



**Optional Protocol to the
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and Other Cruel, Inhuman
or Degrading Treatment
or Punishment**

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Third meeting

Geneva, 28 October 2010

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 five members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2010, and 15 additional members to the Subcommittee on Prevention in accordance with article 5

Note by the Secretary-General

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 third Meeting of States Parties to the Optional Protocol will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva, on Thursday, 28 October 2010, to elect five members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2010 (see annex I), and to elect 15 additional members to the Subcommittee on Prevention in accordance with article 5. The names of the five members, who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee on Prevention until 31 December 2012, appear in annex II.

2. In compliance with article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 12 May 2010, invited the States parties to the Optional Protocol to submit their nominations for membership in the Subcommittee on Prevention by 11 August 2010. By note verbale dated 12 August 2010, due to the insufficient number of nominations for the expansion of the Subcommittee on Prevention to 25 members, the deadline for nomination of candidates was extended to 11 September 2010. The Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, all the names of persons nominated by 11 August 2010, indicating the States parties that have nominated them. Addenda of the present note will be issued for nominations received after 11 August 2010.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ms. Mari Amos	Estonia
Ms. Marija Definis-Gojanović	Croatia

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Emilio Ginés Santidrián	Spain
Ms. Suzanne Jabbour	Lebanon
Mr. Demba Kandji	Senegal
Ms. Lallé Meriem Keïta Zouboye	Mali
Mr. Paul Lam Shang Leen	Mauritius
Mr. Petros Michaelflides	Cyprus
Ms. Aisha Shujune Muhammad	Maldives
Mr. Hans Draminsky Petersen	Denmark
Ms. Maria Margarida E. Pressburger	Brazil
Mr. Christian Pross	Germany
Mr. Miguel Sarre Iguíniz	Mexico
Mr. Wilder Tayler-Souto	Uruguay
Mr. Felipe Villavicencio Terreros	Peru
Ms. Marie-Gisèle Zinkpe	Benin
Mr. Fortuné Gaétan Zongo	Burkina Faso

3. The curricula vitae of the persons nominated, as provided by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III.

Annex I**List of the five members of the Subcommittee on Prevention
whose terms expire on 31 December 2010**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Marija Definis-Gojanović	Croatia
Mr. Emilio Ginés Santidrián	Spain
Mr. Hans Draminsky Petersen	Denmark
Mr. Miguel Sarre Iguíniz	Mexico
Mr. Wilder Tayler-Souto	Uruguay

Annex II**List of the five members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee on Prevention until 31 December 2012**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Mario Luis Coriolano	Argentina
Mr. Malcolm Evans	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Zdenek Hájek	Czech Republic
Mr. Zbigniew Lasocik	Poland
Mr. Víctor Manuel Rodríguez-Rescia	Costa Rica

Annex III

Curricula vitae of candidates

Mari Amos (Estonia)

Date and place of birth: 27 February 1977

Working languages: Estonian, English, Finnish (some level of German and Russian)

Current position/function

Advisor for the Estonian Chancellor of Justice with the specialization on basic right to health.

Main professional activities

In the course of my work I have to deal mainly with two issues – complaints and own/initiatives within the mandate of the Chancellor of Justice as an ombudsman as well as within the mandate as a supervisor of constitutionality of all legal acts; Additionally I have been dealing actively with building up our institution as the National Preventive Mechanism under the UN OPCAT instrument. Within the framework of NPM I have carried out numerous inspections to health establishments (psychiatric hospitals, centres for infectious diseases) where people are kept against their will. I have participated as specialist on basic right to health also in other inspections to prisons, expulsion centres etc. On the field of prevention I have given lectures to the personnel of the places of detention as well as issued several articles in media.

Educational background

1995–1999 Institute of Law, Tallinn, Estonia – BA (Law);
2002–2003 Lund University, Lund, Sweden – MA (European Affairs);
2007–2009 University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia – MPH (Public Health with the specialization on mental health).

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

Since autumn 2007 I am an Estonian contact person for the Council of Europe National Human Right Structures network;

From November 2009 I was nominated as the UN contact person for the national preventive mechanism established under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture;

Since 2010 I am Estonian liaison officer for the European Ombudsman;

Additionally I am a member of the expert panel of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

List of most recent publications in the field

On permissibility and extent of the violation of the fundamental rights of persons in the organization of involuntary treatment. Eesti Arst 12/2007;

Obligations of health-care service providers in establishing torture, inhuman and degrading treatment. Eesti Arst 5/2008;

The role of ombudsmen in the fight against torture. European Ombudsmen Newsletter No. 11, October 2008.

