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**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST
TORTURE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO
EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2007, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND
OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT
OR PUNISHMENT**

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Monday, 8 October 2007, to elect five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2007 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2009 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 14 May 2007, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for the election by 10 August 2007.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of persons nominated by 10 August 2007 and the States parties which have nominated them.

<u>Name of candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Mr. Khalid S.A. AL-TAKHAYNEH	Jordan
Ms. Marta Beatriz ALTOLAGUIRRE LARRAONDO	Guatemala
Ms. Eliane Berthe EGUE-ADOTE	Benin
Ms. Felice GAER	United States of America
Mr. Luis GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA	Ecuador
Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN	Chile
Ms. Myrna KLEOPAS	Cyprus
Ms. Maria PINIOU-KALLI	Greece
Ms. Diana SCOBIOALA	Moldova

4. Biographical data on the persons nominated, as provided by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III.

Annex I

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2007**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of nationality</u>
Mr. Guibril CAMARA	Senegal
Ms. Felice GAER	United States of America
Mr. Luis GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA*	Ecuador
Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN	Chile
Mr. Andreas MAVROMMATIS	Cyprus

* Appointed in 2006 in accordance with article 17, paragraph 6, of the Convention following the resignation of Mr. Julio Prado Vallejo.

Annex II

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2009**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of nationality</u>
Mr. Essadia BELMIR	Morocco
Mr. Alexander KOVALEV	Russian Federation
Mr. Fernando MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ	Spain
Ms. Nora SVEAASS	Norway
Mr. Xuexian WANG	China

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Name and first name: AL-TAKHAYNEH, Khalid S.A.

Date and place of birth: 10 April 1962, Karak, Jordan

Working languages: English and Arabic

Current position or function:

Head, Specialized Agencies and Disarmament Division, Foreign Ministry, Amman, Jordan

Main professional activities:

Part time lecturer, Mulana Azad College, 1988-1991

Researcher and Head, Human Rights Division, Foreign Ministry, Amman, Jordan, 1993-2002

Member of the Jordanian National Committee for Women, 1996-2002

Member of the Royal Committee for Human Rights, 2000-2002

Member of the National Committee for Refugees, 2000

Adviser, National Council for Family Affairs, 2000

Member of the Jordan Task Force for Children, 1996-2002

Board Member, National Commission for Demining and Rehabilitation, 2002-2006

Member of National Coalition for the International Criminal Court, 1998

Member of International Coalitions for the International Criminal Court, 1998

Member of the National Committee on Education, Culture and Science, 1998

Member of the National Committee for the Implementation of Humanitarian Law, 1998

Educational background:

PhD in Political Science, Ransh University, 1991

MA in International Relations, Jadaaur University, 1988

High Diploma in Business Administration, Sestech College, 1987

BA in Political Science, Jadaaur University, 1985

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

Member of the Jordan Human Rights Society, 1998

Vice-President of the IEE Charitable Society, 1996

Vice-President of the Social Society for Child Care, 1998

Board Member, Amman Centre for Human Rights, 2000

Board Member, Alarqam Centre for Research and Studies, 2005

Board Member, Roots Centre for Child Development, 2006

Member of the Jordanian Society for Citizen Rights, 1998-2004

Member of the National Society for Prisoners' Care, 1996

List of most recent publications:

Author of many articles on human rights and humanitarian law published in daily newspapers and in national human rights reports, such as: Human Rights in International Law, World Committee for Fact-finding International Criminal Court, Refugees in International Law, Human Rights in Jordan, World Bank and Human Rights, Role of NGOs in Protecting Human Rights, Humanitarian Law in Islam

Prepared Jordan's national reports submitted to human rights treaty bodies on the implementation of the six main international conventions on human rights (ICESCR, CAT, ICCPR, ICERD, CEDAW and CRC).

