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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 to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2012

Election of members to the Subcommittee on Prevention

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fourth meeting of States parties to the Optional Protocol will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva, on Thursday, 25 October 2012, to elect 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2012 (see annex I). The names of the other members, who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee on Prevention until 31 December 2014, appear in annex II.

2. In compliance with article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 9 May 2012, invited the States parties to the Optional Protocol to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention by 9 August 2012. The Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, all the names of persons nominated by 9 August 2012, indicating the States parties that have nominated them. Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after 9 August 2012.

* Late submission.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Ilyas Bakhtybayev	Kazakhstan
Mr. Hans-Jörg Viktor Bannwart	Switzerland
Mr. Andrii Chernousov	Ukraine
Mr. Malcolm Evans	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Filip Glitzmann	Czech Republic
Ms. Lowell Patria Goddard	New Zealand
Ms. Suzanne Jabbour	Lebanon
Mr. Miloš Janković	Serbia
Mr. Ervin Karamuço	Albania
Mr. Gnambi Garba Kodjo	Togo
Ms. Svetlana Kovlyagina	Kazakhstan
Mr. Paul Lam Shang Leen	Mauritius
Mr. Christian Pross	Germany
Ms. Kadidia Sangare Coulibaly	Mali

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

Annexes

Annex I

List of the 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention whose terms expire on 31 December 2012

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Mario Luis Coriolano	Argentina
Ms. Marija Definis-Gojanovic	Croatia
Mr. Malcolm Evans	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ms. Lowell Patria Goddard	New Zealand
Mr. Zdenek Hajek	Czech Republic
Ms. Suzanne Jabbour	Lebanon
Mr. Goran Klemencic	Slovenia
Mr. Paul Lam Shang Leen	Mauritius
Mr. Zbigniew Lasocik	Poland
Ms. Maria Margarida E. Pressburger	Brazil
Mr. Christian Pross	Germany
Mr. Victor Manuel Rodriguez-Rescia	Costa Rica

Annex II**List of the 13 members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee on Prevention until 31 December 2014**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Mari Amos	Estonia
Mr. Arman Danielyan	Armenia
Mr. Emilio Ginés Santidrián	Spain
Mr. Petros Michaelides	Cyprus
Ms. Aisha Shujune Muhammad	Maldives
Mr. Olivier Obrecht	France
Mr. Hans Draminsky Petersen	Denmark
Ms. Judith Salgado	Ecuador
Mr. Miguel Sarre Iguíniz	Mexico
Ms. Aneta Stancevska	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Wilder Tayler-Souto	Uruguay
Mr. Felipe Villavicencio Terreros	Peru
Mr. Fortuné Gaétan Zongo	Burkina Faso

Annex III

Curricula vitae of candidates

Ilyas Bakhtybayev (Kazakhstan)

Date and place of birth: 1 August 1948, № 3 Kyzyl-Tu village, Talgar district, Almaty region

Working languages: Kazakh, Russian

Current position/function

Member of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. As one of the members of the Constitutional Council, takes part in the consideration of laws adopted by the Parliament before they will be signed by the President for compliance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the preparation of responses to the official interpretation of provisions of the Constitution, etc.

Main professional activities

1982–1985: People judge of Auezov district, Alma-Ata city.

1985–1990: The prosecutor of Frunze district, Alma-Ata city.

1990–1991: Consultant, Senior Assistant of the Public Legal Office of the President of the Kazakh SSR.

1991–1994: Prosecutor of Almaty region.

1994–1997: First Deputy of the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

1997–2000: Prosecutor of Kostanai region.

2000–2003: Prosecutor of South Kazakhstan region.

2003–2008: First Deputy of the General Prosecutor of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2008–present: Member of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Educational background

Degree in Law, scholastic degree of Doctor of Laws.

List of most recent publications in the field

The scientific work on the theory and practice of Public Prosecutions, the law enforcement – a monograph and more than 40 publications and articles, presentations at the different seminars, meetings and international scientific conferences.

Hans-Jörg Viktor Bannwart (Switzerland)

Date and place of birth: 26 April 1961, Burgdorf, Canton of Bern, Switzerland

Working languages: German, English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch

Current position/function

2001 to date: Presiding Judge of the Bernina District Court, primary jurisdiction for civil and criminal justice, Poschiavo, Switzerland.