Marija Definis-Gojanović (Croatia)

Date and place of birth: 7 February 1960, Zagreb, Croatia

Working languages: English

Current position/function

Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, University Hospital Centre Split, Croatia (since 2005), head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia (since 1997), and at University of Mostar School of Medicine, Bosnia and Herzegovina (since 2002), head of the Department of Medical Humanities at University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia (since 2009).

Main professional activities

Specialist of forensic medicine, University Hospital Centre Split, Croatia (since 1993); Associate professor at Split University School of Medicine, Croatia, and Mostar University School of Medicine, Bosnia and Herzegovina (since 2005); Permanent expert testimony for forensic medicine at District Courts, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (since 1993); Coroner and medical examiner for Split-Dalmatia County, Croatia (since 1995); Lecturer of forensic medicine and medical ethics at undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Schools of Medicine, Split, Croatia, and Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, lecturer at postgraduate study “Medicine and Law” at Split University School of Law, lecturer at university study “Forensics”, Split University, Croatia.

Educational background

MD (1984) — Zagreb University School of Medicine, M.Sc. in biology-biomedicine (1992) — postgraduate study, Zagreb University School of Natural Science and Mathematics; Specialization of forensic medicine (1993) – Dept. of Forensic Medicine and Criminalistics, Zagreb University School of Medicine; PhD in forensic medicine (1998), Associate Professor (2005).

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

Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) (since 2002); Specialist consultant in Office of Missing Persons and Forensics, Medical Examiner’s Office, Department of Justice, UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) (2003); Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) (since 2007); Participation in field missions in Albania, Armenia, Chechnya, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Mauritius, Maldives, Sweden, Mexico, Cambodia, including regular and ad hoc visits and high-level talks; Participation in Optional Protocol related activities (seminars, workshops, round tables) in Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Italy.

List of most recent publications in the field

Books: Marić A., Definis-Gojanović M., Sutlović D., Glavaš T. Tragom ubijenih hercegovačkih fratara. Hercegovačka franjevačka provincija, Mostar, 2007; Definis-Gojanović M. Postupci i metode pri identifikaciji ljudskih ostataka. U: Analiza DNA u sudskoj medicini i pravosuđu. Medicinska naklada. Zagreb, 2008;

Articles in CC journals: Definis-Gojanović M., Gugić D., Sutlović D. Suicide and Emo youth subculture, Coll Antropol. 2009; Sutlovic D., Gamulin S., Definis-Gojanovic M., Andjelinovic S. Interaction of humic acid with human DNA, Electrophoresis 2008; Definis-Gojanović M., Sutlović D. Skeletal remains from World War II Mass Grave: from Discovery to Identification, Croatian Med J 2007.

Emilio Ginés Santidrián (Spain)

Date and place of birth: Madrid, 14 July 1947

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position/function

The candidate has been a member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention since 2009. He is also a lawyer specializing in international human rights law and professor in the Social and Legal Sciences Faculty, Carlos University. He is a member of the Working Group on Justice of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network and a member of the Federation of Human Rights Associations of Spain.

Main professional activities

Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention since 2009;
Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, 2006–2009;
Member of the United Nations International Civilian Mission in Haiti, with responsibility for supervision and observance of the Haitian Constitution;
1986–2008. Served as a practicing barrister in a law firm attached to the Madrid Bar Association;
Acted as a criminal lawyer in numerous national and international cases on extradition, asylum, torture, ill-treatment, etc.;
Counsel in various proceedings before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Educational background

Bachelor of Laws, at University of Deusto, Bilbao;
Doctorate on article 10.2 of the Spanish Constitution concerning fundamental rights;
Master's degree on human rights at the Human Rights Institute of the Complutense University, Madrid;
Diploma in criminal law at the School of Juridical Practice, Complutense University, Madrid;
Diploma in human rights at the Human Rights Institute, University of Strasbourg.

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

Training course on assistance to prisoners and the right of asylum and refuge at the Madrid Bar Association;
Course on English for criminal lawyers, London;
Course on crisis management, European Union;
Visiting professor in the Department of Public International Law, University of Deusto;
Director and lecturer of the course on forensic practice before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg given at the Madrid Bar Association;
Director and lecturer of the course on acting as counsel before European courts, designed for jurists from the Balkans and former Yugoslavia;
Professor at the School of Juridical Practice of the Almería Bar Association. Courses in 1996 and 1997;
Visiting professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Havana for the course on international criminal law. Cuba, 2008.

