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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 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2020

Election of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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 eighth meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 22 October 2020, for the purpose of electing 12 members of the Subcommittee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (section II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2020 (section I). Thirteen members will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2022 (section III).
2. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Subcommittee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution, gender representation and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and III of the present document; the biographical data, including in respect of professional background, of current members can be found on the web page of the Subcommittee (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).
3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.



I. Members of the Subcommittee whose terms expire on 31 December 2020

4. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee, under “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Cheikh Tourad Abdel Malick	Mauritania	30 November 2019
Satyabhoosun Gupt Domah	Mauritius	1 January 2017
Malcolm Evans	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24 August 2009
Daniel Fink	Switzerland	25 April 2018
María Dolores Gómez	Argentina	1 January 2017
Marina Langfeldt	Germany	8 January 2020
Petros Michaelides	Cyprus	1 January 2017
Kosta Mitrovic	Serbia	1 January 2017
Abdallah Ounnir	Morocco	1 January 2017
June Caridad Pagaduan Lopez	Philippines	1 January 2013
Zdenka Perović	Montenegro	1 January 2017
Victor Zaharia	Republic of Moldova	1 January 2013

II. Persons nominated by States parties

5. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 18 May 2020, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Subcommittee by 18 August 2020. All the curricula vitae received by that deadline, as provided by the States parties concerned, are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after the deadline.

6. Pursuant to article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Subcommittee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Cheikh Tourad Abdel Malick ^a	Mauritania
Massimiliano Bagolini	Italy
Marie Brasholt	Denmark
Mario Luis Coriolano ^b	Argentina
Jakub Julian Czepek	Poland
Satyabhoosun Gupt Domah ^a	Mauritius
Kadidia Doucoure Traore	Mali

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ammar Dwaik	State of Palestine
Marco Feoli Villalobos	Costa Rica
Daniel Fink ^a	Switzerland
Akouavi Inès Laurenda Hadonou Toffoun	Benin
Marina Langfeldt ^a	Germany
Kosta Mitrovic ^a	Serbia
Ioana Mihaela Morar	Romania
Aisha Shujune Muhammad ^b	Maldives
Andrew Christoffel Nissen	South Africa
Abdallah Ounnir ^a	Morocco
Zdenka Perović ^a	Montenegro

^a Current member.

^b Former member.

III. Members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2022

7. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee entitled “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Patricia Arias	Chile	1 January 2019
Carmen Comas-Mata Mira	Spain	1 January 2019
Marija Definis-Gojanovic	Croatia	1 January 2015
Hameth Saloum Diakhate	Senegal	1 January 2019
Roberto Michel Fehér Pérez	Uruguay	1 January 2015
Suzanne Jabbour	Lebanon	1 January 2019
Gnambi Garba Kodjo	Togo	1 January 2015
Nika Kvaratskhelia	Georgia	1 January 2019
Catherine Paulet	France	27 January 2014
María Luisa Romero	Panama	1 January 2019
Nora Sveaass	Norway	1 January 2015
Juan Pablo Vegas	Peru	1 January 2019
Sophia Vidali	Greece	1 January 2019

Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates*

Cheikh Tourad Abdel Malick (Mauritania)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

18 March 1965, Néma, Mauritania

Working languages

French (excellent), Arabic (excellent), English (fair)

Professional and educational background

Diplôme d'études approfondies en droit international public (postgraduate diploma in public international law). Until 11 June 2018, I held a ministerial-level position as Commissioner for Human Rights in the Government of Mauritania. During my tenure, I supervised the establishment of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture. I also served as Director of Human Rights in the Ministry of Justice for two years, which allowed me to gain familiarity with the prison service and detention procedures and to visit several places of deprivation of liberty.

Current position/function

I currently work as a consultant, and in this capacity I have been asked by various partner organizations to provide technical support to national human rights institutions. For example, I led workshops for the national mechanism for the prevention of torture with funding from the German Agency for International Cooperation and prepared an action plan for the National Human Rights Commission with funding from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Main professional activities

A lawyer by training, between 2000 and 2015 I held the positions of Head of Department, Director and Director-General of Human Rights.

I was a founder member of the National Human Rights Commission (serving from 2007 to 2013), the principal interface with international human rights mechanisms between 2007 and 2018, and a member of several commissions, including the one tasked with drafting the law establishing the national mechanism for the prevention of torture. I have also been one of the main contributors to the reports of Mauritania to the treaty bodies, including the one considered by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in May 2018. As already mentioned, I now offer consultancy services in the area of human rights.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I have participated in several events and workshops related to the prevention of torture, including those organized by the Association for the Prevention of Torture.

Between 2007 and 2008, I coordinated the project Access to Justice for the Poor, implemented in partnership with the World Bank, which enabled human rights organizations to take several measures for the benefit of persons deprived of their liberty.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

A member of the Subcommittee active since 10 February 2020, I participated in its first session of 2020 and have overseen a number of tasks as country rapporteur.

Furthermore, among other activities, I contributed to the discussions which led to the drafting of the Advice of the Subcommittee to States parties and national preventive mechanisms relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic (CAT/OP/10).

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I have recently published several works, including:

- A module on the international human rights protection system, covering the role and tasks of the Subcommittee, which was published at a capacity-building workshop for members of the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania on 15 November 2019
- An essay on public health imperatives versus human rights in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, published on the CRIDEM website on 8 April 2020
- The action plan of the National Human Rights Commission of Mauritania for the period 2020–2022, published in December 2019 (co-authored with Amadou Abdoul Dia)

Massimiliano Bagaglini (Italy)**Date and place of birth**

26 September 1964

Working languages

Italian, English.

Professional background

Since 2016 he is member of the Office of the National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Detained or Deprived of Liberty, the Italian National Preventive Mechanism under OPCAT, Rome, (Italy). First Police Officer of the National Department of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior, assigned to the National Guarantor as independent public body.

