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or Degrading Treatment  
or Punishment**

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Tenth Meeting  
Geneva, 30 November 2005

**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST  
TORTURE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO  
EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2005, 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 Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Wednesday, 30 November 2005, to elect five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2005 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2007 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 20 June 2005, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for the election by 20 September 2005.
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 by 20 September 2005 and the States parties which have nominated them.

| <u>Names of candidate</u>      | <u>Nominated by</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ms. Essadia BELMIR             | Morocco             |
| Mr. José Antonio BURNEO LABRIN | Peru                |
| Mr. Sayed Kassem EL-MASRY      | Egypt               |
| Mr. Alexandre KOVALEV          | Russian Federation  |
| Mr. Fernando MARIÑO MENENDEZ   | Spain               |
| Mr. Alexander NALBANDOV        | Georgia             |
| Ms. Nora SVEAASS               | Norway              |
| Mr. Xuexian WANG               | China               |
| Ms. Lucienne Ariane ZOMA       | Burkina Faso        |

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 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. Xuexian WANG <sup>a</sup> | China                         |
| Mr. Alexander M. YAKOVLEV     | Russian Federation            |

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<sup>a</sup> Appointed in 2005 in accordance with article 17, paragraph 6 of the Convention, following the resignation of Mr. Yu Mengjia.

**Annex II**

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2007**

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>Country of nationality</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. Guibril CAMARA      | Senegal                       |
| Ms. Felice GAER         | United States of America      |
| Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN    | Chile                         |
| Mr. Andreas MAVROMMATIS | Cyprus                        |
| Mr. Julio PRADO VALLEJO | Ecuador                       |

**Annex III**

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

**Name and first name:** BELMIR, Essadia

**Date and place of birth:** 5 May 1944

**Working languages:** Arabic, French

**Current position/function:**

Chamber President in the Supreme Court

Attaché in the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice

**Main professional activities:**

1967 Magistrate in the Supreme Court

1975 Magistrate in the court of first instance in Rabat

1978 Member of the advisory mission in the Rabat Court of Appeal

1979 Attaché in the central administration of the Ministry of Justice

1992 First-class magistrate in the Ministry of Justice

1994 Adviser in the Supreme Court

1998 Chamber President in the Supreme Court

1999 Member of the Constitutional Council

**Educational background:**

Postgraduate diploma in political science

Doctorate in public law

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

Member of the Constitutional Council

The candidate has represented the Ministry of Justice in many international meetings and congresses.

She has also participated in the drafting of bilateral conventions.

The candidate has also received certificates and diplomas in human rights:

- (a) At the United Nations Office at Geneva (1981; summer 1990);
- (b) At the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg (1981, 1990, 1991, 1997, 2002);
- (c) At the International Humanitarian Law Institute in San Remo, Italy (summer 1990);
- (d) At Prince Edward Institute, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Human Rights Institute of Canada (summer 1992).

**Name and first name:** BURNEO LABRÍN, José Antonio

**Place and date of birth:** Peru, 4 April 1947

**Working languages:** Spanish and French

**Current position/function:**

Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Council, President of the National Commission for the Study and Application of International Humanitarian Law, and Chairman of the high-level commission to follow up the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. University professor: courses in international criminal law and international humanitarian law.

**Main professional activities:**

Head (2002-2003) of the Legal Team of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Peru, responsible for investigating human rights crimes and violations and violations of international humanitarian law. At Antonio Ruiz de Montoya University in Lima, he taught the extra-curricular course entitled “Globalization of justice and human rights. Trends and challenges”. Professor of the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (Main National University of San Marcos) (1991-1993), taught the general course on human rights; taught the course on the inter-American human rights system at the Human Rights Institute (master’s degree programme) of the Catholic University of Lyon, France (1996).

Between 1989 and 1997, he represented the National Human Rights Coordinator in the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Director and founder of the human rights legal team of the Episcopal Social Action Commission (1982-1988).