List of most recent publications in the field

“Problemas generales que plantea la aplicación del OPCAT de Naciones Unidas”, July 2009;

“Tortura y terrorismo en Europa”, 2008;

“Los derechos humanos aquí y ahora, 60 años después de la Declaración Universal de Derechos Humanos”;

“Abogados en crisis internacionales: una experiencia”, *Revista Consejo General de la Abogacía*, No. 47;

“Ante las Naciones Unidas las reformas legales pendientes”, *Revista Otrosí*, No. 76, 2006;

“Analysis of legal issues for the return of refugees and displaced people to Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo”, 2006.

Suzanne Jabbour (Lebanon)

Date and place of birth: 1960, Ardé, Zgharta

Working languages: Arabic, English and French

Current position/function

Director of Restart Center for rehabilitation of victims of torture and violence from 2005 till now;

Project director of Psychosocial Rehabilitation program for Iraqi refugees with the UNHCR. Ongoing project. (Beirut RESTART Center);

Project director of protecting children affected by armed conflict in Lebanon, project funded by the European Commission (2010–2013);

Project director of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program inside Tripoli prison, September 2010 – September 2012 funded by Drosos foundation;

2009: Executive Committee member in the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture (IRCT) to present.

Main professional activities

2010: (a) Trainer for Forensic doctors and physicians working in Jordanian prisons on Istanbul protocol; (b) provide lectures to lawyers at the training institute of the Bar association North Lebanon; (c) Moderator in four round tables concerning the use of forensic evidence in the prevention of torture;

2009–2010: Trainer in the CFDA Algeria concerning psychological rehabilitation and treatment for victims of torture;

2009: Trainer for journalists within the framework of preventing torture within the Fight against Terrorism Project Jordan;

2007–2009: Human Rights and places of Detention targeting officials (Trainer);

2008: Conflict resolution with “medicins du monde” targeting health professionals working inside prisons (Trainer);

2007: National Strengthening Program on Torture Prevention training (Trainer);

2005–2006: Awareness Program about detention and torture of the Reintegration programme for former detainees with the collaboration of the UNDP Lebanon (Trainer).

Educational background

Master’s degree on psychology, 1987, Lebanese University, Faculty of Education and Human Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon – BA Clinical psychologist 1985;

High School “Sainte famille” – Tripoli 1981;

Elementary & complementary education: Notre Dame de Secours, Zgharta.

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

2008: Head of the investigation mission to Syria as a consultant nominated by the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) with the collaboration of The Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders. The mission aimed at assessing the rehabilitation needs of human rights defenders/former prisoners of conscience;

Coordinator of the Working Group on Torture prevention (WGTP) from 2007 to present;

Organizer of the first workshop regarding the OPCAT and the elaboration of the NPM with the collaboration of the APT (Association pour la Prévention de la Torture);

2009–2010: Executive Member in the National Campaign for Reforming prisons in Lebanon to present;

2009–2010: Member in the non-formal committee formed by the CSOs, UN agencies and Lebanese parliamentary member which is working on elaborating the draft law of the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) and which includes the NPM.

List of most recent publications in the field

Articles: published in the local newspapers highlighting the childhood theme, children with special needs, social policies, torture and violence, OPCAT;

Interview with CNN underlining the tortured victims (27 May 2004);

Interview with BBC (Britain) concerning Iraqi refugees;

Article published in Times magazine concerning Iraqi refugees; psychological characteristics for prisoners; how to deal with difficult people in the places of detention (two chapters published in guide book for prison management).

Demba Kandji (Republic of Senegal)

Date and place of birth: 31 December 1955, Seokhaye

Working languages: French

Current position/function

Director, Department of Criminal Cases and Pardons. Focal point in Senegal for matters relating to torture.

Main professional activities

Judge, senior examining magistrate, divisional president, former Advocate-General, President of the Dakar Assize Court, instructor in criminal law and criminal procedure, consultant to the Central Bank of West African States and the Bank of Central African States in money-laundering and financing of terrorism.

Educational background

Baccalaureate in literature and philosophy: Master's degree in private law (judicial option), Senegal School of the Judiciary; several training courses at the National School of the Judiciary in Bordeaux and with French courts in criminal practice; training courses at the Senegal Judicial Training Centre.

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

Several investigatory measures with a view to the punishment of acts of torture, particularly in the proceedings against Mr. Hissène Habré in January 2000;

Together with Senegalese civil society, participated in preparing the bill for the establishment of the National Observatory of Places of Detention. Also took part in the initiation of the procedure for preparing the implementing decree for that bill;

Raising awareness of the United Nations Convention Against Torture among the judiciary and law enforcement officials.

