



Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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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 twelve 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*

Addendum

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 twelve members of the Subcommittee on Prevention to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2012.
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 membership in the Subcommittee on Prevention by 9 August 2012. The curricula vitae of 14 candidates received by 9 August 2012 are reproduced in document CAT/OP/SP/10. The curriculum vitae of five candidates received after 9 August and by 10 September 2012 are reproduced in document CAT/OP/SP/10/Add.1.
3. Annexed to the present document is the curriculum vitae of the candidate proposed by Brazil after 10 September 2012

* Late submission.

Annex

Curriculum vitae of candidate

Maria Margarida E. Pressburger (Brazil)

Date and place of birth:

13 October 1943, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Working languages:

English, Spanish, Portuguese and French (understand)

Current position/function:

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

Main professional activities:

- Founding member (1981) of the Human Rights Commission of the Rio de Janeiro State Bar Association. For over 10 years, she represented the Commission in several projects, including the drafting of the national Child and Adolescent Act, as well as carried out on-site visits on its behalf to report on ill-treatment of inmates in prisons and juvenile correctional facilities.
- Head of the legal department of the São Martinho Foundation (2005-2008), a Brazilian organization that protects homeless children with the participation of Caritas and the Carmelitas Church.
- Re-elected Counselor of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association (2009), when she again took charge of the presidency of its Human Rights Commission.
- Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (2010-2012).

Educational background:

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

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

- From 1992 to 1995, she produced and presented a daily radio show about the rights of women in Radio Tupi.
- In 2007, in liaison with other women's rights institutions, she organized a seminar for the reduction of maternal death in the state of Rio de Janeiro, which grew into a nation-wide project on promotion of women's sexual and reproductive rights.
- As head of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association's Human Rights Commission, and in partnership with of the State Legislature's Women's Rights Commission, she participated in the Project "*Eu Digo NÃO À Violência Contra as Mulheres*" (I say NO to violence against women), an initiative aiming at sensitizing men about this issue.

- She currently actively participates in the Bar Association's Memory and Truth Campaign for the disclosure of the archives related to the Brazilian military rule (1964-1985).
 - Member of the Brazilian Lawyers Institute.
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