2001 to date: Delegate (short missions) of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva. Humanitarian and protection activities. Visits to detention facilities (Guantanamo, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain and Italy).

Main professional activities

1999–2000 and 1990–1991: ICRC delegate (extended missions). Humanitarian and protection activities. Visits to detention facilities in Algeria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran and Croatia.

1994–1998: Legal adviser, secretary of the board and head of personnel for Kraftwerke Brusio AG/Forze Motrici Brusio SA (now Repower AG), energy production and trading, Poschiavo, Switzerland.

1991–1993: Internship as clerk of the Cantonal Administrative Tribunal of Graubünden and the Cantonal Department of Construction, Transport and Forestry of Graubünden, Switzerland.

Educational background

1981–1988: Master's Degree in Law (civil, constitutional, international, criminal and public law, and history of law), University of Bern, Switzerland.

2000: Training certificate for human rights field experts, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland.

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

Member of the Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peacebuilding, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland. From 1997, electoral observation missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (parliamentary elections 1997–1998) and Palestine (presidential elections 2004).

List of most recent publications in the field

“Der juristische Begriff der Folter” (The legal concept of torture in the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment), thesis, supervised by Professor Walter Kälin, University of Bern, 1997.

Andrii Chernousov (Ukraine)

Date and place of birth: 18 October 1979, Crimea, Ukraine

Working languages: English (fluent), Russian, Ukrainian

Current position/function

CEO of the Association of Independent Monitors, Ukraine; leading expert of Kharkiv Institute for Social Researches.

Main professional activities

NGO activist mainly involved in visiting custodial settings, researcher of torture and ill-treatment, Member of Advisory Board of the Ukrainian Human Rights Ombudsman, Member of the Presidential Commission on Prevention of Torture.

Educational background

University Education: Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs, Kharkiv: Masters Degree in Law, Masters Degree in Sociology, 2001.

Post-graduate Education: Candidate of Sciences (PhD in Sociology), 2005.

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

I was involved in research on police torture and ill-treatment since 2002 and conducted four national monitorings (15,000 people interviewed). I've developed a monitoring toolkit for independent visiting of police custody in 2005. Since that time I've visited more than 60 custodial settings in Ukraine. Due to my initiatives there were made a number of changes and amendments in regulation of police custody in Ukraine. I was the founder of mobile monitoring groups in Ukrainian police, which consist of NGO representatives and police officers from internal investigation units. Since 2009 we've also included in the monitoring childcare homes, orphanages, secure hospitals, migration removal centres, geriatric institutions. We've conducted three East-European NPM Conferences in Ukraine in 2008–2010. I'm also a member of initiative group to promote NPM establishing in Ukraine including development the Law of Ukraine on NPM. In 2012 we've made an inventory list of custodial settings in Ukraine which are the object of monitoring which is now being used as starting point the newly elected Ukrainian Ombudsman.

List of most recent publications in the field

Published over 40 books, manuals and articles on torture and torture prevention, policing, human rights monitoring including:

- Mobile monitoring groups in law-enforcement activity: practical manual, KhISR, 2009 – 546 p.
- Monitoring of unlawful violence in law-enforcement activity in Ukraine, 2011. Results of the sociological survey Kharkiv: 2012 – 208 p.
- Custodial settings in Ukraine, Kharkiv: KhISR, 2012 – 204 p.

Malcolm Evans (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Date and place of birth: 31 December 1959, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Working languages: English, (basic French)

Current position/function

Professor of Public International Law and Deputy Director of the Human Rights Implementation Centre, University of Bristol, United Kingdom.

Main professional activities

Professor of Public International Law, specializing in International Human Rights, in particular issues concerning torture and torture prevention.

Educational background

Secondary Education: Llanrumney High School, Cardiff.

University Education: Regent's Park College, Oxford: BA (1st Class Hons), 1982; D.Phil, 1986.