Educational background

- Degree in Political Sciences at University of Padua (Italy), 2003.
- PhD in Social Policy and Local Development at the University of Teramo, Italy, (2007).
- Master in Management and Politics of the Public Administrations at the LUISS University of Rome – School of Government in collaboration with the National School of Administration (2015).
- Advanced training course in “Sciences of Security” at the Faculty of Law of the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (2019).

Current position/function

Head of the Unit “Deprivation of Liberty and Migrants” and, *ad interim*, Head of the Unit “Deprivation of Liberty by the Police Forces” at National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Detained or Deprived of Liberty. He’s in charge for the coordination of the Units regarding: a) Visits to the detention facilities for migrants (repatriation centers, hotspots, air, land and sea border zones; b) Monitoring forced return operations; c) Visits to the law enforcement holding cells nationwide.

Main professional activities

He has participated in many monitoring visits carried out by the National Guarantor to different penal institutions and to police security rooms in Italy, drafting reports to the relevant authorities. As head of unit of the National Guarantor, he has visited all the administrative detention facilities for migrants in Italy, including hotspots and borders facilities, drafting the relevant thematic reports addressed by the National Guarantor to the Ministry of Interior. He has conducted a conspicuous number of forced return operation monitorings, drafting of quarterly reports on the monitoring of forced return flights. He’s a member of the European Pool of Monitors. He has collaborated in the preparation of the National Guarantor’s 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports to the Italian Parliament.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

In 2007/2008 he was permanent consultant at Ministry of Justice, Secretariat of the Under-Secretary of State as expert in prisoners and former prisoners reintegration’s policies at national and local level and for the management of the projects financed by the European Union relating to prisoners’ education, employment, vocational training and security. From 2003 to 2010, he was member of the National Board of the Antigone Onlus per i Diritti e le Garanzie nel Sistema Penale, NGO, an Italian non-profit association operating for the guarantees of prisoner’s rights and in the penal law. In 2005, he coordinated the activities aimed at creating the Antigone Study and Documentation Center (www.associazioneantigone.it) giving birth and implementing several research projects on the subject “prison and punishment” in Italy and in Europe. In 2006 and 2007, he held the

function of national and regional observer on the conditions of detention in Italy by carrying out visits to various penal institutions.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

He edited for the National Guarantor the following volumes:

- “Norms and normativity – Standard for Deprivation of Liberty of Migrants – Collections of Recommendations 2016–2018”.
- Guidelines for the Monitoring of Forced Returns (2019)
- Protection of Fundamental Rights in Forced Returns Operations (2019)

Marie Brasholt (Denmark)**Date and place of birth**

24 September 1965, Skibsted, Denmark

Working languages

Danish (mother tongue), English, Spanish, German, Norwegian, Swedish, some French

Professional background

Public doctor with a specialist degree in public health

Educational background

- M.D., University of Aarhus, Denmark 1996
- Specialization in public health and administrative medicine 2008
- Diplomas in medical research (University of Aarhus, Denmark 1993), tropical medicine (Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden 1997) and leadership (Denmark's Technical University 2017)
- University courses in health law (U. of Copenhagen 2004) and medical anthropology (U. of Aarhus 2005)

Current position/function

- Senior medical advisor in DIGNITY – the Danish Institute against Torture since 2015
- Member of the Danish NPM since 2015
- Clinical associate professor at the University of Copenhagen since 2017
- Member of the International Forensic Expert Group since early 2020

Main professional activities

- 6 years clinical working experience from hospitals in Denmark
- More than 10 years working experience from the regional and national health authorities in Denmark including 2 years as supervisor of authorized health professionals
- Several missions as a volunteer and consultant to development projects in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia prior to joining DIGNITY – the Danish Institute against Torture in 2015
- Main functions in DIGNITY:
 - Member of the Danish NPM (visits to a variety of institutions in Denmark and the Faroe Islands)
 - Capacity building of partners in the MENA region, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia on aspects related to torture, e.g. preventive monitoring, documentation of torture and the consequences of torture
 - Knowledge generation, e.g. research, drafting of manuals and evidence-based factsheets on torture

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Member of the drafting group for the new Istanbul Protocol and actively involved in the development of one of the protocol's two new chapters
- Involved in providing inputs to CPT prior to their recent visit to Denmark

- Panellist and speaker in international meetings and seminars about torture, e.g. COVID-19 and prisons/detention centres (IRCT 2020), Implementing OPCAT in Australia (Australia OPCAT Network 2020), The relationship between civil society and the NPM (Zahid Mubarek Trust/Irish Penal Reform Trust 2020), International Seminar on Enhancing Monitoring Methodologies for NPMs (DIGNITY 2019), Conference on Solitary Confinement (DIGNITY 2017), OSCE Human Dimension Committee meeting on the prevention of torture (2017), Prison Health Symposium (University of Glasgow 2016)

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Voices of torture survivors in Tanzania: A qualitative study. Torture Journal 2018 (3); 92–103
- Torture and torture practices in Tanzania: Knowledge, attitudes and practices among medical professionals. Torture Journal 2019 (2): 70–80
- Protocol on Medico-Legal Documentation of Sleep Deprivation. Torture Journal 2019 (2): 28–55
- IFEG Statement on Conversion Therapy. Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine 2020 (72)
- Monitoring Health in Places of Detention (forthcoming, DIGNITY 2020)

Mario Luis Coriolano (Argentina)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth

8 December 1960, La Plata, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina

Working languages

Spanish and English

Professional background

Lawyer, public defender, university professor, criminologist, member of various United Nations bodies

Current position/function

Public defender before the high courts since 1998 and professor of procedural law at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of La Plata since 1984. Won appointments to each of these posts by public competition.

Main professional activities

As a lawyer and public defender, handle litigation in criminal cases at the local and international levels – before the Inter-American human rights system and some United Nations treaty bodies. Created, in 2000, a register of cases of torture and other ill-treatment, which is used to produce periodic reports for local authorities that are also transmitted to international human rights bodies such as the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Teach on a regular basis at the National University of La Plata and as a visiting professor at other universities. Serve as director of the University's institutional violence clinic, which considers institutional reform litigation and produces reports and recommendations. Provide technical assistance in support of the monitoring activities undertaken by Governments and national preventive mechanisms.

