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**ELECTION OF 10 MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION
OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7
OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT**

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with articles 5 and 7, paragraph 1 (d), of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the First Meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva, on Monday, 18 December 2006, to elect the first 10 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention.
2. In accordance with article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 18 July 2006, invited the States parties to the Optional Protocol to submit their nominations for the election by 18 October 2006.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 6, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of persons nominated by 18 October 2006 and the States parties which have nominated them.

<u>Names of candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Mr. Abdoulaye BANE	Mali
Ms. Silvia CASALE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Mario Luis CORIOLANO	Argentina
Mr. Zdeněk HÁJEK	Czech Republic
Mr. Maumoon HAMEED	Maldives
Mr. Zbigniew LASOBIK	Poland
Mr. Hans Draminsky PETERSEN	Denmark
Mr. Victor Manuel RODRIGUEZ RESCIA	Costa Rica
Mr. Miguel SARRE IGUINIZ	Mexico
Mr. Wilder TAYLER SOUTO	Uruguay
Mr. Leopoldo TORRES BOURSAULT	Spain

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

Annex I**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION****Abdoulaye BANE**

Date and place of birth: 22 August 1968, Bamako, Mali

Working languages: French

Current position/function

Official representative for human rights, Ministry of Justice of Mali.

Lawyer and member of the Malian Bar.

Main professional activities

Responsible for human rights at the Ministry of Justice.

National director of the Project on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (APPDH), funded by the Malian Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the purpose of bringing human rights issues to the attention of judges, court officials, prison staff and police officers, as well as representatives of associations and non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights.

Member of the Malian National Human Rights Commission.

Educational background

Pre-doctoral diploma in public law (specializing in international relations), Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Reims, France.

Master's and bachelor's degree in law, University of Reims, France.

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

Lawyer, member of the Malian Bar since 2000, working in the field of criminal law, including sessions of the assize courts.

Member of the National Human Rights Commission and a number of human rights associations, responsible for human rights issues, including the prevention of torture.

Silvia CASALE

Date and place of birth: 15 February 1945, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Working languages: English, French, German, Italian, limited Spanish

Current position/function

- Sentence Review Commissioner (Northern Ireland);
- Member and President (since 1998) of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT);
- Independent consultant on criminal justice matters.

Main professional activities

CPT visits to places of detention within States parties of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture.

States parties

High-level talks with authorities in States parties to the ECPT. Representing the CPT at international meetings, including with the European Commission and other EU organs, ECtHR, ICTY, NATO, OSCE, UNHCHR, UNHCR. Representing the CPT at meetings with ICRC, and with international NGOs such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, as well as many national NGOs. Since 2004 providing advice on the American Bar Association prison standards project (USA). As Sentence Review Commissioner working mainly on recall cases (lifer license revocation). As independent consultant working with HM Prisons Inspectorate on such thematic issues as women's imprisonment, young offenders, suicide and self-harm, race relations and human rights.

Educational background

- Yale University, PhD Criminology 1978, MPhil Political Science 1974;
- University of Pennsylvania, MA International Law and Organizations 1971;
- Oxford University (St. Hilda's College), BA Hons. Modern Languages (German, Latin) (with one year at Bonn University), Complimentary First 1968.

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

- Gave evidence to the National Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons (USA, 2006);

- Made contributions in conferences concerning custodial/monitoring issues in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe, including the International Conference on Prison Oversight (USA, 2006);
- Symposium of *Menschenrechtsbeirat* [custodial monitoring mechanism] (Austria, 2005); 100th Session of *Strafvollzugsausschuss der Länder* [penal oversight committee of federal Länder] (Germany, 2005);
- Trustee of Prison Reform Trust (UK), which includes chairing its Staff and General Purposes Sub-Committee. Trustee of Prison Advice and Care Trust (UK).

List of most recent publications in the field

- Since 1998 contributions to CPT visit reports, general reports and standards documents;
- Member of group of international experts writing *Making Standard Work*. PRI, 1995;
- Casale, S. ed., *HIV and Custody*, Heath Education Authority, 1995;
- Casale, S., “Conditions and Standards” in *Prisons after Woolf*, Player and Jenkins, eds., Routledge, 1994;
- Casale, S. and Stockdale, E., eds., *Criminal Justice Under Stress*, Blackstone Press, 1992.