List of most recent publications in the field

Secretary-General of the Senegalese Criminal Law Association which publishes the *Revue Sénégalaise de Droit Pénal* disseminating information on criminal law in the subregion. Issue No. 9 of this review was published thanks to financial support from the West Africa regional office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Several papers on issues of relevance to judges and personnel involved in dispensing criminal justice in Senegal;

Several courses and lectures in criminal case law for judges and judicial officers at the Higher Regional School of the Judiciary set up by the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA) in Porto-Novo, Benin.

Lallé Meriem Keïta Zouboye (Republic of Mali)

Date and place of birth: 27 October 1951, San

Working languages: French

Current position/function

I am a judge (special grade) and have served as Chef de Cabinet of the Minister of Justice since November 2007. In this capacity, I have accompanied the Minister of Justice, Garde des Sceaux, during his visits to Mali prisons and specialized detention centres for minors and women. The prisoners' detention and health conditions were verified, as were the committal orders and the state of progress of their cases.

Main professional activities

From 1979 to the present, I have performed functions including the following:

- Adviser to the Bamako Court of Appeal, responsible for the criminal division.
- Senior examining magistrate at the Bamako Court of First Instance responsible for handling criminal and correctional investigation procedures, including making regular visits to accused persons held under detention orders at the Bamako prison or in specialized detention centres.
- Children's judge at the Bamako Court of First Instance. In this capacity, I was responsible for investigation of criminal and correctional cases involving minors, their placement in the observation and rehabilitation centre and regular inspections of this placement centre.

Educational background

1978: Degree at the National School of the Judiciary, Paris;

1976: Degree at the National School of Administration: Legal Sciences Section;

1971: Malian Baccalaureate, 2nd part, Philo-Langues course.

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

I am a member of the Malian Jurists Association (AJM), composed of women magistrates, lawyers, notaries, bailiffs and auctioneers active in the promotion and protection of human rights in general and those of women and children in particular. In October of each year, we regularly visit prisons in order to provide moral, material and technical support to the prisoners, irrespective of gender. They are given new matting to improve hygiene and, in particular, technical support in verifying their committal orders and detention conditions, the state of progress of their cases, etc. Unpaid lawyers are provided to prisoners in difficulty. At the AJM we also prepared and implemented a special prison project over a period of three years.

List of publications

2004: Etude diagnostique des textes juridiques au Mali, a study conducted at the request of the International Labour Office in order to detect any discriminatory provisions in Malian law.

Paul Lam Shang Leen (Republic of Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 4 July 1948, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Current position/function

Judge, Supreme Court of Mauritius for the last 16 years; Chairman of the Council of Legal Education; Chairman of the steering committee for the implementation of the judiciary for the electronic filing of cases and the management of court cases.

Main professional activities

Presently Presiding Judge of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court dealing with Corporate litigation, insolvency and bankruptcy; Arbitrator in construction disputes.

Educational background

1968: Higher School Certificate, Cambridge;

1970–1973: Professional Bar Exams – Council of Legal Education, London;

1974: Post-graduate diploma from the Council of Legal Education, London;

1976–1979: Licencié en droit, Université Aix-Marseilles;

1980: Diplômé Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Section Internationale) Paris.

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

Held position as Chairman of the Prisons' Board, Chairman of the Probation Board, Chairman of the steering committee for the computerization of the Supreme Court for the setting up of video-link with the prisons. Presided over numerous criminal cases since 1976 to 1992. From 1984 to 2007, presided over serious criminal cases before the Assizes with Jury and without jury and sitting as judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal. In 2008, Presiding Judge of the newly created Criminal Division of the Supreme Court dealing with numerous high profile criminal cases. Member of the panel to look into reforms in the Administration of Justice.

List of most recent publications in the field

None but has handed down several cases concerning the rights of the accused parties to a fair hearing, bail and police brutality. Has for the past nine years contributed in the discussion papers at the annual workshop organized by the Law Faculty, Trinity College, Dublin in topics including Human Rights, Fair Hearing, Discrimination, Capital Punishment, Sentencing, Independence of the Judiciary, the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

Petros Michaelides (Republic of Cyprus)

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1939, Agios Fotios – Paphos, Cyprus

Working languages: English – French

Current position/function

Practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Cyprus (Law Firm Michaelides and Associates); Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was re-elected to the Committee for a third mandate in 2007;

He is the Chairman of the NGO “The Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture and any form of ill-treatment”.