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

In 2009 I became a member of the SPT. I was Rapporteur for the 4th Annual Report in 2010 and was elected Chair of the SPT in February 2011. I have undertaken three SPT visits, to Lebanon, Liberia and Ukraine with another scheduled for 2012. I have worked on torture and torture prevention issues for over 20 years, initially focusing on the work and practice of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture. I became involved with the Association for the Prevention of Torture (being a member of its board of management from 2000–2009) and contributed to the processes surrounding the drafting of the OPCAT. I was also a member of the Drafting Group which produced the Robben Island Guidelines on Torture Prevention in Africa (2002) and a founder-member of the Civil Society OPCAT Contract Group. I was involved in processes within the OHCHR preparing for the entry into force of the OPCAT and helped with initial development of the SPT. I have participated in many international events and processes concerning torture issues with the United Nations, Council of Europe, African Commission on Human and People's Rights, European Union, ICRC and others. I have also worked extensively with the OSCE on both torture and other human rights issues. I am a member of the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary's Independent Advisory Group on Human Rights.

List of most recent publications in the field

Published over 30 books and articles on torture and torture prevention, including:

- The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2011)
- "The OPCAT at 50", in G. Gilbert, F. Hampson and C. Sandoval (eds.) *The Delivery of Human Rights: Essays In Honour of Professor Sir Nigel Rodley* (London: Routledge, 2011)
- *Combating Torture in Europe* (Council of Europe Press, 2001)
- *Protecting Prisoners* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1999)
- *Preventing Torture: A Study of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture* (Oxford: OUP, 1998)

Filip Glotzmann (Czech Republic)

Date and place of birth: 26 July 1976, Brno, Czech Republic

Working languages: Czech, English, German

Current position/function

2007 to date: Office of the Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman), Brno, Czech Republic.

Head of Office, Statutory Organ.

2007 to date: EU Fundamental Rights Agency, Management Board, Alternate Member for the Czech Republic.

Main professional activities

2005–2007: Office of the Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman), Brno, Czech Republic.

Monitoring Places of Detention Unit (National Preventive Mechanism), Head of Unit.

Systematic visits to places of detention according to OPCAT (prisons, police cells, foreigners' detention centres, psychiatric hospitals, social care homes etc.).

December 2009: Round-Table on Detention Conditions in the EU (Brussels).

2005–2007: Governmental Advisory Committee for the Preventing of Torture. Member.

Educational background

1996–2002: Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno, Czech Republic.

Law and Legal Science.

2001: University of Lapland, Faculty of Law, Rovaniemi, Finland.

Public International Law, EU Law.

2005: Association for Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva, Switzerland.

Establishment of National Preventive Mechanism in the Czech Republic, Professional Training.

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

September–December 2009: Implementation of OPCAT and establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism in Macedonia.

Cooperation between Czech and Macedonian Ombudsman, co-organized by OSCE.

November 2009: Implementation of the OPCAT and establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism in Serbia.

Cooperation between Czech and Serbian Ombudsman, co-organized by OSCE.

Lowell Patria Goddard (New Zealand)

Date and place of birth: 25 November 1948, Auckland, New Zealand

Working languages: English, (basic French and German)

Current position/function

Judge of the High Court of New Zealand (since 1995): a superior Court of inherent and extraordinary jurisdiction, responsible for the most serious criminal and civil cases, for determining constitutional issues, for judicial review of executive action and for all appeals from the District Court; Chair, Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) until May 2012: responsible for civilian oversight of Police and for investigating cases of death or serious injury involving Police. Member, SPT.

Main professional activities

Judge of the High Court: New Zealand's longest serving High Court judge and a member of the Divisional Court of Appeal. Co-author New Zealand Criminal Jury Trials Bench Book and New Zealand Prosecution Guidelines. Chair of numerous judicial committees: for example, the Courts Consultative Committee; the Evidence Recording Committee and the Cultural Education Committee. Former New Zealand judicial representative on the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration. Chair, Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA): independent oversight of Police conduct, practices, policies and procedures; investigation into cases of death or serious bodily injury involving Police (for example deaths in custody); inquiries into complaints about Police conduct. Establishment of a compliant and functioning NPM in relation to Police custody, in accordance with Paris Principles. International capacity-building initiatives relevant to human rights in policing.

Educational background

1974: LLB, Auckland University, New Zealand.

1975: Admitted Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand.

1977: Admitted Barrister and Solicitor, New Hebrides (Vanuatu).

1988: Appointed Queen's Counsel (one of first women to be so appointed).

1992: Deputy Solicitor-General of New Zealand.

1995: Judge of the High Court of New Zealand (first woman of Māori descent to be so appointed).