Mario Luis CORIOLANO

Head of the defender's office at the Criminal Court of Cassation of the Province of Buenos Aires.

Assistant lecturer, Criminal Law I and Procedural Law I, Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, National University of La Plata.

Specialist in Criminal Law and Criminology, National University of La Plata.

Consultant at the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica.

Scholarship-holder, Canadian Government's Research Programme.

Editor of *Garantías*, the legal journal of the defender's office at the Criminal Court of Cassation of the Province of Buenos Aires.

Director General of the Public Defenders' Study Centre (CEDeP).

Member of the Argentine Procedural Law Association.

Former director of training courses for future judicial investigators organized by the Buenos Aires Supreme Court of Justice.

Liaison officer, National Anti-Impunity Programme (in the Secretariat for Justice and Prison Matters, Ministry of Justice, Security and Human Rights); Buenos Aires Supreme Court of Justice decision No. 434 of 17 February 2004.

Founder member of the Forum for Democratic Justice (FOJUDE) and the Association of Human Rights Defenders (ADDH).

Author of a number of publications in his specialist field and lecturer at home and abroad.

Lectures given abroad

"Preliminary hearings and reform of criminal procedure in Latin America", Seminar on Human Rights, Criminal Procedure and Public Security, organized by the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica, June 1999.

"Due process in police and court procedures and the protection of human rights", training activities organized by the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, May 2001.

"Public defenders and human rights: tasks and functions", First Inter-American Meeting of Public Defenders, organized by the Chilean Public Defenders in Criminal Cases, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the Justice Studies Centre of the Americas (CEJA) and the Institute for Comparative Studies in Penal and Social Sciences (INECIP), Santiago, Chile, November 2001.

“Public defenders and the protection of human rights”, Third National Congress of Public Defenders, organized by the Association of Public Defenders of Río de Janeiro and the National Association of Public Defenders, 28-30 November 2001, Río de Janeiro, Brazil.

Progress in implementing the reform of criminal procedure in Latin American countries, organized by GTZ, CEJA and INECIP, Santiago, Chile, November 2001.

“Public defenders and the protection of human rights”, Third National Congress of Public Defenders, organized by the Association of Public Defenders of Río de Janeiro and the National Association of Public Defenders, 28-30 November 2001, Río de Janeiro, Brazil.

Progress in implementing the reform of criminal procedure in the countries of Latin America, organized by GTZ, Asunción, Paraguay, November 2002.

“The role of legal assistance services in the fight against torture: the example of Argentina”, International Centre for Comparative Criminology of the University of Montreal, Canada, 24 February 2003.

“Reform of criminal procedure”, Third Regional Conference on Justice and Development, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank, Quito, Ecuador, July 2003.

“Experience with judicial reform in Latin America in recent years: new roles of judges, prosecutors and defenders”, organized by INECIP, CEJA and FOJUDE, Montevideo, Uruguay, September 2004.

Class and lecture on “The function of judges and prosecutors in the protection of detainees and suspects from acts of torture”, Seminar on the Prevention of Torture, organized by the Legal Research Institute, the British Embassy in Mexico City and the International Bar Association, held in Mexico in March 2005.

“Criminal justice and impunity”, regional meeting on judicial reform, human rights and the prevention of corruption in MERCOSUR, held in Asunción, Paraguay, 23-25 June 2005.

“The judiciary and the effective protection of human rights: the next phase”, seminar on establishing national policies to combat torture, sponsored by the British Embassy in Brasilia, the Brazilian Office of the Under-Secretary for Human Rights, the High Court of Justice and the British Consulate, held in Brasilia, Brazil, 1-2 December 2005.

Class at the seminar on “Due process, judicial guarantees and the prohibition of torture, with a focus on women’s and children’s rights”, held in the states of Zacatecas and Aguascalientes, Mexico, 6-15 February 2006.

Class at the seminar on “The administration of justice and Colombia’s international obligations in relation to due process, judicial guarantees, the prohibition of torture and forced disappearances”, held in Medellín and Bogotá, Colombia, 6-15 June 2006.