Chair the Forum for Democratic Justice, which promotes legislative reform and continued improvements in various institutions.

Educational background

Lawyer and a qualified university professor, specializing in criminology – have taught at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of La Plata since 1984. Appointed to these posts by public competition.

Other main activities related to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Served two terms as a member of the Subcommittee and played a central role in shaping the structure and functioning of this new treaty body during its early years. Also served as its Vice-Chair. Other work for the Subcommittee included promoting links with the Committee against Torture and the Special Rapporteur on torture, which allowed for the coordination of activities. Similarly, promoted and established links with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and its Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, thus spearheading efforts to build bridges between the universal and Inter-American human rights systems.

Served as an independent expert on the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, to which I was elected in the light of my professional experience. While a member of the Committee, including as Chair, I fostered interactive dialogue between independent experts, States parties and civil society organizations. Represented my region as a member of the

Working Group on Communications under the complaint procedure of the Human Rights Council (established pursuant to Council resolution 5/1), for two terms.

These activities are supported by my academic work in different countries.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- *Red para la lucha contra la tortura. Implementación del Protocolo Facultativo a la Convención contra la tortura y otros tratos o penas crueles, inhumanos o degradantes*. Book sponsored by the Argentine Ministry of Justice and Human Rights.
- “Monitoreo a los lugares de detención de niñas, niños y adolescentes: actuación en red. Rol de la defensa pública”. Paper presented at the international seminar on systems for the supervision and monitoring of conditions of detention of children and adolescents in conflict with the law, organized by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).
- *Fortalecimiento de la prevención y prohibición de la tortura y otros tratos o penas crueles, inhumanos o degradantes*. Book published by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Association for the Prevention of Torture.

Jakub Julian Czepek (Poland)**Date and place of birth**

4 August 1981, Olsztyn, Poland

Working languages

English, French

Professional background

University professor, human rights lawyer

Educational background

2000–2005: Law Studies at University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Faculty of Law and Administration; 2011: Ph.D. (Doctor of Law) at the Faculty of Law and Administration, Nicolas Copernicus University in Toruń. Thesis: State's Positive Obligations in the Sphere of First Generation Human Rights (supervisor prof. dr hab. Tadeusz Jasudowicz).

Current position/function

Assistant professor at Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

Coordinator of Studies in English; specialization: International Relations, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

Main professional activities

Lecturer at Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland (subjects: Human rights protection, International Humanitarian Law, European Bioethical Standards, Human Rights in the UN System etc.).

Expert in trainings of Polish Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA). Trainings: human rights protection in the actions of CBA. These trainings also include human rights (both UN and CoE) standards on the rights of detainees and conditions of detention (since 2016)

Law firm expert on applications to European Court of Human Rights (since 2012)

Author of numerous scientific publications in national and international journals and of text-books concerning international law of human rights; main contractor in scientific project concerning Pilot Judgment Procedure in the ECHR practice.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

2015: Expert in series of missions organized by the Council of Europe. Anti-discrimination training for law enforcement officials in Romania. These missions were dedicated to various police forces (gendarmerie, prison officers etc.). One of the elements of the training focused on international human rights standards concerning conditions of imprisonment;

2015: Expert in Council of Europe missions in Bulgaria – project “Human rights protection and further development of necessary skills and knowledge of police officers, especially those working in multi-ethnic environment, including Roma communities”. These missions also partially included UN and CoE standards concerning conditions of detention and protection of rights of detainees;

2019: Expert in Trainings for European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training – Cepol; Trainings in 2020 were postponed due to the COVID 19 crisis.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- J. Czepek, *Positive obligation of the state in the area of first-generation human rights against the background of European Convention on Human Rights*, Olsztyn 2014; J. Czepek, *The Application of the Pilot Judgment Procedure and Other Forms of Handling Large-Scale Dysfunctions in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights*, ICLR, Vol 20 No 3–4, 2018, Brill; J. Czepek, *European Court of Human Rights on Enforced Disappearances*, Case-Law Study, Internal Security, Vol. 5, Iss. 1, 2013.

Satyabhooshun Gupt Domah (Mauritius)**Date and place of birth**

30 September 1946, Mauritius

Working languages

English and French

Professional background

Legal and judicial

Current position/function

- Judge of Appeal, Seychelles Court of Appeal.
- Legal Consultant International Law Chambers (Stevens Associates).
- Lecturer in Constitutional Law.
- Public lecturer in Human Rights Advocacy.
- Chairperson of Mauritius Ethics Committee.
- Chairperson of Financial Reporting Council (Mauritius).
- Author of professional law books for law practitioners and students.

Educational background

- Doctorate in law (Comparative English, French and Mauritian civil law (Aix-Marseille University, France);
- Masters in Law in Public International Law (University College London);
- Bar Examination (Council of Legal Education) London as Member of Middle Temple;
- Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

Main professional activities

I started as a Magistrate involved in hearing cases of police abuse and worked my way as a Master who is the Accounting Officer for the Judiciary as a whole before being elevated to the post of Supreme Court Judge deciding on the rights of citizens under the rule of law. When I was not on the Bench, I was at the Bar from private practice or in public office: i.e. at the Attorney-General's Office. I also occupied in course of my career positions of Ag Director of Public Prosecutions, Ag Solicitor General, Parliamentary Counsel etc. At the Attorney-General's Office, I was responsible for International Law dealing with Mauritian obligations under the various bilateral and international treaties, including its obligations under the United Nations system: i.e. preparing country reports for treaty bodies and ensuring compliance with recommendations; accompanying and briefing Ministers of Justice and Attorneys-General for national, regional and international conferences etc.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I have participated in or to deliver lectures, key-note addresses or to run legal, judicial or related workshops in the national, regional and international fora: inter alia, Africa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, La Reunion, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand, Seychelles, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States. These have been at the invitation of, or sponsored by, national or international organizations and/or universities such as: African Union, British Council, COMESA, SADC, UN, Commonwealth Secretariat, CMJA, CJEI, European Community, USIS, Chinese and Japanese Universities, International Association for the Prevention of Torture, A3 Initiative for the Prevention of Torture in Africa etc.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

A number of country reports as the Rapporteur under UNCAT as a recent member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (2011 to 2015) with regard to their obligations under the Convention. I have also produced session Reports for the UNCAT sessions on interim measures. Additionally, I have been the Rapporteur of the activities of UNCAT to the UN General Assembly for two years. I have been a writer of fiction for BBC (World Service) on rights-based issues of emergent nations. I have delivered a number of judgments upholding the human rights of citizens and lectured on the development of a human rights jurisprudence in the courts.