2007: Chair of Independent Police Conduct Authority.

2008: Distinguished Alumnus of Auckland University.

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

As current member of the SPT: member of the SPT's missions to Ukraine in 2011 and to Argentina in 2012. Contributor at workshops and conferences on behalf of the SPT and as the SPT's Focal Point for the Asia-Pacific Region: in Tirana, Albania; in Canberra, Australia; in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and in Tbilisi, Georgia. Research on the issue of "Development and Torture Prevention". As High Court Judge and Chair, IPCA: capacity building in human rights – through law reform, access to justice and training in litigation skills, both in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands; in establishing a litigation skills course for Pacific Island Law Officers; in convening an international round table on civilian oversight of policing; through training in investigative and interviewing techniques and education on human rights in policing (in Kenya for the Commission of Inquiry established

by Kofi Annan and the African Union; and in Timor-Leste for the United Nations Provedoria for Human Rights and Justice).

List of most recent publications in the field

- New Zealand Human Rights Commission, *Monitoring Places of Detention* (2007–2008)
- New Zealand Police, *Evaluation of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug, Watch-House Nurse Pilot Initiative* (2010)
- *IPCA Inquiry into Police Conduct, Practices, Policies and Procedures Related to Police Investigation of Child Abuse* (2010)
- *Deaths in Custody: Lessons Learned From a 10 Year Review* (2012)
- *Joint Thematic Review of Children and Young Persons in Police Custody* (2012, forthcoming)

Suzanne Jabbour (Lebanon)

Date and place of birth: 1960, Ardé, Zgharta

Working languages: Arabic, English and French

Current position/function

Director of Restart centre for rehabilitation of victims of torture and violence from 2005 until now.

Project director of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programme for Iraqi refugees with the UNHCR. Ongoing project. (Beirut RESTART centre), Project director of protecting children affected by armed conflict in Lebanon, project funded by the European Commission (2010–2013). Project director of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programme inside Tripoli prison September 2010–September 2012 funded by Drosos foundation.

2011: Vice president of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), United Nations Office in Geneva.

2010: Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), United Nations Office in Geneva.

2010: Executive Member in the National Campaign for Reforming Prisons (NCRP) to present.

2009–2010: Member in the working group of the National Human Rights Institute (NHRI).

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

Main professional activities

1. 2012: (a) seminar on the national preventive mechanism against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments and ill-treatments, with the Ministry of Human Rights and Transitional Justice, Tunisia; (b) workday on establishing a mechanism for the Tunisian Prevention of Torture, with the Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture (OMCT) in Tunisia; (c) national round table about the legal and institutional reforms to prevent and eradicate torture in Tunisia; (d) seminar on the Prevention of Torture within the transitional democracy, with the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT).
2. 2011: (a) SPT visit to the detention places in Brazil from 19 to 30 September; (b) Amman Jordan seminar for the ratification of the United Nations OPCAT with the United Nations OHCHR; (c) European NPM Project: NPM medical thematic workshop on “the roles and competences for doctors associated with the European NPMs”, Warsaw, Poland; (d) Washington Conference on Enhancing Visits to Places of Detention: Promoting Collaboration, invited by American University Washington college of law and APT Geneva; (e) Preparatory mission in Morocco from 10 to 15 July 2011 regarding the application of the Convention against Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment, as international human rights expert with the OMCT.
3. 2010: (a) Trainer for Forensic doctors and physicians working in Jordanian prisons on Istanbul protocol b – provide lectures to lawyers at the training institute of the Bar association North Lebanon; (b) Moderator in four round tables concerning the use of forensic evidence in the prevention of torture.
4. 2009–2010: Trainer in the CFDA Algeria concerning psychological rehabilitation and treatment for victims of torture.

5. 2009: Trainer for journalists within the framework of preventing torture within the Fight against Terrorism Project, Jordan.
6. 2007–2009: Human rights and places of detention targeting officials (Trainer).
7. 2008: Conflict resolution with Médecins du Monde targeting health professionals working inside prisons (Trainer).
8. 2007: National Strengthening Programme on Torture Prevention training (Trainer).
9. 2005–2006: Awareness Programme about detention and torture of the reintegration programme for former detainees with the collaboration of the UNDP Lebanon (Trainer).