Name and first name: ALTOLAGUIRRE LARRAONDO, Marta Beatriz

Date and place of birth: 26 August 1937, Guatemala

Working languages: English and Spanish

Current position or function:

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs since 17 August 2006, for the second time, having held this office previously from January 2004 to January 2006. Her duties include dealing with matters relating to Guatemalan migrants, and monitoring human rights and international humanitarian law issues.

Main professional activities:

From 1 February to 15 August 2006, Under-Secretary for International Cooperation at the Presidential Planning and Programming Secretariat. From January 2000 to October 2003, member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), of the Organization of American States (OAS), of which she was elected President. During her term of office she promoted closer relations with the Caribbean countries and the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women. As IACHR Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women she visited Ciudad Juárez (Mexico) to investigate the situation regarding crimes against women there. She signed the Joint Declaration of the Special Rapporteurs on Women's Rights on 8 March 2002. From 1996 to 1999 she was President of the Presidential Commission for Coordinating Executive Policy in the field of Human Rights. In 1993 she was elected to the Advisory Council of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Guatemala.

Educational background:

Bachelor's Degree in Legal and Social Sciences

Practising lawyer and notary since 1979

Active member of the Guatemalan College of Lawyers and Notaries No. 2372

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

Speaker at various national and international academic events on topics such as human rights, justice, discrimination and freedom of expression, as well as violence against women, in particular the murder of women in Guatemala. She has promoted activities to combat trafficking in persons and helped to develop a strategy for the prevention and punishment of trafficking and the protection and care of victims as well as a legislative blueprint for the preparation of a draft comprehensive law to combat the offence of trafficking and amendments to the Criminal Code.

List of most recent publications in this field:

More than 500 articles in the Guatemalan press; in 1992, she was elected President of the Guatemalan Chamber of Journalists.

Name and last name: GAER, Felice

Date and place of birth: 16 June 1946, New Jersey, United States of America

Working languages: English

Current position or function:

1993 - present, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, American Jewish Committee, Director

2000 - present, Member, Committee against Torture

2006 - present, Rapporteur on follow-up on conclusions and recommendations on State party reports

2004-2006, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee against Torture

Main professional activities:

1991-1992, United Nations Association of the United States of America, Executive Director, European Programmes

1982-1991, International League for Human Rights, Executive Director

1974-1981, Ford Foundation, Programme Officer, International Division, 1976-1981

1974-1976, Ford Foundation, Assistant Programme Officer

1976-1981, Ford Foundation, member, Public Policy Committee

Educational background:

Wellesley College, BA with Distinction, Political Science, 1968 (Honours)

Columbia University, Master of Philosophy, Political Science, 1973; Master of Arts, 1971

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

Commissioner, United States Federal Commission on International Religious Freedom, 2001-2007; Chair 2002-2003, 2006-2007

Chair, Steering Committee, National Coalition on the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1997-1999

Advisory Committee, Human Rights Watch/East and Central Asia, 1996 - present

International Human Rights Council, the Carter Centre, Emory University, 1994-2003

Vice-President and Board of Governors, International League for Human Rights, 1991 - present

President, International Friends of the Chilean Human Rights Commission, 1985-1990

Committee on Human Rights, New York Academy of Sciences, 1982-1992

Board of Directors, International Dispute Resolution Associates, 1995-2000

Advisory Panel on Ethnic Conflict, Minority and Individual Rights, Atlantic Council, 1993-1995

Board of Directors, Andrei Sakharov Foundation, 1993 - present

Council on Foreign Relations, 1991 - present

Alumnae Achievement Award, Wellesley College, 1995

Advisory Panel on Housing Rights, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat II), New York, January 1996

Consultant, the Rockefeller Foundation, 1982-1983

Public member of United States delegation to:

World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, June 1993

Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995

Preparatory Committee, Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), February 1996

Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, 1994-1999

List of recent publications in this field:

Author of numerous professional articles, chapters in books and human rights reports on human rights issues spanning the issues in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the international institutions engaged in setting and implementing those standards, e.g. the United Nations, the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, etc.