Kadidia Doucoure Traore (Mali)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

31 December 1959, Gao, Mali

Working languages

French

Current position/function

Vice-Chair of the National Human Rights Commission, with responsibility for coordinating the activities of the subcommissions on torture prevention, promotion of human rights and protection of human rights, and of the working groups on vulnerable persons, international humanitarian law (which I chair) and other issues.

Main professional activities

- Lawyer registered with the Bar Association of Mali and duty counsel at the International Criminal Court
- Member of the Bar Council (three terms)
- Chair of the Association of Women Jurists of Mali, with responsibility for informing women and children about their rights and representing them before the courts, the prison system and investigative units
- Member of the bureau of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers
- Member of the association *Avocats sans frontières*, with responsibility for monitoring prisons and investigative units and following up on recommendations to the authorities
- Member of the association *Plateforme des femmes leaders au Mali* (Platform of Women Leaders of Mali)
- Member of Lions Clubs International (activities to help the world's poor)

Educational background

Maîtrise en sciences juridiques (master's degree in law) from the National School of Administration of Mali, 1984.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Vice-Chair of the National Human Rights Commission and member of its torture prevention subcommission. Monitor places of detention to assess the conditions in which persons deprived of their liberty by investigative units and other detainees are held in police custody, with a view to making recommendations to the competent authorities
- Legal expert on persons deprived of their liberty, investigative units, short-stay prisons and the Malian and international legislation applicable to criminal investigation officers and prison guards throughout the country
- Consultant on gender-based violence, the advocacy project on the adoption of the Personal and Family Code in Mali, the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Annual report of the National Human Rights Commission (2018)
- Alternative report of the National Human Rights Commission on the prevention of torture (2018)

Ammar Dwaik (State of Palestine)**Date and place of birth**

23 April 1972, Hebron (Palestine)

Working languages

Arabic (Mother tongue)

English

Professional background

- Director General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) in Palestine (NHRI of Palestine) since August, 2015.
- Formerly Assistant Professor of Public Policy/Public Administration at Birzeit University (2013–2015)
- Chief Electoral Officer of the Palestinian Elections Commission (2004–2006)
- Human Rights officer with the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (1999–2001)
- Police Officer (1995–1997)

As the head of ICHR, he supervises visits to all detention and liberty deprivation facilities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (on average 1000 visits per year) and was personally involved in several factfinding missions to investigate incidents of in-custody death. In 2015, he led the preparation process for ICHR re-accreditation with the UN Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) maintaining its “A” status that underscores the full independency of the Commission. Furthermore, he supervises training and capacity building programs for prisons officials and security forces on relevant international standards. Under his supervision and for the first time in Palestine, ICHR developed a prison assessment instrument with 61 indicators to serve as the baseline for the situation of Palestinian prisons. Currently he is involved in drafting the Palestinian Law on the NPM.

As a human rights officer at OHCHR, he was involved in developing and delivering trainings to prisons’ officials on relevant international standards.

Current position/function

- Director General of Palestine Independent Commission for Human Rights.
- Chairman and member of the executive committee the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions.
- Member of the Governing Board of the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen (AOM)
- Nominated to be the Asia Pacific Form (APF) representative to GHANRI subcommittee on Accreditation (SCA)
- Member of the Justice Sector Coordination Council in Palestine.

Educational background

- PhD in Social Policy and Management. Brandeis University, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Massachusetts, USA (2006–2012)
- Masters of Law in Law and Government. American University, Washington College of Law (WCL-AU). Washington, DC. USA (2001–2002)
- Police Academy, Faculty of Specialized officers – Egypt (1994/1995)
- High Diploma in police science

- Law Degree. Al Yarmouk University, Faculty of Law – Jordan (1991–1994)
- Special Course on Human Rights (1999). University of Oxford.

Main professional activities

- In charge of the overall management of ICHR, including the supervision of its field offices in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Acts as an Ombudsman; following up on complaints against Palestinian public intuitions (handling over 2000 complaints per year).
- Supervises ICHR reporting process to UN treaty committees. (supervised ICHR's shadow reports for CEDAW, CRC, and ICERD committees – CAT report in progress)
- In charge of formulating international cooperation projects. He was the leader of a twinning project with the Danish Institute for Human Rights.
- Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
- Led an advocacy campaign to urge the State of Palestine to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) leading to its ratification in December 2017; becoming the fifth State party in the MENA region.
- Led national consultations in partnership with the Ministry of Interior on the NPM model for Palestine. In this context, he supervised the organization of an international conference in Amman, Jordan in partnership with Penal Reform International MENA Office to discuss the proposed NPM model for Palestine and provide a platform for exchange with other regional and international NPMs.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Ammar Dwaik, Future of Public Basic Services in the West bank and Gaza, Carnegie Middle East Center, September 2014 <http://carnegie-mec.org/2014/09/17/future-of-public-and-basic-services-in-west-bank-and-gaza>
- Dwaik, A., Death Penalty in Palestine: The Legal Framework and The International Human Rights Standards, (PICCR:Ramallah) 1999

Marco Feoli Villalobos (Costa Rica)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth

9 January 1979, San José

Working languages

Spanish, advanced English, intermediate Italian

Professional background

- Research coordinator, United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, 2018–2019
- Deputy Minister of Justice and Minister of Justice of Costa Rica, 2015–2018
- Official of the Costa Rican judiciary, 2000–2015

Current position/function

Professor at the Faculty of Humanities of the National University of Costa Rica, teaching the course “Prisons, violence and justice systems”.