Educational background

Masters degree in psychology 1987, Lebanese University Faculty of education and human sciences Beirut, Lebanon – BA Clinical psychologist 1985.

High School Sainte famille, Tripoli 1981.

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

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

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

Organizer of the first workshop regarding the OPCAT and the elaboration of the NPM with the collaboration of the APT.

2009–2010: Executive Member in the National Campaign for reforming prisons in Lebanon to present.

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

2007 to present: Trainer for the officials and people working in the detention places.

List of most recent publications in the field

- Articles published in the local newspapers highlighting the childhood theme, children with special needs, social policies, torture and violence, OPCAT
- Interview with CNN underlining the tortured victims (27 May 2004)
- Interview with BBC (Britain) concerning Iraqi refugees
- Article published in Times magazine concerning Iraqi refugees
- Psychological characteristics for prisoners
- How to deal with difficult people in the places of detention (two chapters published in a guidebook for prison management)

Miloš Janković (Serbia)

Date and place of birth: 15 January 1961, Belgrade, Serbia

Working languages: English, ex-Yugoslavia languages

Current position/function

From 2008 to date: Deputy Protector of Citizens (Ombudsman) of Serbia (independent and autonomous institution, NHRI-“A” status).

Main professional activities

Leading all the activities of the Serbian Ombudsman related to protection and promotion of human rights and controlling legality and regularity of the work of administrative bodies in the field of the rights of people deprived of liberty and prevention of torture; issuing recommendations to the public stakeholders; regular operating visits to the detention institutions; preparation of reports with recommended measures (more than 100 reports have been made); maintaining constructive dialogue with the government administration; key person for relations with the international organizations and bodies, foreign national bodies and NGOs in the field of persons deprived of their rights; lecturing at seminars in Serbia organized for the staff of detention institutions, judges, prosecutors, students, members of NGOs, journalists, etc.; participation as panellist and lecturer in international conferences, round tables and seminars (Russia, Ukraine, Montenegro).

Educational background

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law; Bar exam.

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

As the Head of the Directorate for Enforcement of Penal Sanctions in Serbia (2004–2005), I introduced the transparency of prisons, set up full cooperation with civil society in controlling prisons and established the system of continuous education of prison staff. I also contributed to the prison reform in Serbia by developing alternative measures and sanctions, as well as the establishment of the Special Prison for Organized Crime. I was the head of the working group drafting the new Law on Enforcement of Penal Sanctions that harmonizes the rights of prisoners with the international standards and introduces the judiciary control of the work of prison administration. As a member of the Bar Association of Serbia, and the Attorney at Law (1993–2004), I acted as a defence attorney both at the Criminal Court and the Special Court for Organized Crime.

List of most recent publications in the field

- Setting up National Preventive Mechanism in Serbia (English, Belgrade, 2012)
- National Preventive Mechanism (Serbian, Belgrade, 2012)
- Recommendations of Protector of Citizens (Serbian, Belgrade, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- Many articles on the dignity and rights of detained persons and preventing torture

Ervin Karamuço (Albania)

Date and place of birth: 11 December 1976, Tirana, Albania

Working languages: English, Italian, Spanish

Current position/function

From 2007 to date: Head of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture (NPM) within Albanian Ombudsman Office – Position under the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT). Decorated by Decree of the President of the Albanian Republic, dated 12.10.2011, for Exceptional Civilian Merit for setting up the NPM and preventing torture in Albania.

Since 2007: Lecturer of Penitentiary Law and Human Rights Law at the University of Albania.

2000–2007: Albanian Ombudsman’s Vice Commissioner for the monitoring of the standards of human rights in prisons and police institutions.

Main professional activities

Leading the daily activities of Albanian NPM in accordance with OPCAT and the Albanian legislation. In charge of preparing reports, organizing and attending monitoring visits in detention facilities, and building constructive dialogue with the Albanian public stakeholders. Key person for international relations with the Subcommittee for Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT), Committee Against Torture (CAT), European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), Council of Europe, European Commission, and NGOs such as Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), World Organization Against Torture (OMCT), Helsinki Committee.

Educational background

1999: Graduated in Law at the Law Faculty, University of Tirana.

2003: Master of Science in European and International Studies.

2009: Graduated in Political Studies at the International School of Political Studies organized by the Council of Europe.