Zdeněk HÁJEK

Date and place of birth: 21 July 1950, Havlíčkův Brod, Czech Republic

Working languages: Czech, English, Russian;
basic knowledge of German and French

Current position/function

- Since 1974: Lawyer;
- Since 1996: Member (from 2001 to 2003, Second Vice-President) of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT);

(third, non-renewable mandate expires in December 2007);
- Since 2000: Member of the Committee against Torture and Other Inhuman, Cruel and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Council for Human Rights (advisory body to the Government of the Czech Republic).

Main professional activities

Practising lawyer specialized in civil, penal and commercial law.

As member of the CPT

- Participation in 25 visits in 15 European countries, including as Head of the CPT delegation during 6 visits to the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation between 2000 and 2005;
- Visits to facilities where persons deprived of liberty may be held, such as police stations, prisons, detention centres, psychiatric hospitals etc.; interviews in private with persons deprived of liberty at places of detention; contacts with other persons able to provide relevant information;
- High-level talks with representatives of Government, meetings with NGOs and representatives of local authorities;
- Preparation of draft reports about visits, and presentation of them to the CPT plenary meetings.

Educational background Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague;
Doctor of Law (1973).

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

- 1990-1995: Advisor to Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic;

- 1990-2005: Advisor to Director General of the Prison Service, Ministry of Justice;
- 1990-1992: Member of the Commission for Prison Affairs, Parliament.

List of most recent publications in this field

- June 2004: “Material conditions in European prisons from the point of view of inspection visits by the CPT”, presentation at the international conference “European Prison Systems”, held under the auspices of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and the Committee for Defence and Security of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Kroměříž, Czech Republic;
- April 2006: “Significance of the CPT for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment - cooperation between the CPT and State Parties”, presentation at the seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights organized in cooperation with the Council of Europe Information Office, Bratislava, Slovakia;

Maumoon HAMEED

Date and place of birth: 8 January 1973

Working language: English

Current position/function

Holding the post of Director General at the Attorney-General's Office, Mr. Maumoon Hameed currently heads an in-house team of lawyers preparing the draft legislation required to be submitted to Parliament as part of the implementation of the President's Reform Agenda.

Main professional activities

Mr. Hameed was a member of the Core Group of local experts that assisted in the drafting of the new Maldivian Penal Code Bill, the Sentencing Guidelines Bill, and the Criminal Procedure Code Bill. He also drafted the Police Bill, as well as the Police Integrity Commission Regulations. He also represented the Maldives during the expert discussions on the drafting of the Optional Protocol to the SAARC Convention on Terrorism, as well as the first Interpol Symposium on Bio-Terrorism.

Educational background

Mr. Hameed obtained his LLB (Hons) degree at Anglia Polytechnic University, United Kingdom.

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

Formerly the Legal Counsel at the Maldives Police Service, Mr. Hameed has experience in both police management and investigations. He was a member of the Police Management Board, heading both the Legal Affairs section and the Crime Analysis Department. Presiding over the formation of the Internal Affairs Department, he has led internal investigations into allegations of torture during police investigations, as well as investigations into allegations of sexual offences committed against detainees by police officers. He has also served as the Coordinator, Interpol National Central Bureau Maldives, handling matters relating to international police cooperation.

Zbigniew LASOBIK

Date of birth: 3 April 1957

Nationality: Polish

Civil status: Married

Education

- Warsaw University, Law School, October 1977-June 1981, Master of Law, LL.M;
- Warsaw University, Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation, February 1980-June 1982, MA, fields: criminology and sociology;
- Warsaw University, Law School, Doctor of Law, LL.D;
- Warsaw University, Law School, 2004, postdoctoral degree in Law.

Professional experience

- October 1984-present:
Warsaw University, Department of Criminology and Criminal Policy, Assistant Professor;
- March 1993-present:
Warsaw University, Human Rights Center, Project Director;
- January 1994-December 1998:
Warsaw/Brussels, European Human Rights Foundation, Phare/Tacis Democracy Program, Director/Project Manager;
- 1991-1992:
Warsaw, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Promotion Center, Director.

Other professional experience

- June 1991:
European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy
Course on European Community law and human rights;
- June 1992:
The Salzburg Seminar, Salzburg, Austria
Course on managing non-governmental organizations;
- April 1999:
Human Rights Course, Essex University, Colchester, United Kingdom;

- January 2003:
Paths to Accessible Justice, British Council Seminar, Hitchin, United Kingdom;
British Institute of International and Comparative Law;
- July 2006:
International Visitor Leadership Program, United States Department of State, Washington,
Houston, San Francisco, Detroit, New York.