Main professional activities

Teacher and researcher at the National University of Costa Rica on subjects related to prison systems, human rights and judicial powers. As part of my academic work, I also carry out social action projects in Costa Rican prisons.

Educational background

- *Doctor del programa estado de derecho y buen gobierno* (doctorate in the rule of law and good governance), University of Salamanca
- *Máster en democracia y buen gobierno* (master’s degree in democracy and good governance), University of Salamanca
- *Máster* (master’s degree) in human rights, National University of Costa Rica
- *Licenciado en derecho* (bachelor’s degree in law), University of Costa Rica

Other main activities related to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Have 20 years of experience in connection with the criminal justice system, having worked both as a public defender and as a Constitutional Court lawyer. Held the post of Deputy Minister and then Minister of Justice of Costa Rica, in which the country’s prison system was my main responsibility. As Deputy Minister and Minister, promoted an agenda in keeping with the United Nations vision of criminal justice, which included the adoption of laws providing for gender-sensitive alternatives to deprivation of liberty and the building of prisons conducive to social integration.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- “El nuevo protagonismo de los jueces: una propuesta para el análisis del activismo judicial” in *Revista de Derecho Universidad Católica del Norte*, Chile, vol. 22, No. 2 (2015), pp. 173–198.
- “Las cortes súper poderosas” in *Revista Pensamiento Jurídico*, Colombia, No. 41 (2015), pp. 127–162.

- “Reforma judicial en Costa Rica y profesionalización de la judicatura (1990 a 2013)” in *Acta Sociológica*, National Autonomous University of Mexico, year XLV, No. 72 (May–August 2016), pp. 129–148.
- “Vis a Vis: Reincidencia y sanción penal” in *Revista Nuevo Humanismo*, National University of Costa Rica, vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 7–32.

Daniel Fink (Switzerland)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

25 June 1953, Trogen, Switzerland

Working languages

French, English and German. Understand Spanish and Italian

Professional background

An active member of the Subcommittee since 2018 and an experienced teacher and researcher on prisons and undisputed specialist on issues of deprivation of liberty in Switzerland.

Educational background

1996–2016: Management courses/training on statistics, Swiss Federal Statistical Office.

1987–1994: Courses on humanitarian law and human rights, International Committee of the Red Cross.

1989–1992: Certificate in politics and international relations, University of South Africa.

1976–1989: Doctorate in educational sciences and studies in philosophy, social sciences and education at the University of Basel, Switzerland and then the University of Paris V.

Current position/function

Since 2018: Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (head of the regional team on Europe since 2019).

Since 2017: Researcher and independent expert on police, justice and prison issues in Switzerland and Europe, organizer of exhibitions on deprivation of liberty.

Since 2011: Lecturer (associate member since 2019) at the Forensic Science School of the University of Lausanne and, since 2014, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lucerne.

Main professional activities

2011–2016: Senior Researcher in Crime and Criminal Justice, Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

1996–2010: Head of the Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics Unit, Federal Statistical Office, Bern and Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

1994–1995: Research assistant and deputy to the Secretary-General, Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bern.

1987–1994: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva. Delegate, officer responsible for Iran and Iraq and personal assistant to the President of the Committee. Humanitarian and protection activities; missions to Israel/occupied Arab territories, Senegal, South Africa and Sudan (now South Sudan); and visits to detention centres.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Lecturing activities with police, justice and prison authorities in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Switzerland and Tunisia, and prison visits in that framework
- Statistical and historical research on the Swiss and European prison systems
- In-depth studies on the links between penal systems and the application and enforcement of criminal penalties

- Exhibitions on deprivation of liberty
- Member of the committee of the Swiss Criminology Group, since 2010
- Chair of the Official Statistics Section of the Swiss Statistical Society, since 2015
- President of the association rechercheprison.suisse, since 2010
- Auditor of the European Society of Criminology, since 2010

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- “Monitoring of Prisons in Portugal and Switzerland”, conference proceedings (forthcoming).
- *Privazione della libertà e prigionia in Ticino e in Svizzera* (Bellinzona, Switzerland, Cantonal Statistical Office of Ticino, forthcoming).
- “The Portuguese Prison Photo Project”, conference proceedings (Porto, Portugal, “Culture, Space and Memory” Transdisciplinary Research Centre, 2019).
- *Freiheitsentzug in der Schweiz. Formen, Effizienz, Bedeutung* (Zürich, Switzerland, NZZ Libro, 2018).
- *La prison en Suisse. Un état des lieux* (Lausanne, Switzerland, Presses polytechniques et universitaires romandes, 2017).

Akouavi Inès Laurenda Hadonou Toffoun (Benin)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

3 October 1979, Ouidah, Benin

Working languages

French and English

Current position/function

- Lecturer/researcher at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Parakou, Benin, and Catholic University of West Africa, Benin
- Director of Human Rights and Children's Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Legislation, Benin

Main professional activities

- Education, training and awareness-raising in human rights and humanitarian law
- Ensuring respect for United Nations minimum standards on detention
- Overseeing the preparation of periodic reports on the implementation of international human rights instruments and the submission of those reports to the competent international bodies
- Preparing action plans for vulnerable social groups with a view to improving the promotion and protection of their rights.
- Assisting children in conflict with the law during judicial proceedings and the execution of court decisions

Educational background

- *Doctorat en histoire du droit et des institutions* (doctorate in history of law and institutions), University of Abomey-Calavi
- *Diplôme d'études approfondies* (postgraduate diploma) in environmental law and policy, University of Lomé and University of Maastricht, Netherlands
- Master's degree in business law and judicial studies

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Cooperation with the Benin Human Rights Commission
- Cooperation with the UNESCO Chair in Democracy and Human Rights
- Improving the alignment of domestic law with the provisions of international instruments
- Verifying allegations of violations of human rights and humanitarian law and investigating complaints of any such violations
- Carrying out social investigations ordered by the courts for the purpose of prevention, in connection with the commission of an offence, or in proceedings related to the status of minors
- Working to protect and defend the rights and freedoms of citizens, persons deprived of liberty, foreigners and refugees

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- *Quinze ans d'application du code des personnes et de la famille* (forthcoming).
- “L’emprisonnement du mineur au Bénin : tremplin ou pis-aller ?” (December 2017).
- *La filiation adoptive en Afrique noire francophone de 1895 à nos jours : les exemples du Bénin et du Sénégal* (2014).