Name and first name: EGUE-ADOTE, Eliane Berthe

Date and place of birth: 1 July 1956, Abomey, Benin

Working languages: French and English

Current position or function: Barrister, Cotonou Court of Appeal

Main professional activities:

Barrister since 1986, member of the Bar Council (2001-2003), practising in criminal, commercial and social law, in particular through consultations, advice and legal assistance

Educational background:

Master's Degree in public law, National University of Côte d'Ivoire, 1981

Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS) (Diploma of Specialized Higher Studies) in business law, National University of Benin, 2002

Training of teachers on legal instruments relating to the protection of human rights, Avocats sans frontières, Sommières (France), 2006

Participation in the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2006

Training on international criminal law in international courts, Dakar, 2005

Seminar-workshop on the protection of human rights defenders in West Africa, Bamako, 2001

Qualification in human rights education, Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal, Canada, 2001

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

Member of the Committee for follow-up and the preparation of a preliminary draft law establishing a mechanism for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Benin

Coordinator of the Benin Section of Amnesty International's Justice Group; in this connection participated in all exchange, follow-up, lobbying and advocacy activities for the signature, adoption and ratification by Benin of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT)

Legal Adviser for Réseau des Associations pour la défense des droits humains (RADH) (Network of Associations for the Defence of Human Rights): regular visits to prisons throughout the country and drafting of reports with findings and recommendations for the State authorities

Vice-President of the Benin Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Member of the steering committee for matters relating to the implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and bringing domestic legislation into line with it; in this connection, preparation of an in-depth study of crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court, including torture, classified by article 7 of the Statute as a crime against humanity

Member of WiLDAF-Benin (Women in Law and Development in Africa): participation in campaigns to combat violence against women and sexual harassment

Member of the Association des femmes juristes du Bénin (AFJB) (Association of Women Jurists in Benin): organization of meetings to raise awareness of and disseminate international legal instruments, and assistance with the preparation of various manuals and guides for the protection and promotion of the rights and responsibilities of women

List of recent publications and lectures in this field:

Member of the team which devised and drafted the Personal and Family Code

Member of the team which devised and drafted the preliminary draft law abolishing the practice of female genital mutilation

Drafting of various articles, including on the abolition of levirat (marriage of widow by brother-in-law), the abolition of the death penalty, violence against women and female genital mutilation

Lecture on the penalties prescribed by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Lecture on efforts to combat impunity as part of the national seminar entitled “The press, human rights and democracy”

Name and first name: GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA, Luis

Date and place of birth: 13 December 1946, Quito, Ecuador

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position or function:

President of G3 ICT (Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communications Technologies)

President of the World Fund for International Rehabilitation

Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States of America

Main professional activities:

Ambassador to the United States (2005)

Ambassador to Australia

Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2002-2005)

Vice-President of the General Assembly (2003)

Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (2005)

Vice-President of the UNICEF Executive Board (2004)

Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2000-2002)

Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (1997-2000)

Vice-President of the Commission on Human Rights (1998)

President of the Geneva Diplomatic Corps Network

Ambassador to El Salvador (1994-1997)

Coordinator of the Modernization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990-1994)

Head of Mission in Bulgaria (1985-1989)

Professor and academic

Educational background:

Bachelor of Political and Social Sciences

Doctor of Law

Qualification in Diplomacy from the Institute of Higher National Studies

Master of Arts, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University/Harvard

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

Vice-President of the Commission on Human Rights (1998)

Member of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2005)

Most recent publications in this field:

2002-2007: Various articles on:

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Human rights monitoring

Disability and development

Accessibility for disabled people

Technology and disability

Name and first name: GROSSMAN, Claudio

Working languages: English and Spanish

Current position or function:

