Political Prisoners, a nationwide survey, 1989.
- Health Professionals and Human Rights in the Philippines, AAAS-PHR, Washington 1986
- Stress – Tension Reduction Therapy in the Treatment of Sexually Tortured Filipino Women: An Exploratory Study. Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy, 1987
- Torture Victims: How Can We Help Them? IRCT Copenhagen, Denmark 1987
- Medical Ethics and Torture in the Philippines, Journal of Medical Ethics (London), December 1980

Victor Zaharia (Republic of Moldova)

Date and place of birth: 21 August 1978, Republic of Moldova

Working languages: English, French (basic knowledge), German, Romanian (native), Russian

Current position/function

Institute for Penal Reform, Director

National Legal Aid Council, Chairman

Moldova State University, Law Department, university associate professor

Disciplinary board of Superior Council of Magistrates, member from civil society/academia

Main professional activities

Visits in places of detention with members of local Committee for monitoring places of detention (OSCE, 2011–2012); Coordination of Penitentiary Reform Program (IRP, 2001–2012); Training NPM members, defense lawyers, police and prison employees, medical doctors and forensic experts, prosecutors and judges in torture prevention (UNDP, 2005–2012); Drafting legislation/amendments to Ombudsman and NPM regulatory framework, Law on civil control of places of detention, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code on torture prevention (UNDP, Ministry of Justice, Atlas of Torture Project, 2009–2012); Performing evaluation and research as expert in Criminal Justice and Human Rights with CoE, UNDP, UNICEF, OSCE, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Institute of Justice, Ombudsperson Office, Probation Service, Prison Department, 2005–2012.

Educational background

Moldova State University: Doctor of Law (2006), LLM (2001), university degree (2000); Specialized trainings: “UN treaty monitoring bodies”, Geneva, ISHR (2008); “International Human Rights Training Program”, Montreal, EQUITAS (2008); “Client oriented defense in criminal proceedings”, UK, OSI (2007); “Education in prison”, Bergen, CoE (2005); “International School on Protection of Human Rights”, Warsaw, PHC (2001).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

“XIII session of UN Committee Against Torture”, Geneva, preparation of alternative report to the government of the Republic of Moldova report (2003); Development, evaluation of implementation of human rights and torture prevention programmes (Baseline Study on Preventing and combating Torture in Moldova, Prisoners rights, Rights of juveniles, National Mechanism of HR protection, HR education in school and universities, Functioning of the local commission of monitoring places of detention, 2006–2012); Monitoring the activity of Ombudsperson for Children (2008); Legal Aid policy formulation (NLAC, 2008–2012); Monitoring implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy as member of the Council for Reform of Law Enforcement Agencies; Participation as expert, trainer in more than 300 conferences, workshops in the field of criminal justice and human rights (2001–2012).

List of most recent publications in the field

Personal security in prisons, IRP 2012; Research on retainment in the Republic of Moldova, Cartier 2011; Baseline Study on Preventing and combating Torture in Moldova, UNDP 2010; Monitoring report of Respect of the rights of the persons under pretrial arrest, IRP 2010; Guide for Local Committees of monitoring Places of Detention, UNDP 2010; Complainants Committee. Guide for detainees and prison administration, IRP 2007.