Marina Langfeldt (Germany)**Date and place of birth**

16 February 1953 in Eutin in the Federal Republic of Germany

Working languages

German, English, French

Professional background

Expert on criminal justice who has served Germany at regional and federal level, the Council of Europe and the European Union

Current position/function

- Member of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
- Certified Mediator, special focus on intercultural mediation and health issues
- Legal Expert, author of academic publications on human rights and health issues
- Senior Public Prosecutor at the General Public Prosecutor's Office in Zweibrücken (retired)

Educational background

- 1971–1976 Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel, Germany: First State Examination in Law
- 1976–1979 Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein: Second State Examination in Law (German Bar Examination)
- 2000: Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel: Dr. jur. (PhD) – thesis on constitutional and penal law
- 2014–2016 interculture.de e.V. Berlin: Certified Mediator

Main professional activities

- 10 years as Public Prosecutor in two different Public Prosecution Services in Germany
- 10 years as Senior Public Prosecutor in the General Public Prosecutor's Office in Zweibrücken, Germany
- 8 years in leading functions in three Ministries of Justice at regional and federal level
- 4 years as Judicial Clerk to a Judge at the German Constitutional Court
- 3 years as an Expert on Criminal Justice in the European Assistance Mission to the Albanian Justice System in Tirana
- 2 years as Resident Twinning Advisor in the EU IPA 2008 Twinning Project "Support to the Reform of Criminal Proceedings" in Zagreb, Croatia
- 1 year as Resident Twinning Advisor in the EU IPA 2010 Twinning Project on "Improved Relations between Mass Media and Judiciary" in Ankara, Turkey

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Inspection of police offices in Germany, Albania and Croatia
- Inspection of prisons in the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in Eastern Germany after the reunification of Germany with focus on all aspects of human rights

- Analysing human rights cases as Judicial Clerk to a Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court
- General management skills – including intercultural mediation – in managing projects on justice issues throughout a career of more than 40 years’ duration in Germany, Albania, Croatia and Turkey
- Broad experience of re-organization of justice systems and analytical research studies
- Scientific Expert on the Council of Europe’s European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Project Group “Europe in a Time of Change: crime policy and criminal law”, Recommendations on Crime Policy in a time of change

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Margarete Osterfeld, Hadil Labadibi, Marina Langfeldt: Einhaltung der Menschenrechte in der Psychiatrie, Nationale und internationale Kontrollmechanismen verbunden mit einem interkulturellen Exkurs zur Demenz im Islam (Observance of human rights in psychiatric institutions, national and international control mechanisms with an intercultural note on dementia in Islam), Fortschritte der Neurologie und Psychiatrie 2018; p. 493–499 (Publication with reference to SPT)
- Ein medizinjuristisches Nachwort (A forensic postscript), in Lehmann, Aderhold, Rufer, Zehentbauer, Neue Antidepressiva, atypische Neuroleptika, Risiken, Placebo-Effekte, Niedrigdosierung und Alternativen, Mit einem Exkurs zur Wiederkehr des Elektroschocks, Berlin 2017, p. 234, 237
- L’évolution récente de la justice pénale en ex-R.D.A., *Révue de Droit Pénal et de Criminologie* n° 12/94, p. 1274–1288

Kosta Mitrovic (Serbia)**Date and place of birth**

26 January 1983.

Working languages

English, French

Professional background

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 01/17–01/21; Judge in the Court of Misdemeanors, Belgrade, 09/15–to present; Consultant for Justice Sector Policy for Ministry of Justice Multi Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector Support in Serbia (MDTF-JSS) 02/13–/14;.

Educational background

LLB – Law, The department of international law and international relations, University of Belgrade, Faculty of law, 10/2002–6/2006; Passed BAR exam, University of Belgrade, Faculty of law, 03/2010; LLM-Law, Ethical aspect of the transformation of the rule of law, University of Niš, Faculty of law, 10/2012–10/2013; PhD – Law, “The rule of law as the idea and ethical value”, University of Niš, Faculty of Law, 11/2013–03/2017.

Current position/function

Judge in the Court of Misdemeanors, Elected member of SPT – Subcommittee against torture for the mandate 1 January 2017–1 January 2021.

Main professional activities

- Description: To ensure that the procedure is being conducted according to the rule of law; Transferring knowledge to and training of the internees and volunteers in the fields of Public law and order and Prevention of violence at sports and high-risk events.
- Responsibilities: Reading, researching and evaluating documents; Writing opinions, decisions, and instructions regarding cases, claims, and disputes.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Currently holding the position of a member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Teachings of the Two Major World Systems of Law on Legality and their Unification, *Journal of Criminalistics and Law*, Vol. XIX, No. 2, Belgrade, pp. 137–153.
- Human Rights and the Contemporary Rule of Law, (paper with a co-author M. S. Trajković), *Pravni život*, tom 4, Belgrade, pp. 440–457.
- Legitimacy, Legality and the Rule of Law, *Zbornik radova studenata doktorskih studija prava*, Univerzitet u Nišu, Pravni fakultet, Niš, pp. 249–257.
- The Rule of Law and as the Idea and Ethical Value, doctoral dissertation.
- Prevention on Family Violence and Protection of the Victims in Accordance with Istanbul Convention and National Laws, Kladovo

Ioana Mihaela Morar (Romania)

Date and place of birth

26.02.1978, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Working languages

English, French, Italian, in addition to Romanian native

Professional background

Psychologist

Educational background

PHD in Psychology (“Dysfunctional Cognitive Schemas Emphasized in the Hetero-Aggression of the Anti-Social Individual. Testing the Impact of an Application for the Penitentiary Environment”), MA studies in Social Sciences – “Deviance. Criminality. Social prevention and intervention”, and Law – “Criminal sciences and criminalistics”, and BA in Psychology, relevant trainings for the *treatment of detainees’* domain, in line with international standards: “*Supervising Matters Related to Detention*”, “*Judicial Psychology*”, “*Psychological Profiler*”, “Cognitive and behavioural interventions”, “*Psychodiagnosis and clinical evaluation. Basics*”.