**Academic titles:**

Bachelor of Laws, lawyer. Master’s degree from the Human Rights Institute of the Catholic University of Lyon, France

Doctor of Law (Louvain, Belgium): Thesis on crimes against humanity

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

From 1982 to 1994, he worked in legal teams for the defence of human rights, which included the problem of torture in Peru. In that capacity, he presented cases in various bodies of the United Nations human rights protection system, including the Committee against Torture, as well as in the inter-American system. As a representative of Peruvian non-governmental human rights organizations, he lobbied for human rights in Geneva between 1989 and 1997. In 2002 and 2003, he worked on volume VI of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which contains a chapter on torture.

**List of most recent publications in this field:**

*“Le crime contre l’humanité et le crime de génocide: généalogie et étude de deux cas emblématiques latino-américains”*, in H. Bosly and E. David, *Actualité du Droit International Humanitaire*, La Chartre, Brussels, 2001. *“La creación de la Comisión de la Verdad en el Perú”*, *Páginas*, Lima, No. 169, August, 2001. *“L’affaire Pinochet et le troisième mur”*, *La Revue Nouvelle*, Belgium, July-August 2000. *“La notion des crimes contre l’humanité en droit pénal international”*, *Revue de Droit Pénal et de Criminologie*, Belgium, February 1999. *“The Legalization of Impunity: an Obstacle to National Reconciliation”*, in Charles Harper, Ed., *Impunity: an ethical perspective. Six case studies from Latin America*, Geneva, WCC Publications, 1996. *“Amnistie ou Impunité”*, *Revue de l’Institut des droits de l’Homme*, Lyon, 1996.



**Name and first name:** EL-MASRY, Sayed Kassem

**Date and place of birth:** 07-01-1936 Egypt

**Working languages:** Arabic and English

**Current position/function:**

Member of CAT, its general rapporteur since 1998 and member of its Sub-Committee on individual complaints

Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

Special advisor of OIC Secretary General on Minorities

Member of the Egyptian UN Association

**Main professional activities:**

Lecturer at the Cairo Police Academy's Training Program on Human Rights

Lecturer on UNDP/Egyptian Government Capacity Building Program on Human Rights (training of judges and public attorneys, media personal and others)

Participation in several activities of Egyptian research centers where I made presentations on issues such as United Nations reform, peacekeeping operations, the Mid-Eastern regional problems, etc. ...

**Educational background:**

Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Cairo University, 1958

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

Co-Chairman of Egyptian delegation to the Rome Conference on the International Criminal Court

Mission to the Republic of Sudan to acquaint government officials and other concerned quarters with the Convention against Torture

Mission to Thailand on the situation of the Muslim minority in southern Thailand

During my years as Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, the Department of Human Rights and NGOs were under my direct supervision.

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

A book titled: Players or Spectators at the International Arena, ALHILAL Publishing House, Cairo, 2003.

Several articles in the local English and Arabic press and publications of research centers on human rights topics such as: Universal jurisdiction in the field of human rights, the ICC - the non-derogable nature of the prevention of torture.

**Name and first name:** Alexandre KOVALEV

**Date of birth:** 23 August 1938

**Main professional activities:**

1961-1969 Navigator, Chief Officer on Baltic Shipping Co. vessels. St. Petersburg  
Captain of Deep Sea Going

1969-1971 Chief of the Foreign Relations Dpt. of the Baltic Shipping Co.

1971-1972 Trade Officer of the Soviet Trade Mission in the Federal Republic of  
Germany (representative of the Soviet Shipping Companies)

1972-1974 Attaché of the Consulate General of the USSR (Hamburg)

1979-1984 United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Transport and Trade  
Division (P-4 Post)

1984-1986 Associated Professor of the Russian Academy for Foreign Trade

1986-1990 Senior Expert of the State External Relations Commission of the USSR  
Council of Ministers

1990-1993 Trade Commissioner of the USSR, Russian Federation in New Zealand

1993-1995 Senior Expert of the Foreign Cooperation Department of the Russian  
Government