Main professional activities

From 1967 to 1971 he practised law in Cyprus. In 1971 he was appointed judge, a post that he held until March 1978 when he became Minister of Justice and as from May 1979 he was also the Minister to the President. In November 1980 he was appointed by the President of the Republic as Special Advisor on legal and human rights matters;

In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Service. He was the accredited Ambassador of Cyprus to France, Italy, Austria, with concurrent accreditations to Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, San Marino. He served as well as the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, the U.N. (Vienna) and the OSCE. He was also the Director of Policy Planning and the Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since April 1999 Mr. Michaelides is a practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Nicosia.

Educational background

He studied law, political and economic science at Athens University (1958–1963) and pursued Doctoral work in constitutional law and political science at Paris University 1 – Sorbonne (1965–1967) D.E.A., Doctorat de l’Université.

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

He participated and/or represented Cyprus in various Ministerial Committees and Meetings of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and U.N. on Human Rights matters. He was a member of the Minister’s Deputies Group on Human Rights and the Venice Conference on Democracy through Law;

As Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe he took part in the preparatory works for the Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was among the first elected members of the CPT when it was set up in 1987. As Chairman of the Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture he organized various seminars, lectures and workshops, the most recent one on the Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture in Cyprus, in cooperation with the NPM and on the occasion of the celebration for the 20 years of combating torture by the CPT.

List of most recent publications in the field

He is the author of various publications and articles on the Cyprus legal system and human rights and especially articles on the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Aisha Shujune Muhammad (Republic of Maldives)

Date and place of birth: 23 December 1977, Male', Maldives

Working languages: English and Dhivehi

Current position/function

I am currently working as a Judge at the Civil Court of the Maldives, where my main function is to adjudicate disputes.

Main professional activities

Apart from my duties on the bench, I am involved in training judges on human rights and the constitution, and am also engaged in assisting the design of various activities to promote access to justice, which includes, but is not limited to, formulating mechanisms to institutionalize treatment and support programmes for prisoners, training of prison staff, the provision of legal aid and educating the public of their rights and responsibilities.

Educational background

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of London, and
Master of Laws, University of Western Australia.

Activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Treaty Body

In 2004, I was one of three people involved in setting up the then Maldivian Detainee Network, the main function of which was to document and circulate news of arbitrary arrests, police impunity and the treatment of prisoners, in addition to supporting families of persons in custody. I have also worked extensively in developing a modern juvenile justice system and criminal justice system for the Maldives, and continue to work in promoting gender equality and rights of the child, especially in relation to violence and abuse. During their efforts to develop the Prison and Parole Bill, I advised the Ministry of Home Affairs on basic minimum standards that are required in prisons, and have shared with them, guidelines on how prisoners, including minors, should be treated. I also assisted in drafting the Juvenile Justice Bill, which outlines the standards with which children in contact with the law, whether arrested, in custody or otherwise, should be treated.

List of most recent publications related to the mandate of the treaty body

No publications relating to the mandate of the treaty body per se, though I have drafted some regulations and written papers which relate to the SPT mandate.

Hans Draminsky Petersen (Denmark)

Date and place of birth: Gentofte, Denmark, 23 March 1947

Working languages: Danish, English, Spanish, (French)

Current position/function

1993–2000 and from 2002 I have worked as a consultant in medicine and gastroenterology in 3 departments of medicine in Danish hospitals. In this capacity I have participated in the administration and management of hospital departments. Currently, I am employed part-time (40 per cent) in a hospital in the environment of Copenhagen, Denmark. Since February 2007 I have been vice-chairperson of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

Main professional activities

Apart from hospital duties, I have since 1979, as a member of the Danish medical group of Amnesty International and Physicians for Human Rights/Denmark, and on a few occasions as a consultant for the UN and the Council of Europe, been working against torture, mainly with medical documentation of torture and description of the health of torture victims;

For two years I was employed full-time in the International Department of the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) as health coordinator, and for 5 years I have been an external consultant of this organization. My work was to provide medical advice to NGOs in Albania, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras and Zimbabwe related to rehabilitation of torture victims and prevention of torture;

Since February 2007 I have been a member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and have served as a vice-chairperson for the whole period.

Educational background

Medical doctor 1974 from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Authorized as general practitioner, specialist in medicine and gastroenterology.

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

Since 1979 I have participated in research and fact-finding missions to Spain, Greece, Thailand, Venezuela, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Burma and Zimbabwe, mainly documenting torture and ill-treatment and describing health sequels to torture and giving training issues related to health effects of torture. In 1998 I served as external medical expert on the CAT mission to Peru. In Denmark I have organized and carried out research on health effects of torture. In two scientific works I am author and co-author of studies on the quality of forensic medical documents concerning persons at risk of ill-treatment. As a member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture I have participated in eight country visits (Mauritius, Maldives, Benin, Mexico, Paraguay, Honduras, Cambodia, and Lebanon), on two occasions as head of delegation.