Current position/function

Deputy general director of the Romanian Prison System and Associate Professor at Bucharest University (2018–present, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, “*Psychology of Criminal Behaviour*”); 16 years and 4 months of (uninterrupted) proven working in the field of prison (*deputy general director, director of Social Reintegration Directorate, Head of Psychosocial Assistance, psychologist*) within the Romanian Prison System (20,096 inmates, 12,035 staff – official data at 15.07.2020).

Main professional activities

Administration and prison system management (treatment and rehabilitation of detainees; healthcare & mental healthcare; prison system management, in line with international standards); Identifying solutions for improving the assistance & treatment of inmates, for reducing prison overcrowding, in line with international standards, and elaborating the necessary measure plans (including focusing on ECHR, CPT, SPT problematic aspects); Responsible, at systemic level, for the coordination & collaboration with NGOs profiled on protection and promotion of human rights, and inmate assistance, and rehabilitation, healthcare and mental healthcare; Coordinating and taking part in detention visits, conducting needs assessment and/or evaluation missions of prisons and detention centers, in a holistic approach; identifying and analyzing related problems, trends, gaps in policies, in line with international standards; Coordinating the elaboration of several strategies (e.g. Strategy of the Penitentiary System; Strategy for Reducing the Aggressiveness of Inmates; Strategy for Social Reintegration of Inmates), psychological & social programmes, methodologies, procedures (e.g. case management, prevention of violence, development of prosocial abilities).

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Eastern European Regional Representative in the Steering Committee of the European Prison Education Association (2012–June 2019); Romanian representative for the Council for Penological Co-operation plenary meetings (2018, 2019); expert in European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) working groups; 11 international assignments as expert/consultant: 1 assignment in Azerbaijan (*February 2020*) – Consultant, project “Further support to the Penitentiary Reform in Azerbaijan – 2”, *co-funded by the EU and CoE*; 1 assignment in Lebanon (*August 2019*) – Consultant, project “Strengthening Lebanese Institutions’ capacities to adhere to international norms related to

torture prevention Programme” – *Westminster Foundation for Democracy*; 7 assignments in Moldova (*between 2016–2018*) – Senior non-key expert, project “Support to the Enforcement, Probation and Rehabilitation Systems in Moldova” (*EU project*); 1 assignment in Montenegro (*July–October 2016*) – CoE Consultant, project “Support to the National Institutions in Preventing Discrimination in Montenegro” (*EU & CoE project*); 1 assignment in Algeria (*February 2012*) – Expert (rehabilitation, social reintegration of inmates) approved by the Romanian MoJ.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

1. Morar, I., Motiuk, L. L. & Keown, L-A. (2019). Characteristics of Offenders Participating in the Romanian Prison Service Credit System. *European Journal for Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice*; 2. Morar, I. & Szabo, A. (2019). Inmate-on-staff violence in Romanian prisons: an exploratory analysis in the context of prisonisation processes. *Revista de Asistență Socială*, 1/2019; 3. Morar, I. & Iovu, M. (2017). *Cognitive distortions and core schemas for a population of aggressive inmates*. In M. Tomita (ed.) *The 6th international conference on psycho-social perspectives in quasi-coercive treatment of offenders (SPECTO)* (pp. 58–62).

Aisha Shujune Muhammad (Maldives)

Date and place of birth

23 December 1977, Male', Maldives.

Working languages

English and Dhivehi.

Professional background

I have been in government service since 1997, and became one of the first two female judges of the Maldives upon appointment to the bench of the Civil Court in 2007, on which I presided until resignation in 2014. In 2019, while I was Associate Partner at Nasheed & Co (Law Practice), I was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the first ever Bar Council of Maldives, on which I served until my appointment to the Supreme Court. I also served on the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture from 2011–2018.

Educational background

Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), Royal Institute, Colombo, University of London External, and Master of Laws, University of Western Australia.

Current position/function

Justice of the Supreme Court of Maldives since 4 September 2019, where my main functions are to adjudicate and interpret the law when hearing matters before the court, which includes constitutional matters, matters of original jurisdiction and appeals.

Main professional activities

I have also been elected to represent the Justices of the Supreme Court at the Judicial Service Commission of the Maldives, an independent institution entrusted to investigate complaints against the judiciary, ensure fair disciplinary action, advise the President and parliament on matters relating to the judiciary and the administration of justice. I have also advised and assisted in formulating policies in respect to administration justice. Additionally, I am also involved in the training of judges, and have provided training on matters relating to human rights, including issues related to torture and torture prevention.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I served on SPT for between 2011 and 2018, and was its Vice Chairperson for Jurisprudence and SPT Rapporteur for the duration of my tenure. I have contributed to developing the criminal justice system in Maldives, assisted in developing the Prisons and Parole Act, advised the government on basic minimum standards that are required in prisons, and provided training to prison staff, state officials and civil society on the subject of torture and torture prevention both in and outside of Maldives. I have worked extensively in developing a modern juvenile justice system, assisted in the drafting of the Juvenile Justice Act and provided multiple rounds of training on the subject. I am currently involved in providing input to roll out the Juvenile Justice Act. Additionally, I am a passionate advocate for gender equality.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Although I have no publications relevant to the mandate of SPT, I have been involved in drafting regulations and writing papers that relate to the SPT mandate.

Andrew Christoffel Nissen (South Africa)**Date and place of birth**

28 June 1958, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa

Working languages

English and Afrikaans

Educational background

- Master of Arts: with an emphasis on Indigenous religion and culture – University of Cape Town (1990)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – University of Cape Town (1988)
- Diploma in Theology with emphasis on contextual theology and black theology – Federal Theological Seminary, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (1980)

Professional background

Have held executive and managerial positions in both private and public sectors in the Republic of South Africa. As a social justice activist, Chris has worked with civil society across South African communities and is active as a minister of the Uniting Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

Current position/function

Part-time Commissioner of the National Human Rights Institution in South African (NHRI) responsible for Civil and Political Rights and the National Preventive Mechanism.