Dean, American University Washington College of Law, member and Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee against Torture (elected in 2003) and a member of the Commission for the Control of Interpol's Files (elected in February 2005). In addition, he is President of the College of Americas (COLAM), a programme of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education which brings together approximately 400 universities from the Western hemisphere

Main professional activities:

Professor Claudio Grossman is a prominent Chilean jurist and an international figure with a distinguished career and extensive experience in international law, international organizations, and legal academia

Professor Grossman was an elected member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from 1994 until 1997 and re-elected until 2001. He was President of this prestigious organization twice, first in 1996 and later in 2001. Similarly, he served as IACHR's Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women and as its Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights. Dean Grossman has represented IACHR in missions to Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and Peru, among other countries. As a member and President of IACHR he has participated in decisions concerning hundreds of individual cases and has represented IACHR on many occasions as Delegate before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. On behalf of other international organizations and non-governmental organizations Professor Grossman has presided over or participated in missions to observe elections in various countries around the world

Within academia, Professor Grossman is a highly regarded scholar, having taught at several universities: the University of Chile, the University of Utrecht, and American University Washington College of Law. Since 1985 he has held the title of Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law

Educational background:

Professor Grossman has a *Licenciatura en Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales* (Bachelor's Degree in Legal and Social Sciences) from the University of Chile Law School (1971). He is also a *Doctor in de Rechtsgeleerdheid* (Doctor of Law) of the University of Amsterdam (1980)

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

Governments and domestic and international institutions (e.g., the Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Delinquency, the United Nations) have consulted Professor Grossman for his knowledge of international and comparative law

He is a member of the Board of the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights and of the editorial board of the Journal of Human Rights of the Ibero-American University of Mexico

Professor Grossman is the author of numerous publications concerning international law, comparative law, and humanitarian law (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/dean/cv.cfm>). In addition, he has received numerous awards in the field of international law

Name and first name: KLEOPAS, Myrna Y.

Date and place of birth: 23 August 1944, Cyprus

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

Chairman of the Committee for the Examination of Complaints by Patients (Nicosia District) - an independent committee appointed by the Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus.

Main professional activities:

February 1971-1977	Practising Lawyer
February 1977-1979	Legal adviser for human rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus (MFA)
April 1979	Entered the Foreign Service of Cyprus
1979-1980	MFA Political Affairs Division, dealing with human rights
April 1980-1986	Counsellor and Consul General, Cyprus High Commission, London, United Kingdom
August 1986-1990	MFA Political Affairs Division, dealing inter alia with human rights
October 1990-1993	Director of the Office of the Permanent Secretary of MFA
November 1993-1996	Ambassador to China; also accredited to Japan, Pakistan, Mongolia and the Philippines
November 1996-1997	Director, Political Affairs Division (Cyprus Question), MFA
December 1997-2000	Ambassador to Italy; also accredited to Switzerland, Malta and San Marino
July 2000-2004	High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

Educational background:

Barrister-at-law, Gray's Inn, London, UK

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

Reports of Cyprus on the implementation of United Nations human rights treaties

Applications of Cyprus to the European Commission of Human Rights of the Council of Europe for violations of human rights in Cyprus by Turkey

Member of the Delegation of Cyprus to the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law, 1978

Participation in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 1977-1980 and 1989-1990

Participation in the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on Human Rights, 1977-1980 and 1989-1990

Representative of MFA to the Central Agency for Women's Rights, 1988-1993

Representative of Cyprus on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, 1989

United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995

Head of Delegation of Cyprus to the Rome Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, 1998

Fifth Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, 2006

Name and first name: PINIOU-KALLI, Maria

Date and place of birth: 6 May 1942, Greece

Working languages: English, French, Italian, Russian and Spanish

Educational background:

Graduate of the Medical School of the University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1966). Specialization in Internal Pathology and partially in Endocrinology. Additionally in Dermatology-Venereology

PhD from the University of Athens, Greece; thesis entitled “Antiproteolytic Enzymes in Acne Conglobata”