1995-2001 Counsellor of Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Government (in charge  
of international affairs)

2001-2003 Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2003-pr. time Head of Chair of International Law of the Diplomatic Academy of the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Educational background:**

1960 Graduated from St. Petersburg High Marine Engineering School

1969 Graduated from St. Petersburg University, Law Faculty

1979 Graduated from the Russian Academy for Foreign Trade, Faculty of the  
International Economics

Doctor of Science (International Law), Professor

Languages: English, French

**Name and first name:** MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ, Fernando M.

**Date and place of birth:** Noia (Coruña), Spain, 1 October 1945

**Working languages:** Spanish, English, French and Italian

**Current position/function:**

Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture, elected for the period 2001-2005. Chairman of the Committee against Torture, elected for the period 2003-2005. Professor of International Public Law, Carlos III University, Madrid. Director of the Francisco de Vitoria University Institute for International and European Studies, Carlos III University, Madrid.

**Main professional activities:**

University teaching in international human rights law. Teaching of undergraduate programmes and postgraduate, master's and doctoral courses in human rights at Carlos III University. Director of research programmes on international human rights protection at the Francisco de Vitoria Institute. The research resulted in the publication of volumes on the protection of vulnerable groups, the protection of minorities, the protection of women's rights, the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, and the protection of economic, social and cultural rights. Director of the Master of Laws course on international solidarity in action in Europe (500 hours of theory and practice) of the Francisco de Vitoria Institute. Adviser to non-governmental human rights protection organizations.

**Academic titles:**

Bachelor of Laws from the University of Barcelona (1967). Doctor of Laws from the University of Bologna (1970). Diploma in Public Law from the Academy of International Law in The Hague. Diploma from the Research Centre of the Academy of International Law in The Hague.

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

Teaching courses and seminars in human rights at various universities: American University in Washington, D.C. (2003-2005); Oxford (2005); International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg (2003 and 2005). Chairperson at the seventeenth meeting of chairpersons of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies (June 2005).

**List of most recent publications in this field:**

1. "La Convención contra la tortura". In Gómez Isa, F., and Pureza, J. M., *La Protección Internacional de los Derechos Humanos en los albores del Siglo XXI*. Universidad de Deusto. Bilbao, 2003.
2. "En torno a la prohibición internacional de la tortura". In *Obra Homenaje al Profesor J.D. González Campos*. Vol. I, Madrid, 2005, pp. 401-418.
3. "Cuestiones actuales del examen de informes estatales por el Comité contra la Tortura". In *Libro Homenaje al profesor J.A. Pastor Ridruejo*. Madrid, 2005 (in press).

**Name and first name:** NALBANDOV, Alexander

**Date and place of birth:** 14 April 1960, Tbilisi, Georgia

**Working languages:** Russian (spoken, read and written)  
English (spoken, read and written)  
Georgian (spoken, read and written)

**Current position:**

Senior Adviser of the Human Rights Unit, State and Public Security Department, Office of the National Security Council of Georgia (an advisory body to the President of Georgia).

**Main professional activities:**

Human rights monitoring and reporting (drafter of 14 state reports submitted to the UN treaty bodies); development of national action plans in the field of human rights (e.g. the action plan against torture in Georgia for 2003-2005 and the action plan against trafficking in human beings for 2005-2005 which were adopted by decrees of the President of Georgia); contacts and cooperation with international human rights organizations and local NGOs active in this sphere.

**Educational background:**

Tbilisi State University, the Faculty of Russian Philology (1982)

The United Nations Fellowship Programme on Human Rights Reporting: National Capacity Strengthening Central European University, Budapest (1997)

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

Initial report of Georgia on the Convention against Torture, Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment (1996)

Second periodic report on the Convention against Torture, Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment (1999)

Third periodic report on the Convention against Torture, Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment (2003)

Member of Georgian governmental delegation that participated in the consideration of the second periodic report of Georgia on the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (2002)

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

A Study on the Compatibility of Georgian Law with the Requirements of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Protocols: Part II.