List of five most recent publications related to the mandate of the treaty body

Petersen H.D., Worm L., Zander M., Hartling O.: Human Rights violations in Burma. A two years follow-up examination. Danish Medical Bulletin 2001; 47:359-63;

Petersen H.D., Morentin B. et al.: Assessment of the quality of medical documents issued in central police stations in Madrid, Spain. Journal of Forensic Science 2002; 293-8;

Epple S. & Petersen H.D.: Rule of Law, law and the health profession. Zimbabwe 2002.
Danish Medical Bulletin 2002; 49: 247-52;
Petersen H.D. & Rønsbo: Documenting interventions in Prisons. Praxis Paper No. 4, pp 5–33. The Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims, Copenhagen 2008;
Morentin B., Petersen H.D. et al.: A follow-up investigation on the quality of medical documents from examinations of Basque incommunicado detainees. The role of medical doctors and national authorities in the prevention of ill-treatment and torture. Forensic Science International 2008; 182, 57–65.

Maria Margarida E. Pressburger (Brazil)

Date and place of birth: 13 October 1943, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Working languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese and French (understand)

Current position/function

Counsellor of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association and President of its Human Rights Commission; Counsellor of the Political Repair Commission of the Rio de Janeiro State.

Main professional activities

Founding member (1981) of the Human Rights Commission of the Rio de Janeiro State Bar Association. For over 10 years, she represented the Commission in several projects, including the drafting of the national Child and Adolescent Act, as well as carried out on-site visits on its behalf to report on ill-treatment of inmates in prisons and juvenile correctional facilities;

Head of the legal department of the São Martinho Foundation (2005–2008), a Brazilian organization that protects homeless children with the participation of Caritas and the Carmelitas Church;

Re-elected Counsellor of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association (2009), when she again took charge of the presidency of its Human Rights Commission.

Educational background

Graduated from the National School of Law of the University of Brazil (Faculdade Nacional de Direito da Universidade do Brasil) in 1968, and has ever since acquired extensive experience in legal practice, especially in the field of labour law.

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

From 1992 to 1995, she produced and presented a daily radio show about the rights of women in Radio Tupi;

In 2007, in liaison with other women's rights institutions, she organized a seminar for the reduction of maternal death in the state of Rio de Janeiro, which grew into a nationwide project on promotion of women's sexual and reproductive rights;

As head of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association's Human Rights Commission, and in partnership with the State Legislature's Women's Rights Commission, she participated in the Project "*Eu Digo NÃO À Violência Contra as Mulheres*" (I say NO to violence against women), an initiative aiming at sensitizing men about this issue;

She currently actively participates in the Bar Association's Memory and Truth Campaign for the disclosure of the archives related to the Brazilian military rule (1964–1985);

Member of the Brazilian Lawyers Institute.

Christian Pross (Germany)

Date and place of birth: 3 July 1948 in Göppingen, Germany

Working languages: English and French (fluent), Spanish (basic skills)

Current position/function

Director of a working group on psychotraumatology research at the Survival Center, Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims, Berlin;
Professor at Charité University Medical Center, Berlin.

Main professional activities

Research and teaching in psychotraumatology, medicine and human rights;
Supervisor and advisor to psychosocial institutions and NGOs, with a focus on Eastern Europe and the Middle East;
Director of supplementary education courses in supervision for “Catania – Aid to Traumatized Victims”;
Consultancy work as Member of Senior Clinical Advisory Group, International Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (IRCT).

Educational background

1968–1974: Medical studies at Heidelberg University, Germany, and Bristol Medical School, United Kingdom;
1980: Doctorate from Free University Berlin;
1983: Certified as family physician;
2000: Certified as psychotherapist in psychodynamic psychotherapy;
2005: Certified as clinical supervisor;
2006: Postdoctoral lecture qualification (Habilitation) from Göttingen University Medical School, Germany.

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

Member of IRCT expert group on forensic evidence against torture;
Consultant to Independent Federal Commission for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Sexual Abuse.

List of most recent publications in the field

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Miguel Sarre Iguíniz (Mexico)

Date and place of birth: Mexico City, 1 October 1951

Working languages: English, Spanish

Current position/function

Full-time professor and researcher at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM).

Main professional activities

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention;
Director of the Public Law Studies Centre of ITAM;
Expert appointed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to conduct the survey of human rights in Mexico;
Third Inspector-General of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) – Supervision of the prison system;
Technical Secretary of the CNDH Council; Director-General for agencies, studies and projects of the Office of the Executive Secretary of CNDH;
Procurator for Citizens' Protection of the State of Aguascalientes, Mexico;
Criminal trial lawyer.