Institutions visited

- Fall 1990: National Council for Crime Prevention, Sweden, Visiting Fellow
Research on criminality and local prison system;
- Fall 1992: Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University in the City of
New York, Visiting Scholar, research on human rights education;
- Spring 1993: Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Visiting Fellow,
research on rights of prisoners;
- June 2000: Criminology Department, London School of Economics, Visiting Researcher,
study on contract killers;
- February 2001-January 2002: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York,
Visiting Scholar, research on murder, ethics of the police and on prisons;
- April 2002-January 2002: Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University,
New York, Visiting Scholar, research on human rights education and judiciary reforms.

Membership of professional bodies

- Polish Section of the International Commission of Jurists, President;
- International Senior Lawyers' Project, New York, Member of the Board of Directors;
- Association of Criminal Law, Member of the Board;
- Association for Helping Prisoners, "Patronage";
- Polish Association of Criminology.

Key qualifications

- Extensive experience of project evaluation - almost 2,500 applications under Phare/Tacis
Democracy Program 1993-1997;
- Extensive experience of project supervision - responsible for portfolio of 65 projects under
PTDP '93-PTDP '97;

- Professional and practical experience of:
 - NGOs (non-governmental organizations);
 - Local government;
 - Civil society development;
 - EU - CEEC/NIS joint activities;
- Extensive experience of research and studies in criminology, sociology and social sciences.

Experience in Eastern European countries

- 53 professional missions to Central and Eastern European countries, newly independent States and Kosovo;
- 1994-1996: four missions to Baltic countries to evaluate micro-projects submitted to Democracy Program;
- 1996: mission to Ukraine to evaluate micro-projects;
- November 1997-November 1998: four missions to Belarus as an expert of the European Commission to identify and evaluate projects within the Civil Society Development Program for Belarus;
- January 1998, Brussels: evaluation of the projects submitted to the UE Civil Society Development Program in Belarus;
- December 1999: OBWE mission to Kosovo, to evaluate NGO development;
- 2000-2003: evaluation of the projects submitted to European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EU);
- 2003-present: participation in an international project to prevent torture in closed institutions, Helsinki Federation for Human Rights;
- 2004: EU Rule of Law Mission to Georgia - fact-finding mission and preparation of the mission, including monitoring of prisons;
- 2004: International mission to monitor prisons in Macedonia;
- 2005: assistance to Tajik Government to prepare national report for the United Nations Committee against Torture.

Other skills

- Teaching ability;
- Proposal writing;
- NGO management;
- Computer literacy.

Organizer of a series of national conferences on homicide in Poland 1999-present.

Publications

Numerous articles and books on crime, prisons, human rights and NGO development (full list available with the Secretariat).

Hans Draminsky PETERSEN

Date and place of birth: 23 March 1947, Gentofte, Denmark

Working languages: Danish, English, Spanish (French)

Current position/function

From 1993-2000, and from 2002, I have worked as a consultant in medicine and gastroenterology in three departments of medicine in Danish hospitals. In this capacity, I have participated in the management and administration of hospital departments. My current work is at a provincial hospital in Frederikssund, near Copenhagen, covering a population of approximately 135,000 people with a non-selected uptake.

Main professional activities

- Apart from my duties in my hospital, I am affiliated with an NGO in Honduras as a consultant for the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) in Copenhagen. My main area is systematization of observations of (ill-) health and monitoring of treatment of torture victims including prisoners. Moreover, I have been an ad hoc consultant of RCT in an assessment study of the impact of human rights training in prisons in Ecuador (2005) and I participate regularly in this organization's dialogue on documentation and prevention of torture e.g. the international meeting on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to CAT, May 2005.
- In cooperation with colleagues from Spain, I have published a systematic quality assessment of medical documents issued by police doctors. At the moment, the same research group is in the process of finalizing a follow-up study. The aim is to document possible changes over time in the quality of medical documents issued by police doctors on examinations of detained persons who claim to have been ill-treated.

Educational background

- Medical doctor graduated from the University of Copenhagen, January 1974. Authorized as general practitioner and as specialist in medicine and in gastroenterology;
- I have published 52 articles in scientific medical journals, approximately half of which concerned torture and ill-treatment.

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

Since 1979, I have been a member of the Danish medical group of Amnesty International (AI). I have examined a number of asylum applicants in Denmark with the aim of appraising statements of torture. As a consultant of AI and Physicians for Human Rights/Denmark, and on a few occasions as a consultant for the United Nations and the Council of Europe, I have participated in fact-finding missions and research projects on torture and ill-treatment in Greece, Spain, Turkey, Thailand, Venezuela, Indian and Pakistani Kashmir, Peru, Myanmar (via Thailand) and Zimbabwe. For two years I was employed full time in the International Department of the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims as coordinator of health issues, and for

five years I have been an external consultant of this organization. In this capacity, I have cooperated with a number of NGOs caring for torture survivors in the South and carried out an evaluation of Human Rights training of prison staff in Ecuador.

List of most recent publications in the field

- Petersen and Rasmussen O.V.: “Medical appraisal of allegations of torture”, *Forensic Science International*, 1992; 53: 97-116;
- Petersen et al.: “Human rights violations in Burma: A follow-up examination”, *Danish Medical Bulletin*, 2001; 359-63;
- Petersen H.D. et al.: “Assessment of the quality of medical documents issued in central police stations in Madrid, Spain”, *Journal of Forensic Science*, 2002; 293-8;
- Epple S. and Petersen: “Rule of law, law and the health profession in Zimbabwe”, *Danish Medical Bulletin*, 2002; 49: 247-52.

Victor Manuel RODRIGUEZ RESCIA

Date and place of birth: 14 July 1963, San José, Costa Rica

Working languages: Spanish, English

Current position/function

Director, Center for Human Rights in the Americas, DePaul University, Chicago, USA, based in Costa Rica. Teacher of master's degree in human rights, National University, Costa Rica. Teacher, Inter-American Litigation Clinics. Consultant, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica. President, ad hoc arbitration tribunal established to determine the amount of economic reparation in the case of *Schiavini v. Argentina*.

Main professional activities

Human rights consultant for the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica. Consultant for the programmes on Administration of Justice and Human Rights (programme officer); Security and Human Rights, Ombudsman. Consultant on torture in Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina. Provider of training in human rights for judicial officials and others working in the justice system, with a focus on access to justice, due process and the prevention of torture in all Central American countries, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Mexico and Brazil.

Consultant for the International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University.

Human rights consultant for the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), PRODECA (the Danish human rights programme for Central America), Finland, etc.

Educational background

University of Costa Rica, honours degree in international law.

University of Oxford and George Washington University, joint course on International Law and Human Rights, New College, Oxford, August 2002.

Hague Academy of International Law, external course, 1995.

University of Costa Rica, law degree, 1987.

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

Consultant, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, developing methodologies, writing articles and holding workshops on the prevention of torture and protection from it in the Inter-American system, in Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Paraguay, 2006-2007.

Supporter of campaign to ratify and give effect to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 2006.

Visits to detention centres in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, for a study on the situation with regard to gangs in Central America, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 2004.

List of most recent publications in the field

“La tortura en el sistema interamericano de protección de derechos humanos” (“Torture in the Inter-American human rights system”), Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 2005 (www.iidh.ed.cr).

“Lenguaje interdisciplinario psico-jurídico vinculado con el litigio de casos en el Sistema Interamericano” (“Interdisciplinary psychological/legal language related to disputes brought before the Inter-American system”), Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 2006 (www.iidh.ed.cr), special section on the Care for Torture Victims Project.

Miguel SARRE IGUÍNIZ

Date and place of birth: 1 October 1951, Mexico City

Working languages: English, Spanish

Current position/function

Full-time teacher/researcher at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM).

Main professional activities

Director, Centre for Public Law Studies, ITAM.

Expert appointed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico to prepare a survey of human rights in Mexico.

Third Inspector-General of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), overseeing the prison system.

Secretary, CNDH Council; Director-General, Organizations, Studies and Projects, Executive Secretariat, CNDH.

Counsel for Citizen Protection, State of Aguascalientes, Mexico.

Criminal trial lawyer.

Educational background

Master's degree (LLM) in Law (Human Rights), University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.

Law degree, Free School of Law, Mexico City.

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

Consultant for the preparation of reports by human rights bodies: (a) report of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on its visit to Mexico (E/CN.4/2003/8/Add.3); (b) Human Rights Watch, "Torture, disappearances and extrajudicial executions in Mexico", 1999; (c) Amnesty International (Mexico), "Torture in Mexico: Impunity protected by law", 2000.

Active member of the Mexican United Nations Association (AMNU); Vice-President, Mexican Academy for Human Rights; founder, Comité para la Humanización de las Prácticas Incriminatorias.

List of most recent publications in the field

Miguel Sarre and Jan Perlin, "Mexico", in *Criminal Procedure: A Worldwide Study*, North Carolina University Press (in press).

Miguel Sarre and Fernando Arturo Figueroa, "Perspectives on the right to a fair trial in Mexico", in *The Right to a Fair Trial*, David Weissbrodt and Rüdiger Wolfrum, eds., Springer, Germany, 1997, pp. 85-114.

Wilder TAYLER SOUTO

Date and place of birth: 10 February 1954, Montevideo, Uruguay

Working languages: Spanish, English, fluent French

Current position/function

Legal and Policy Director, Human Rights Watch (post held by the principal political and legal adviser of Human Rights Watch). Responsible for the implementation of the organization's policies towards the countries on which it is currently working. His main responsibility is to make sure that the organization's publications and other public activities are in line with its policies and with the principles of international human rights law. Head of a 12-member team. Member of the top management team of Human Rights Watch.

Main professional activities

In addition to the aforementioned activities, oversees the work of Human Rights Watch in relation to international standard-setting in the field of human rights. In the past 15 years, has been directly involved in the drafting of the following international instruments, among others: the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons; the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders; the set of principles for the protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity; and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Has also worked with teams of investigators from Human Rights Watch on the conception and implementation of missions, often taking part in the missions and in lobbying activities to promote the aims of the organization.

Educational background

Doctor of Law and Social Sciences (Uruguay).

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

In 1995 and 1996 he was director of Amnesty International's investigations and campaigns programme for the Americas. From 1990 to 1995 he was Amnesty's legal counsel for the American and Asian regions. In those capacities, he took part in approximately 40 field missions, about half of which involved visits to prisons and investigations into cases of torture or forced disappearance.

From 1983 to 1989 he was First Counsel and Executive Secretary of the Uruguayan Institute for Legal and Social Studies. He worked on coordinating the defence of political prisoners in 1983-1984 and subsequently on the judicial report of human rights violations committed during the military dictatorship. He also represented cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States and the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations.

Currently a member of the board of the International Council on Human Rights Policy (Geneva) and of INTERIGHTS, he specializes in contesting cases of human rights violations in international forums.

List of most recent publications in the field

All Human Rights Watch publications on the subject of torture are reviewed and edited by him or under his direct supervision. These publications, including credits for contributions to them, are available on the Human Rights Watch website.

Leopoldo TORRES BOURSAULT

Date and place of birth: 12 January 1941, Valdeavellano de Tera, Soria, Spain

Working languages: Spanish, English, French

Current position/function

Practising lawyer.

Member of the Spanish Court of Arbitration of the Higher Council of Spanish Chambers of Commerce; of the Courts of Arbitration of the Chambers of Commerce of Madrid and Cantabria; and of the Inter-Confederation Mediation and Arbitration Service.

Main professional activities

Ad hoc judge, European Court of Human Rights (1987-1994).

Representative of Spain on the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of which he was also Vice-President (1988-1990 and 1992-2000).

Director of Public Prosecutions and member de officio of the Council of State.

Member of Parliament (1979-1989); First Vice-President of the House (1982-1989).

Assistant lecturer in the philosophy of law, Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid; Lecturer, Institute of Criminology, Madrid, and Centre for Judicial Studies.

Secretary-General, International Movement of Catholic Jurists.

Member of various international human rights observer missions.

Member of the Federal Committee of the Socialist Party (1982-1988) and President of the Socialist Party of Castilla-La Mancha (1985-1988).

Educational background

– Degree in comparative law, Universities of Strasbourg and Helsinki.