2010: Diploma in Transitional Justice at the International Summer School Sarajevo, organized by Association “Fridrich Ebert”.

2011 to date: PhD candidate on penitentiary law at the Law Faculty, University of Tirana.

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

Guest speaker, lecturer and participant in numerous international, regional and national events regarding detention facilities and implementation of human rights. Albanian NPM Contact person for the “Peer to Peer” Council of Europe Project. Organizer of several regional and national seminars and workshops for promoting the implementation of OPACT in the Balkan Region. In charge of drafting and presenting reports, legislative recommendations and other international information reports on the activity of the Albanian NPM.

List of most recent publications in the field

- Albanian NPM and OPCAT Implementations (Albanian Ombudsman Bulletin, 2010)

- NPM Access in Detention Facilities (Law Tribune, 2009)
- National Report on Mental Health Services (Parliament Bulletin, 2007)
- OPCAT and preventing torture in Albania (Albanian Ombudsman Bulletin, 2008)

Gnambi Garba Kodjo (Togo)

Date and place of birth: 19 November 1964

Working languages: English, Bassar, Ewe, French

Current position/function

Judge, Director of the Prison and Rehabilitation Service: prisons policy planning; administration of prisons management and detention facilities; prison visits.

Main professional activities

2007–2010: Representative of the Ministry of Justice for the National Justice System Modernization Programme and programme focal point for agencies of the United Nations system; membership of steering committees for various donors; presence at national and international events with, or as representative of, the Minister of Justice.

2006–2009: Interim Director of the Prison Service; course director at the National School of Administration (ENA); prison policy planning; administration of prisons management; lecturer in prison studies.

2005–2006: Special adviser to the Minister of Justice; technical adviser for legal and prison reform.

2003–2004: Public Prosecutor at Lomé Court. Crime policy planning; prosecution of crimes and offences; management of the public prosecution service.

2000–2003: Public Prosecutor at Atakpamé Court. Prosecution of crimes and offences; management of the public prosecution service.

1998–2000: Presiding Judge of Sotouboua Court. Correctional and civil hearings; issue of rulings; court administration.

1995–1998: Investigating judge at Sotouboua Court. Investigation of acts constituting offences and of suspects in relation to the facts; laying of charges; case management.

Educational background

1992–1994: Diploma, ENA.

1987–1991: Master's Degree in Law, University of Benin.

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

Member of the interministerial commission for the preparation of initial and periodic reports on the implementation of international conventions and treaties ratified by Togo; consultant on the preparation of the report for the universal periodic review; member of the committee set up to follow up recommendations made at the discussion seminar on implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the establishment of a national preventive mechanism; member of the Government delegation for the presentation of initial and periodic reports to bodies responsible for monitoring the implementation of conventions; chairperson of the subcommittee set up to examine approaches to the establishment of a national preventive mechanism in Togo; Government spokesperson during debate in Parliament on the bill to ratify the Optional Protocol; Government spokesperson during debate on the bill to abolish the death penalty in Togo; participant (speaker) at the international symposium organized by the Association for the Prevention of Torture; member of the steering committee for the establishment of a legal training centre; attendance at international seminars (on currency counterfeiting, trafficking in persons,

introduction to criminal records, explosives and bombings, and Organization for the Harmonization in Africa of Business Law (OHADA) seminars on judicial cooperation in the fight against corruption etc.); former director of course in prison studies at ENA (specializing in the judicial system); seminar on teaching and administrative structures in legal training institutions, Bordeaux, France; member of the Professional Judges Association of Togo.

Svetlana Kovlyagina (Kazakhstan)

Date and place of birth: 5 August 1956

Working languages: Russian

Current position/function

Lawyer, Member of Bar association of Pavlodar region, specialization: criminal law, participated as public defender in a dozen torture cases in Kazakhstan courts.

Main professional activities

Rights of prisoners, freedom from torture, public oversight.

Educational background

Master of law.

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

Chair of public monitoring commission on Pavlodar region, Member of public council under the Minister of Interior, Member of expert council under the human rights commission under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, President of “Committee on monitoring of penal reform and human rights” public fund.