Educational background

Master of Laws (LL.M) degree (Human rights) – University of Notre Dame, Indiana, United States;
Attorney – Free Law School, Mexico City.

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

Representative of the academic sector in the Coordinating Council for the Implementation of the Criminal Justice System;
Member of the Network to promote oral proceedings and due process;
Coordinator of the “Access to justice” programme of ITAM;
President of the Mexican Association for the United Nations (AMNU);
Second Vice-President of the Mexican Human Rights Academy;
Founder and Chairperson of the Committee for the Humanization of Incriminatory Practices, Aguascalientes, Ags;
Member and co-founder of the Aguascalientes Ecological Group;
President of the Aguascalientes Bar Association;
Co-founder of the Aguascalientes Bar Association.

List of most recent publications in the field

Miguel Sarre, “El Protocolo Facultativo de la Convención contra la Tortura: un instrumento generador de cambios estructurales para la prevención de la tortura”, in Mariño, Menéndez and Cebada, Romero (Editors), *La creación del mecanismo español de prevención de la tortura*, Iustel, Madrid, 2009;
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Wilder Tayler-Souto (Uruguay)

Date and place of birth: Montevideo, Uruguay, February 1954

Working languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English and French

Current position/function

Currently a member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention.

Main professional activities

Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) since December 2009; (Acting Secretary-General since December 2007). He oversees an organization with a staff of 45 based in Geneva, Bangkok, Kathmandu, Guatemala City and Johannesburg and provides strategic advice to the Board of the International Commission of Jurists; He is also a member of the Board of the International Council on Human Rights Policy (ICHRP).

Educational background

He completed his law studies at the University of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay in 1979, obtaining a degree in Doctor of Laws and Social Sciences. He obtained an intermediate diploma of Procurator in 1977;

He also studied sociology in Argentina and France.

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

- 1997–2007 Principal Director for legal matters and institutional policies in Human Rights Watch;
- 1995–1996 Amnesty International Programme Director for the Americas. Also supervised research work in the United Kingdom;
- 1989–1995 Legal Adviser to Amnesty International, specializing in international human rights law and intergovernmental procedures;
Field missions, mostly in the Americas and also to some extent in Asia;
Took part in drawing up international standards on matters related to human rights defenders, torture, enforced disappearances and states of emergency;
- 1983–1989 Legal Adviser and Executive Director of the Institute of Legal and Social Studies of Uruguay (IELSUR), a Uruguayan NGO providing specialized legal assistance in human rights cases. Acted as counsel in national and international bodies, representing relatives of missing persons.

List of most recent publications in the field

All Human Rights Watch publications on torture for the period 1997–2007 were officially revised or edited by him or under his direct supervision. A list of those publications, with the relevant attributions of credit and responsibility, can be consulted on the Human Rights Watch web page;

Author of various articles on human rights, most recently “What is the added value of prevention?” in the *Essex Human Rights Review*, special edition, December 2009.

Felipe Andrés Villavicencio Terreros (Peru)

Date and place of birth: Lima, Peru, 18 October 1955

Working languages: Spanish, English and German

Current position/function

Partner and principal attorney of the Villavicencio, Meza & Rivera Legal Office. Principal professor of criminal law and criminology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Perú (PUCP), the Mayor de San Marcos National University and the San Martín de Porres University (USMP). Professor and coordinator of postgraduate doctoral studies at USMP. Visiting professor for the Master's course on criminal sciences at Zulia University, Maracaibo, and at the Judicial school of the Republic of El Salvador.

Main professional activities

- 2005: Represented the State before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the *García Asto and Ramírez Rojas v. Perú* case;
- 2005–2004: Adviser to the Criminal Code Review Commission of the Congress of the Republic;
- 2004: Chairman of the Sentence Commutation Committee of the Ministry of Justice;
- 2003: (a) Police Ombudsman; (b) Technical Secretary on the High-Level Committee on Anti-Terrorist Legislation of the Ministry of Justice;
- 2002: Attorney at the Office of the Prosecutor, specializing in enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions and exhumation of unmarked graves;
- 2001: (a) Director-General of the National Academy of the Judiciary; (b) Chairman of the Study Commission of the National Academy of the Judiciary of the Lima Bar Association; (c) Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Law of the Lima Bar Association.

Educational background

- 2004: Doctorate of Law at the National University of Buenos Aires;
- 1998: Master's studies at the Mayor de San Marcos National University;
- 1979: Bachelor's degree in law at the Mayor de San Marcos National University.

