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Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to the expiry on 4 December 2007 of the term of office of Iskander Ghattas (Egypt) and Željko Horvatić (Croatia) as members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

2. In accordance with article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56 of 24 May 1989, the Board shall be composed of:

“(a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term.”

* E/CN.15/2007/1.



3. According to the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, the Commission has succeeded to the functions and powers of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in this and in other matters.
4. The following candidates are proposed for reappointment: Iskander Ghattas (Egypt) and Željko Horvatić (Croatia).
5. The principle of equitable geographical distribution is taken into account in the composition of the Board. The current Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute is composed of:
 - Ann-Marie Begler (Sweden)
 - Pedro David (Argentina)
 - Iskander Ghattas (Egypt)
 - Željko Horvatić (Croatia)
 - Michèle Ramis-Plum (France)
 - Takayuki Shiibashi (Japan)
 - Elizabeth Verville (United States of America)
6. Background information on the candidates is provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill positions on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

A. Iskander Ghattas

Academic background

Bachelor of Law (1961)

Master of International Law (1963)

Doctorate of the State in Public Law (1973)

Professional background

Assistant Minister of Justice, Department for International and Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Justice

1961-1968: Public Prosecutor, Cairo

1968-1971: Chief Prosecutor for the Drug Department

1971-1976: Chief of First Instance Court, Mansourah-Guizah

1976-1981: Chief Prosecutor, Head Office of the General Prosecutor of Egypt; functioning as a technical counsellor at the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Justice

1981: Nominated as a counsellor at the Court of Appeal of Cairo; delegated at the Court of Appeal as Deputy-Director of the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Justice

1986: Nominated as Vice President of the Court of Appeal

1990: Nominated as President of the Court of Appeal and President of the Criminal Court of Cairo

1995: Nominated as Assistant Minister, Department for International and Cultural Cooperation at the Ministry of Justice

2005: Appointed as Member of the People's Assembly (the Egyptian Parliament)

Other professional activities

Lecturer at conferences of the Faculty of Law, Cairo; Khartoum; and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Member of the delegation of Egypt to sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Chief of the delegation of Egypt at negotiations for the conclusion of conventions for judicial cooperation between Egypt and other States

Coordinator of the Ministry of Justice of Egypt for the preparation of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Cairo, April-May 1995)

Coordinator of the Third Conference for Ministers of Justice for the Francophone States (Cairo, October 1995)

Secretary General of the conference held to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Egyptian Civil Code (April 1998)

Secretary General of the Arab regional conference held to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Geneva Conventions in relation to international humanitarian law (1999)

Representative of Egypt at various international judicial conferences in which the Ministry of Justice participated (Rome, The Hague, Paris, Vienna, Washington, D.C., Abuja and Addis Ababa)

Author of books on political science and public law

Member of the International Association of Penal Law

Member of the International Law Association and the International Institute of Law of the French-speaking Countries

Member of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking a settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, 1999)

Member of the International Corrections and Prisons Association

Distinctions

Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, 1983

Commandeur de l'Ordre de Saint Grégoire le Grand, Saint-Siège, 1990

Officier de la Légion d'honneur, 1991

Commandeur de l'Ordre national du mérite, France 1999

Commander of the National Order of Merit, Italy 2001

B. Željko Horvatić

Born on 6 August 1934, in Sisak, Croatia

Finished elementary and secondary school in Zagreb; graduated in 1956, postgraduate degree (1962) and Doctorate (1977), Law School, University of Zagreb

1956-1957: Assistant Judge, District Court in Zagreb

1957-1963: Judge and President of the Court, District Court in Delnice, Croatia

1963-1967: Legal Adviser and Director of Common Affairs, Hidrotehna Company, Zagreb, posted in Cairo

1967-1977: Counsellor, Ministry of Justice of Croatia

1977-1987: Professor of Criminal Law, International Criminal Law and Criminology; Vice-Dean, Dean Law School, University of Rijeka, Croatia; Vice Rector, University of Rijeka, Croatia; and Head of University Association

1987: Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and International Criminal Law; Dean, Head of Department for Criminal Law; and Head of Postgraduate Study in Criminal Sciences, Law School, University of Zagreb; Vice-President of the Board of Directors, University of Zagreb; President of the Law Teachers Election Committee for all Croatian universities; Professor of Criminology, Criminal Policy and Criminal Law on High and Higher Studies at the Police Academy of Zagreb; and Professor of Criminology and of Mentally Disordered Persons

Legal status on postgraduate study of social and forensic psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb

President of the Academy of Legal Sciences of Croatia; President of the Association of Teachers and Other Scientists, Zagreb; visiting professor at universities in the United States of America (Yale and Duke), Germany (Freiburg), Italy (Rome, Trieste, Padova and Catania), Austria (Vienna and Graz), Poland (Torun and Krakow), Hungary (Budapest), Slovenia (Ljubljana), the Netherlands (The Hague), etc.

Published over 100 scientific articles and 6 books

In the last 10 years, carried out the following duties: President of the Government (Ministry of Justice) commission for drafting the new Croatian penal code; President of the Government (Ministry of Justice) commission for drafting the new Croatian contravention law; President of the Government (Ministry of Justice) commission for drafting the new law on mentally disordered persons; State Adviser in the Ministry of Justice of Croatia; member of the Ministry of Justice Commission for the Bar Exam; President of the Government Commission for War Crimes; member of the Croatian Parliament Commission for Constitutional Issues and the Political System

Since Croatia became a member of the Council of Europe in 1996, head of the delegation of Croatia to the European Committee on Crime Problems and, since 2001, member of its Bureau; 1997-2001, member of the Multidisciplinary Group on Corruption of the Council of Europe and member of its Bureau; since 1993, member/head of the delegation of Croatia to meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; member of the delegation of Croatia and Vice-President of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Vienna, 2000); representative of Croatia to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (1996-2000); representative of Croatia to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption (2001); and member of the Executive Board of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme