



**Convention against Torture  
and Other Cruel, Inhuman  
or Degrading Treatment  
or Punishment**

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Ninth Meeting  
Geneva, 26 November 2003

**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST  
TORTURE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO  
EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND  
OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT  
OR PUNISHMENT**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Wednesday, 26 November 2003, to elect five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2003 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2005 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for the election by 25 September 2003.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of persons nominated and the States parties which have nominated them.

<u>Names of candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Ms. Rusudan BERIDZE	Georgia
Mr. Guibril CAMARA	Senegal
Ms. Felice GAER	United States of America
Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN	Chile
Mr. Karel HEJČ	Czech Republic
Mr. Vafaddin IBAYEV	Azerbaijan
Mr. Andreas MAVROMMATIS	Cyprus
Mr. Antoine Kesia-Mbe MINDUA	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Mr. Julio PRADO VALLEJO	Ecuador

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

**Annex I**

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2003**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of nationality</u>
Mr. Peter Thomas BURNS	Canada
Mr. Guibril CAMARA	Senegal
Ms. Felice GAER	United States of America
Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN	Chile
Mr. Andreas MAVROMMATIS	Cyprus

**Annex II**

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2005**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of nationality</u>
Mr. Sayed Kassem EL MASRY	Egypt
Mr. Fernando MARIÑO MENENDEZ	Spain
Mr. Ole Vedel RASMUSSEN	Denmark
Mr. Alexander M. YAKOVLEV	Russian Federation
Mr. YU Mengjia	China

**Annex III**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION  
TO THE COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE**

**Rusudan BERIDZE (Georgia)**

Date and place of birth: 20 August 1939, Ozurgeti, Georgia

Working languages: English, Russian

**Current position/function**

Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on human rights issues

**Main professional activities**

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|-----------|---|
| 1967-2002 | Professor at Tbilisi State University   |
| 1992      | Member of the State Council of Georgia  |
| 1992-1995 | Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia   |
| 1992-1995 | Head of the Commission for Pardoning of Convicted Persons                           |
| 1997      | Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on Human Rights Issues |
| 1998      | Chairperson of the Commission on Elaboration of State Policy on Women's Advancement |

**Educational background**

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| 1961 | Tbilisi State University Diploma in Mathematics                          |
| 1964 | Tbilisi State University, Post-Graduate courses in the Theory of Numbers |

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

One of the authors of government reports on implementation of the main human rights documents submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (11 reports)

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| 1999-2002 | Head of the Georgian delegation to the sessions of the United Nations treaty bodies where the reports of Georgia were considered (CEDAW, ICESCR, CRC, CERD, CAT, HRC) |
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**List of most recent publications in the field**

Research and articles on human rights in Georgian magazines and newspapers (150 publications).

**Guibril CAMARA (Senegal)**

Date and place of birth: 22 December 1940, Goudiry, Senegal

Working language: French

**Current position/function**

First President, Court of Cassation

**Main professional activities**

Examining magistrate

Government Procurator

Governmental legal adviser

Director, Department of Supervised Education and Social Protection

Advocate-General, Court of Appeal

First Advocate-General, Court of Cassation

Procurator-General, Court of Cassation

First President, Court of Cassation

**Educational background**

Secondary education: Baccalaureate

Faculty of Law, Bachelor's degree in law

Postgraduate studies: Certificate of the Ecole nationale de la magistrature, Paris

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

Regional workshop on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and human rights in the African context (Dakar, 1-4 December 1998)

International Workshop on the independence and accountability of the Prosecutor of the permanent International Criminal Court (Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, 28-29 May 1998)

Head of the Senegalese delegation to the United Nations seminar on Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption (Dakar, 21-23 July 1997)

Third session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, 28 April-6 May 1994)

United Nations Ministerial Summit on the Prevention of Crime and Criminal Justice (Versailles, Paris, 21-23 November 1991)

Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (Havana, 27 August-7 September 1990); Seventh Congress (Milan, Italy, 16 August-6 September 1985); Sixth Congress (Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980)

**List of most recent publications in the field**

1. *Le secret de l'instruction et le droit à l'information* (Confidentiality in judicial inquiries and the right to information).
2. *La justice, ordre public et les libertés individuelles* (Justice, public order and individual liberties).
3. *L'inadaptation sociale des jeunes et droits de l'homme dans le contexte du développement urbain* (Juvenile social misfits and human rights in the context of urban development).
4. On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: public lectures on torture and the Committee against Torture.
5. *Les conventions internationales et la loi interne à travers la jurisprudence au Sénégal* (International conventions and domestic law as seen in Senegalese case law).

**Felice D. GAER (United States of America)**

Date and place of birth: Englewood, New Jersey, United States, 1946

Working language: English

**Current position/function**

Member of the Committee against Torture, elected in 1999

Commissioner, appointed to United States independent Commission on International Religious Freedom, 2001-present (2002-2003, Chair; 2003, Vice-Chair)

Director of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, American Jewish Committee, 1993-present

**Main professional activities**

Research, analysis, writing and conducting programmes and publications on international human rights and international organizations

Public member of United States delegations to:

World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993; Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995

Preparatory Committee, United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 1996

United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, 1994-1996

Previous posts included Executive Director, European programmes, United Nations Association of the USA; Programme Officer, The Ford Foundation; Executive Director, International League for Human Rights

**Educational background**

Wellesley College, BA with distinction, Political Science, 1968

– Alumnae Achievement Award, 1995

Columbia University, Master of Philosophy (Political Science), 1975

Columbia University, Master of Arts (Political Science), 1971



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

- International Human Rights Council, the Carter Center, 1994
- Participant in Malbun (Liechtenstein) conference on treaty body reform (2003); first inter-committee meeting on treaty reform (2002)
- Board of Directors, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, 2001-
- Andrei Sakharov Foundation, 1993-
- Steering Committee, Human Rights Watch/Europe and Central Asia, 1996-
- Council on Foreign Relations, 1991-present
- Vice-President, International League for Human Rights, 1991-
- President, International Friends of Chilean Human Rights Commission, 1985-1990
- Human Rights Committee, New York Academy of Sciences, 1982-1992
- Advisory Panel on Housing Rights, Habitat II, 1996
- Chair, Steering Committee, National Coalition on Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1997-1999

**List of most recent publications in the field**

“Human Rights NGOs in UN Peace Missions”, in H. Carey & O. Richmond, *Mitigating Conflict*, 2003 (also in *Journal of Peacekeeping*); “Africa and Human Rights”, in *Future of Africa*, D. & J. Major, 2002; “And never the twain shall meet”, in *International Human Rights of Women*, pp. 1-89, American Bar Association, 1998. Numerous other articles on international institutions (United Nations, OSCE, African Commission) and human rights.

**Claudio GROSSMAN (Chile)**

Date of birth: 26 November 1947

Working languages: Spanish, English, French, Dutch

**Current position/function**

Dean, American University, Washington College of Law, United States (July 1995 to date)

Professor Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law (1985 to date)

**Main professional activities**

Dean of Graduate Studies, American University, Washington College of Law (July 1994-June 1995); Acting Dean (June 1993-July 1994); Director of the International Legal Studies Program, Washington, D.C. (1983-1993); Chair, Section on Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (January 1997-January 1998)

Professor (*wetenschappelijk hoofd medewerker in vaste dienst*) of International Law, Department of Law, Twente University of Technology, Netherlands (1980-1983)

Associate Professor (*wetenschappelijk medewerker*) of International Law, Department of International Organizations, Europa Institute, Law School of the University of Utrecht, Netherlands (1974-1980)

Research Fellow, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, University of Chile (1973)

Lecturer, University of Chile, Faculty of Law (1972)

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

Executive Board Member, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (elected August 2002)

Member, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (June 1993-2001). He has served in the following offices:

President of the Inter-American Commission (2001); First Vice-President of the Commission (2000 and 2001); Second Vice-President of the Commission (1999 and 2000); President of the Commission (1996 and 1997); First Vice-President of the Commission (1995 and 1996); Rapporteur on Women's Rights for the Commission (1996 to 2000); Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Populations (2000 and 2001)

Observer in the criminal trial of the bombing of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) (2001 to date)

Mission participant, on behalf of the Inter-American Institute, the National Democratic Institute, the Organization of American States and the International Human Rights Law Group to observe elections or promote human rights in Romania, Brazil, Nepal, Chile, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Suriname, the Dominican Republic and the Middle East (1990 to date)

Council member, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (1990 to date)

Principal investigator, Inter-American Human Rights Digest Project: Inter-American Court of Human Rights (1996 to date)

Council member (1989 to date); General Rapporteur (1993-1995); Chair, Human Rights Committee (1990-1993); Inter-American Bar Association

Rapporteur, United Nations Development Programme: First Conference on Consumer Protection for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Uruguay (1987)

Board Member, International Human Rights Law Group (1985-1993)

Consultant:

World Bank: Preparation of the report on the administrative system of Colombia (1986)

Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Delinquency (ILANUD): together with Professor Thomas Buergenthal, preparation of a report on the administration of justice in Central American countries (1986)

Federation of International Civil Servants Associations: together with Professor Thomas Buergenthal, preparation of a report on the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal and reinstatement as a normal remedy for arbitrary termination of employment (FICSA 1985)

United Nations Division of Narcotic Drugs: assisted the Government of Portugal in drafting comprehensive legislation on narcotic drugs. The national aspects were tested in the light of State responsibility specifically deriving from international treaties concerning narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, human rights and comparative law (1978)

### **Academic honours**

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands: Doctor of Law (*Rechtsgeleerdheid*), 1980

University of Chile, Faculty of Law, Santiago: Bachelor of Law in Legal and Social Sciences, 1971

A list of publications by Mr. Grossman is available for consultation by States parties at the Committee secretariat

**Karel HEJČ (Czech Republic)**

Date and place of birth: 15 January 1969, Jeseník, Czech Republic

Working languages: English (some French and Russian)

**Current position/function**

- Lecturer in Human Rights and Social Work, Department of Law and Economy, Faculty of Health and Social Studies of the South Bohemian University, České Budějovice
- Researcher, Department of Science and Research, Faculty of Health and Social Studies of the South Bohemian University, České Budějovice
- External Adviser for Human Rights to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
- Chairman of the Czech National Committee for the International Task Force on the Holocaust

**Main professional activities**

- Human Rights Office, Czech Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Head of the Office (11/93 - 2/96)
- Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Secretary of the Mission, including assistant to the Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights (3/96 - 1/99)
- Human Rights Dept., Czech Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Director (2/99 - 8/02)
- Anglo-American College, Prague, Lecturer, European Human Rights Law Course (9/2000 - 1/2001)
- Czech National Committee for the International Task Force on Holocaust, Chair (since 6/01)
- Faculty of Health and Social Studies, South Bohemian University, České Budějovice, Lecturer, Social Aspects of Human Rights Course (since 9/02)
- Czech Ministry for Foreign Affairs, External Adviser for Human Rights to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs (since 9/02)

**Educational background**

- Law Faculty, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (Master of Law Degree, 1988-1993)
- PhD study stay in the Danish Centre for Human Rights, Copenhagen (1993)
- Faculty of Health and Social Studies, South Bohemian University, PhD studies in Social Aspects of Human Rights (since 2002)

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

Founder and Head of the first Amnesty International Group in the Czech Republic in January 1990, co-founder of the Amnesty International Czech Section in 1991, inactive member since entry into the diplomatic service in July 1993. Site inspections in detention places and refugee camps within both the work for Amnesty International and university studies. Preparing the concept of the Social Aspects of Human Rights course within the research work at the Faculty of Health and Social Studies of the South Bohemian University, including site inspections and monitoring of the work of the law enforcement agencies of the Czech Republic and their compliance with national law and international human rights treaties. Within the work at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, active participation in preparatory work for the periodic reports of the Czech Republic to all six United Nations treaty bodies

**List of most recent publications in the field**

- Police procedures within the investigation of suspects in relation to criminal activities. Comparison of the State administration systems of Sweden, France and the Czech Republic with regard to combating the commercial sexual exploitation and abuse of children, *Kontakt* (Official bulletin of the Faculty of Health and Social Studies of South Bohemian University), May 2003
- Domestic and institutional violence: Situation in the Czech Republic and its comparison with selected European countries, *Kontakt*, June 2003
- New United States legislation on sex crimes offenders and its compliance with the international human rights standards, *Kontakt*, July 2003

**Vafaddin IBAYEV (Azerbaijan)**

Date and place of birth: 12 June 1956, Lankaran region

Working languages: Azeri, Russian, some English and French

**Current position/function**

Judge of Surakhani district court of Baku city

**Main professional activities**

- Trying criminal, civil and administrative cases
- Teaching activity at the State Administration Academy under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Member of the Expert Council of the Human Rights Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan

**Educational background**

1977-1982	Baku State University, Faculty of Law
August-September 2000	Human Rights courses at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (Sweden)
March 2003	PhD in Law (Human Rights)

**List of most recent publications in the field**

*Council of Europe* (book) - 2000

*Human Rights in International and National Law* (book) - 2001

*International Humanitarian Law* (training manual) - 2001

*Are you ready to meet CPT?* (book) - 2002

*No torture* (book) - 2002

**Andreas MAVROMMATIS (Cyprus)**

Date of birth: 1932

Place of birth: Larnaca, Cyprus

**Educational background**

Law Studies in the United Kingdom

1954                    Called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, London

**Professional record**

1989-1992            Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations, New York

1983-1989            Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus

1982-1988            Representative of the Greek Cypriot Community at the Intercommunal Talks

1979-1982            Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations, New York

1975-1979            Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva

1972-1975            Special Legal Adviser at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

                          Published "List of Treaties of the Republic of Cyprus in Force" in January 1973

1970-1972            Cabinet Minister for Labour and Social Insurance

1958-1970            Judge

1954-1958            Practised law

**Committees/delegations**

2001-present        Conciliator at the Court of Arbitration and Conciliation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

1999-present        Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq

1997-present        Member of the Committee against Torture

1997-present        Chairman, Cyprus Press Complaints Commission (Code of Ethics)

1995-2000	President of the Fédération internationale des corps et associations consulaires; drafted its new constitution
1994-present	Honorary Consul General of Indonesia
Dec. 92-Feb. 93	Government Spokesman
1989-1990	Chairman, Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations, New York
1977-1997	Chairman and member of the Human Rights Committee
Sept. 1989	Secretary-General of the Conference of Foreign Ministers, Non-Aligned Movement in Nicosia
1975-1988	Representative of Cyprus to the Commission on Human Rights
1980	President of the Economic and Social Council
1979-1982	Chairman, Committee on Relations with the Host Country, United Nations
1977-1978	Head, Cyprus delegation to OSCE, Belgrade
1975	Member, Cyprus delegation to the OSCE Summit, Helsinki, August 1975
1974	Chairman, ILO (International Labour Organization) and Economic and Social Council Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission which carried out investigations into allegations of violations of trade union and other human rights
1973-1995	Head, Cyprus delegation to the second phase of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe held in Geneva

Ambassador Mavrommatis has participated in seminars, round tables and symposiums on human rights in several parts of the world and has given lectures on human rights to judges, lawyers and other professional associations and at universities. He has written several monographs and articles on the same subject and has been called upon to assist developing and other countries in their efforts to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms.



**Antoine Kesia-Mbe MINDUA (Democratic Republic of the Congo)**

Date and place of birth: 31 December 1956, Mushie

Working languages: French, English

**Current position/function**

2001 to date	Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Bern and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Vienna
1999 to date	Visiting lecturer on humanitarian law and human rights, University of Geneva
1997-2001	United Nations international civil servant, legal officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha
1985-1988	Legal expert, Ministry of State for the Rights and Freedoms of the Citizen, Kinshasa

**Educational background**

1992-1995	PhD in public international law, Geneva
1990-1992	Diplôme d'études supérieures in international law (humanitarian law and human rights), Geneva
1989-1990	Human rights diploma, Strasbourg, France
1988-1990	Diplôme d'études supérieures in European political and legal sciences, Nancy, France

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

Since 2001	Head of the Congolese delegation to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Geneva
Since 1990	Militant and member of the International Committee for the Respect of the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights
From 1985 to 1988	Legal adviser and delegate, Ministry of Rights and Freedoms. Research into human rights violations, in particular arbitrary arrests and detentions and torture, proposing possible reparations to the Minister

**List of most recent publications in the field**

1. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, *Recueil des ordonnances, décisions et arrêts* (Compilation of orders, decisions and sentences) (1995-1997, Bruylant, 2000).
2. *Normes péremptoires du droit international et état de droit en Afrique* (Peremptory norms of international law and the rule of law in Africa), R.A.D.I.C., volume 10, No. 2, 1998.
3. *L'ONU face aux coups d'état militaires et aux gouvernements non démocratiques* (The United Nations, military coups d'état and non-democratic Governments), 1995.

**Julio Cesar PRADO VALLEJO (Ecuador)**

Date and place of birth: 3 July 1924, Quito

Working languages: Spanish, English

**Current position/function**

Member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) of the Organization of American States (OAS), 2000-2003

President of the Ecuadorian National Committee for the Defence of Human Rights

Director of the Post-Graduate School of International Sciences

Honorary Member of the Andean Commission of Jurists

Ambassador, Foreign Service of the Republic of Ecuador

**Main professional activities**

Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 1977-1998

Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 1986-1988

IACHR Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, 2000-2003

Ambassador, Representative of Ecuador to OAS

Member of the International Society for Human Rights and President of the National Section for Ecuador, 1984-1997

Director of the Human Rights Institute, Central University of Ecuador

Lecturer in International Studies, Central University of Ecuador

Member, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Advisory Board on Foreign Affairs, 1979-1997

Lawyer to the courts of the Republic of Ecuador

Editorialist of the *Diario Expreso de Guayaquil*, 1987 to date

**Academic honours**

Degree in Political and Social Sciences

Doctor of Law

Chairman of the Degree Examinations Board, Central University of Ecuador

Director of Masters' Degrees in Human Rights and Governance, Central University of Ecuador

Member of the Ecuadorian Diplomatic Service

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

Member of the Commission on International Affairs of the National Congress, 1980-1983

Alternate representative of Ecuador to the United Nations

National Deputy of the Republic of Ecuador, 1979-1984

Member of the Governing Board of the Faculty of Law, Central University of Ecuador

Member of the Graduate Council, Central University of Ecuador

Member of the Quito College of Journalists

Member of the Academy of Lawyers

Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the National Defence Board

Representative to the Latin American Free Trade Association

Chairman of the Ecuador-Peru Boundary Commission

**List of most recent publications in the field**

*Documentos Básicos de Derechos Humanos Civiles y Políticos* (Basic documents on civil and political rights), 1985

*Documentos Básicos de Derechos Humanos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales* (Basic documents on economic, social and cultural rights), 1992

*Historia des Proceso Demarcatorio de Protocolo de Río de Janeiro* (History of the demarcation process of the Rio de Janeiro Protocol), 2003

*De la Guerra a la Paz. Negociaciones del Alto Cenepa* (From war to peace: the Alto Cenepa negotiations), 2003

*Anuario de la Escuela de Ciencias Internacionales* (Yearbook of the College of International Studies)

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