Social and political activities:

President of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), 1998-2003

Dr. Piniou-Kalli was one of the founding members and has been the Medical Director of the Medical Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (MRCT) in Athens, Greece, a non-profit organization, since its foundation in September 1989

In 1996, she promoted an initiative for the formation of the Middle East and North Africa Network for the Prevention of Torture and the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (MENA Network)

In 1993, she promoted an initiative regarding the Balkan countries, thus playing a leading role in the formation of the Balkan Network for the Prevention of Torture and the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (BAN)

International activities:

Co-chaired the Scientific Committee of the VIII International Symposium on Torture as a Challenge to the Health, Legal and Other Professions, 1999, India

Participated in a joint meeting of MRCT and APT (Association for the Prevention of Torture), 1999, Athens

Nominated by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a member of the Committee against Torture representing IRCT, 1999

Participated in a meeting related to VIENNA+5, and a side session entitled “Women and Organized Violence”, Canada, 1998

Participated in a public hearing organized by the European Parliament, where she presented many cases of torture victims, 1996

Participated in a preparatory meeting in Beijing and in five more meetings in Strasbourg organized by the Women of the Green Socialist Party

Participated in Geneva in the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993

Nominated for the Human Rights Award of the French Republic, 1993

National activities:

PASOK (Socialist Party) candidate for election to the European Parliament, June 2004

Candidate for the Presidency of Democracy of Greece, 1995

Candidate for the European Parliament on behalf of the Ecologists-Alternatives Party, 1989 and 1994

Founding member of the Ecologists-Alternatives Party

Member of its board of governors for three consecutive terms, 1990-1992

Sentenced by the Greek Junta (1967-1974) to internal exile and imprisonment at Gyaros Island for her anti-dictatorial views, 1967-1968. Her later activism on behalf of human rights is rooted in this experience

Publications:

Over 100 papers, presented during her participation in national and international meetings, conferences, workshops and symposiums. More than 200 articles by her have been published in the press concerning torture as a human rights issue. Three documentaries have been dedicated to her work and her life. She has given hundreds of interviews in the mass media and press at national and international levels

Name and first name: SCOBIOALA, Diana
Date and place of birth: 24 June 1976, Chisinau, Moldova
Working languages: French and Spanish

Current position or function:

Head of General Division on International Relations and European Integration of the Ministry of Justice

Docent lector at the State University of Moldova

Main professional activities:

Regulation and supervision of the activities and subdivisions of the Governmental Agent Division (dealing with cases pending before the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), execution of ECHR judgements, prevention of future breaches, etc.); Treaties and European Integration Division (adoption, signature and ratification of treaties in the field of human rights, coordination of the European integration process, etc.); International Legal Cooperation Division (monitoring of extraditions, legal assistance, etc.) and of the Apostille Division

Educational background:

State University in Moldova, Law degree in international law, 1998

State University in Moldova, Master's degree in public law, 2000

Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Doctorate in International Law, 2003

State University in Moldova, *Docent lector*, 2006

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

At the State University of Moldova Law Faculty, in charge of various courses on international public law, the protection of human rights, diplomatic and consular law, European Convention of Human Rights law, international law issues. Member of the Scientific Seminar of Inter-universitarian Profile with the State University of Moldova; member of the Specialized Scientific Council DH 15 12.00.10 on defending doctoral theses in the field of human rights; expert on the drafts of doctoral theses in the field of international law (especially human rights), presented for examination by the International Law and External Economic Relations Law Chair, State University of Moldova

List of most recent publications in the field:

The incidence of international mechanisms in the field of protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms on the national legal order, 2006; Some reflections on the execution of the judgements of the ECHR, 2006; The status of the victim of a breach of one of the human rights and fundamental freedoms provided by the European Convention on Human Rights, 2002; Access to the European Court of Human Rights: the admissibility criteria, 2001