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

- 1997: International consultant for the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), member of the Guatemala City team, Commission for Historical Clarification, Guatemala;
- 1996: International expert of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for justice administration projects in El Salvador;
- 1995: Political adviser on matters relating to administration of justice and legal reforms to senior officials of the United Nations Mission in El Salvador (MINUSAL);
- 1992: (a) Member of the Technical Board of the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD), Costa Rica; (b) Director of ILANUD's office in Lima; (c) Coordinator for administration of justice of the Human Rights Division of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL).

List of most recent publications in the field

- Books: Derecho Penal Parte General (2007), Código Penal Comentado y Concordado (2002), Lecciones de Derecho Penal Parte Especial I (1991), Lecciones de Derecho Penal (1990), Delitos contra la seguridad pública-delito de terrorismo (1983);
- Articles: Situación carcelaria en el Perú (1990), Delito de terrorismo en el Proyecto de Código Penal (1988), Delito de terrorismo en el Proyecto de Código Penal (1986), ¿Terroristas arrepentidos? (1985), Comentario del libro “Delitos contra la seguridad pública-terrorismo” (1982);
- Statement: Anti-terrorist criminal policy (1992).

Marie-Gisèle Zinkpe (Republic of Benin)

Date and place of birth: 25 January 1956 at Abomey, Benin

Working languages: French, 2nd language: English

Current position/function

Judge; Chief of the Service for Promoting and Raising Awareness of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, Legislation and Human Rights; focal point for the Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI).

Main professional activities

Chief of the Service for Promoting and Raising Awareness of Human Rights; member of the Benin delegation to sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and of the delegations that presented periodic reports of Benin to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2008), the Committee against Torture (2007) and the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2006) and the national report under the universal periodic review to the United Nations Human Rights Council; monitoring of the implementation of treaty body recommendations; President of the Court of First Instance of Ouidah (1997–2001); senior examining magistrate at the Court of First Instance of Porto-Novo (1996–1997); First Deputy of the Public Prosecutor to the Court of First Instance of Porto-Novo (1990–1995), juvenile court judge (1998).

Educational background

- 1985: Completion of studies diploma for A-category officials, National School of Administration of Benin, Level II: judiciary option;
- 1980: Master's degree in legal sciences: Business law and careers option; further training course at the National School of the Judiciary in Paris and the Marseille High Court (1996); training course with Amnesty International, Belgian French-speaking section (2003).

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

Coordinator of the monitoring committee for the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture in Benin;

Contact person for the United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention;

Member of the Review Committee for the draft Code of Criminal Procedure;

Member of the team supervising the training of juvenile justice officials in alternatives to prison and to prosecution of minors in conflict with the law;

Member of the team for strengthening the capacity of Beninese judicial officials responsible for law enforcement and promotion, protection and defence of women's rights contained in the international legal instruments to which Benin is party;

Participation in regional seminars on the implementation of Optional Protocol in Africa.

List of most recent publications in the field

Réflexions sur la mise en liberté provisoire au Bénin.

Fortuné Gaétan Zongo (Burkina Faso)

Date and place of birth: 17 May 1974, in Koudougou, Burkina Faso

Working languages: French

Current position/function

Director-General for the Defence of Human Rights.

Main professional activities

Coordinating and promoting the Ministry's activities in the following areas:

- Preparing reports for consideration by the authorities
- Working to bring national legislation into line with ratified international agreements
- Ensuring that human rights are taken into account in national legislation and procedures
- Receiving, hearing and guiding citizens with human rights complaints
- Helping to ensure respect for human rights in places of detention
- Helping to strengthen and protect the rights of vulnerable persons
- Ensuring mediation in community conflicts
- Implementing any measures likely to ensure improved protection for the rights of specific groups
- Helping to elaborate and apply standards to protect the rights of specific groups

Educational background

Judicial service degree, National School of Administration and the Judiciary (ENAM), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, October 2002;

Master's two in international and European law on fundamental rights, University of Nantes, France, November 2001;

Master's in law, Law and Political Sciences Faculty, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, June 1999.

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

Since June 2008: Director-General for the Protection and Defence of Human Rights;
November 2006–
June 2008: Director for the Protection and Defence of Human Rights;
November 2004–
November 2006: President of the juvenile court of Bobo Dioulasso;
October 2002–
October 2004: Judge at the High Court of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
Since 2002: Teacher of classes at the Training and Research Unit/Legal and Political Sciences (UFR/SJP) (general theory of obligations civil procedure, family law), University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
Since 2008: Lecturer (human rights protection mechanisms, international human rights law) at the National School of Administration and the Judiciary (ENAM).