Main professional activities

As the Commissioner responsible for civil and political rights, Chris Nissen is often involved in issues relating to migration and refugees, policing and human rights, decriminalisation of petty offences and the status of human rights defenders. These issues have policy implications which often require submissions to and interaction with national authorities such relevant parliamentary portfolio committees and government departments. With the ratification of the OPCAT, Chris Nissen has been the lead Commissioner at the SAHRC overseeing the full implementation of the OPCAT by establishing its National Preventive Mechanism (NPM). On that basis, he has undertaken numerous visits to places of deprivation of liberty in South Africa. These places include, inter alia, correctional centres, police stations, immigration detention centres and secure care facilities for children in conflict with the law.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

As the lead Commissioner in the implementation of the OPCAT in South Africa, Chris Nissen is involved in publicizing the mandate of the NPM through continuous stakeholder engagements with relevant stakeholders such as the bodies designated to undertake the NPM functions, heads of institutions where persons are deprived of their liberty and civil society. With a functional role is South Africa's NPM, Chris Nissen is leading the baseline assessments to places of deprivation of liberty. He also leads the NHRI's work concerning the conduct of law enforcement and security personnel through regular meetings and capacity development initiatives. He is also leading an extensive grassroots level monitoring network in response to the human rights implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is similarly involved in mediation – at own initiative and court-appointed – in community disputes on policing and law enforcement, refugees and asylum seekers and protest action emanating from service delivery related complaints.

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Oversight of the NHRI Report on the Implementation of the OPCAT in South Africa.
- Oversight of the NHRI report to the Committee against Torture.
- Oversight of the Submission to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture at its 41st session.

Abdallah Ounnir (Morocco)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

2 July 1958, Aït Ouribel, Khémisset, Morocco

Working languages

Arabic, French and English

Professional background

Expert/member of the Subcommittee since January 2017.

Civil and judicial affairs expert with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), holding the position of Regional Judicial Affairs Coordinator (1999–2001).

Active member of the Regional Human Rights Commission of Tangier-Tétouan (2012–2016).

Coordinator of the specialized master's programme "Gender and the Rights of Women from Both Shores of the Mediterranean" in the framework of the Trans-European Cooperation Scheme for Higher Education (2008–2016).

Educational background

1980: *Licence en droit* (law degree), Mohammed V University, Rabat.

1984: *Diplôme d'études approfondies* (postgraduate diploma) in criminal law and criminal sciences, University of Social Sciences, Toulouse I, France.

1988: *Doctorat* (doctorate) in criminal law and criminal sciences. Thesis topic: punishment in Moroccan criminal law, University of Social Sciences, Toulouse I.

Current position/function

Professor at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Tangier, Morocco.

Main professional activities

- Teaching of bachelor's and master's degree courses. Supervision of doctoral work
- Expert representing Morocco on the Subcommittee since January 2017
- Rapporteur and head of the Subcommittee's working group on jurisprudence and practice
- Expert and member of the working group set up by the Pompidou Group, in partnership with the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and the Addiction Services Section of the Community Psychiatry Service of Lausanne University Hospital, since June 2014

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Member of the task force of the National Council on Human Rights – my main activities in that capacity included training staff in torture prevention and initiating discussions on bringing national legislation into conformity with international standards
- Training of the Moroccan national preventive mechanism and law enforcement authorities (police, gendarmerie, Auxiliary Forces and prison staff) in torture prevention

- Sharing of expertise with women's non-governmental organizations to combat violence against women
- As a member of the Regional Human Rights Commission of Tangier-Tétouan, applying expertise in immigrants' rights and the fight against human trafficking

List of most recent publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

- Contribution to the reading of the bill on the organization of the National Council on Human Rights.
- *Réflexion sur un appui à l'adoption d'une stratégie nationale de lutte contre l'impunité.*
- *Les avants projets du code pénal et de procédure pénale : quelle philosophie pour quelle législation ?*

Zdenka Perović (Montenegro)**Date and place of birth**

9 July 1963, Podgorica, Montenegro

Working languages

English, Italian, Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian

Professional background

- The District public prosecutor's office 1989/1991, trainee
- Independent entrepreneur 1991/1997, Executive manager
- Ministry of trade, Republic Market Inspector 1097/1998
- Ministry of Justice, 1998/2003, Head of General Affairs and Finance
- Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro 2003/2014 Secretary General

Current position/function

Deputy Ombudsman in charge of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture, protection against torture and the right to trial within a reasonable time,

appointed 27 December 2014, assumed office 20 January 2015

Educational background

University of Montenegro Faculty of Law 1981/1985

Bar Exam 1996

XV International School for Human Rights in Warsaw – Poland 2004

Since the establishment of the Ombudsperson Institution, she has attended numerous professional trainings in the field of human rights, organized for the staff of the Institution.

Main professional activities

In all professional engagements her professional interest was directed towards the protection of human rights, initially the protection of the rights of victims of violence, while working at the prosecutor's office and later the protection of consumer rights.

In the Ministry of Justice, part of which was the Institute for execution of criminal sanctions, met with the question of the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.

Adoption of the Law of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedom of the Montenegro 2003 inspired her interest for direct engagement in the protection of human rights, when joins the first Ombudsman of Montenegro in a demanding work of the establishment of the Ombudsman institution in Montenegro

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

As Secretary General of the Ombudsman institution she has been engaged in the implementation of the mandate of the Ombudsman in protecting the rights of persons deprived of their liberty, and since her appointment as Deputy Ombudsman 2015 she is in charge of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture of Montenegro

In October 2016, she was elected a member of the SPT for the period 2017–2020

**List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the
Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**

Co-author

- Report about Police detention – 2011; Ombudsman UPR report 2012; A special Report of Investigative prison in Podgorica 2012; The NPM reports for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, Publications: “October protests and the application of police powers” 2016, Guide through Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights 2019; “Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights – Prohibition of Torture, Review of the Jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights” 2020
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