List of most recent publications in the field

- Draft law on public oversight in prisons in Kazakhstan
- Report of public monitoring commission on Pavlodar region for 2009
- Report of public monitoring commission on Pavlodar region for 2010
- Report of public monitoring commission on Pavlodar region for 2011
- Implementation of the recommendations of the special rapporteur on torture on the results of his mission in the Republic of Kazakhstan 2010

Paul Lam Shang Leen (Mauritius)

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

Working languages: English and French

Current position/function

Judge, Supreme Court of Mauritius for the last 18 years; Chairman of the Council of Legal Education; Chairman of the steering committee for the implementation of the judiciary for the electronic filing of cases and the management of court cases. Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (2011 to 2012).

Main professional activities

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

Educational background

1968: Higher School Certificate, Cambridge.

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

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

1976–1979: Licencié en droit, Université Aix-Marseille.

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

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

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

List of most recent publications in the field

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

Christian Pross (Germany)

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Current position/function

Research in Psychotraumatology.

Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims, Berlin.

Professor at Charité University Medical Center, Berlin.

Main professional activities

Research and teaching in psychotraumatology, medicine and human rights; Clinical supervisor and organizational consultant for psychosocial care teams and human rights NGOs; Director of training institute in clinical supervision.

Educational background

1968–1974: Medical studies at Heidelberg University, Germany and Bristol Medical School, United Kingdom.

1983: Certified as family physician.

2000: Certified as psychotherapist in psychodynamic psychotherapy.

2005: Certified as clinical supervisor.

2006: Post-doctoral lecture qualification (Habilitation) from Göttingen University Medical School.

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

Member of United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) since 2011; Consultant to Independent Federal Commission for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Sexual Abuse; Consultancy work as Member of Senior Clinical Advisory Group, International Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (IRCT).

List of most recent publications in the field

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Current position/function

Lawyer and head of the National Human Rights Commission of Mali.

Main professional activities

Lawyer in private practice, dealing with cases in all general areas of the law (including civil, criminal, business and commercial law); provision of assistance, advice and defence to clients and representation of them before tribunals and courts; legal consultancy; defence of clients before national courts in Rwanda in 1997 in the framework of the Justice for All in Rwanda project of Lawyers without Borders, which was designed to assist Rwandan courts in the trial of genocide cases.

Community activities: legal and judicial assistance for women and children in distress; counselling, conciliation and mediation for families; involvement in networks and coalitions for the defence of the rights of women and of the child.

Educational background

1987: Admission to practice law.

June 1986: Master's degree in Law, Legal Sciences Department, National School of Administration (ENA), Bamako.

Baccalauréat (philosophy and languages stream), Mali.

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

In the context of human rights supporters and defenders, I have completed several internships in the area of human rights in general and, in particular, the rights of women and of the child.

I also contributed to the drafting of a juvenile justice training manual, a project of the National Directorate for the Promotion of the Rights of the Child, funded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

I also contributed to the drafting of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol).

As a gender consultant I took part in a gender study in the security sector in Mali and a study on women's access to justice.

Preparation and publication of the first report of the National Human Rights Commission on the human rights situation in Mali in 2011.

September–October 2011: Training in the protection of human rights at the National School of Administration, Paris.

2007: Training course in the prevention of torture run by the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), based in Geneva, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. I am well acquainted with the Optional Protocol and the state of its implementation in Africa.

December 2004: Training course in peacebuilding for civilian French-speaking African managers, organized by the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre.

December 2004: Training course for instructors and in project management, organized by the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre.

2004: Leadership, advocacy and lobbying training.

June 2003: Anti-corruption and good governance training, The Les Aspin Center, Washington DC.

2002: Training in strategic planning organized by the Mali Management Council.

2000: Results-based management training.

2000: Training in gender and women's rights.

2000: Training in project follow-up and assessment, and facilitation and communication techniques.

1997: Human rights training at the Fondation Canadienne des Droits de la Personne (Canadian Human Rights Foundation), Montreal, Canada (18th annual session).

1994: Training seminar on liberalization of the economy: administrative and business law, run by the International Development Law Institute (IDLI), Rome, Italy.

1992: Course on development law held by IDLI in Italy. Course participants received training in the following techniques: consulting, mediation, negotiation, planning and dispute settlement, and their application in the areas of funding, investment, international contracts and procurement.

Member of the following associations:

Association of Women Lawyers of Mali;

Founding member of the Malian Human Rights Association;

Former member of the Bar Council of Mali.