Member of the Group of Georgian Experts (2003)

**Name and first name:** SVEAASS, Nora

**Date and place of birth:** 11 December 1949 in Oslo, Norway

**Working languages:** Norwegian, English, Portuguese, Spanish, some French and German

**Current position/function:**

Head of Section and Senior Researcher, Section for Refugee Health and Forced Migration at the Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies, Oslo, Norway

**Main professional activities:**

Senior psychologist at the Psychosocial Centre for Refugees at the University of Oslo. Engaged in training and supervising health personnel, research and psychotherapy with refugees exposed to torture and other severe trauma.

Lecturer at universities and centres in other countries on issues related to psychology, refugees and gross human rights violations. Presentations at a number of international conferences.

Lecturer in psychology at the Staff Educational Centre at the Norwegian Correctional Service.

Membership and advisory functions in various expert committees, including doctoral committees at Nordic universities.

**Educational background:**

Dr. psychol. (Doctor of Psychology), University of Oslo, 2001

Specialist in clinical psychology, 1989

Cand. psychol. (Norwegian university degree in psychology), University of Oslo, 1975

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

Studies of trauma exposure and mental health in asylum-seekers in Norway

Studies of refugees and family reunification in exile - developing a model for intervention

Norwegian coordinator of cooperation project between the University of Oslo and the University of Central America, Managua, Nicaragua - Consequences of forced migration and organised violence in Central America

Family therapy with refugee families at the Psychosocial Centre for Refugees, University of Oslo, Norway

Norwegian editor of Nordisk Psykologi (Nordic Psychology)

Supervisor to research projects regarding severe trauma, health and psychosocial work

Initiator and head of project Health and Human Rights Info - a web-based information project/guidelines and information for people and communities exposed to severe human rights violations

Secretary General of the International Society for Health and Human Rights, 1998-2005.  
From 2005, member of council

Member of the Advisory Board for The Psychological Journal published by Norwegian Psychological Association

Head of Human Rights Committee, Norwegian Psychological Association

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

Restructuring meaning after uprooting and violence/Psychosocial interventions in refugee receiving and in post-conflict societies - Institute of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo (2000, 2nd ed. 2001) (doctoral thesis).

Family, activity and postraumatic reactions in exile (Lie, Sveaass, Eilertsen) - Community, Work & Family (UK) (2004).

Reconstruyendo vidas en el exilio: el trabajo psicosocial con refugiados - Psicología y derechos humanos, Barcelona (2004).

Engaging refugee families in therapy: Exploring the benefits of including referring professional in the first family interviews - Family Process (USA) (2001).

Refugee families in therapy: From referrals to therapeutic conversations - Journal of Family Therapy (UK) (2001).

Psychological aspects of human rights violation: The importance of justice and reconciliation - Scandinavian Journal of International Law (2000).

Psychological work in a postwar context - experiences from Nicaragua - Community, Work and Family (UK) (2000).

Political Psychology - Oslo (will be published in 2005 in Norwegian).

Pain and Survival. Human Rights Violations and Mental Health (Lavik, Sveaass, Nygard, Fannemel) - Scandinavian University Press (1994).

**Name and first name:** WANG, Xuexian

**Date and place of birth:** November 1939, Shangdong Province, China

**Working languages:** Chinese, English

**Current position/function:**

Ambassador of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC

China's Senior Official for Asia-Europe Meeting

Special Envoy for Afghan Affairs

Council Member of United Nations Association, China

**Main professional activities:**

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| 1969-1973           | Staff member, Chinese Embassy in the United Kingdom  |
| 1974-1980           | Third Secretary, Chinese Embassy in Malaysia   |
| 1980-1982           | Third Secretary, then Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs            |
| 1982-1989           | Second Secretary, First Secretary and Counselor, Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations   |
| 1989-1991           | Counsellor and then Deputy Director General, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs      |
| 1991-1994           | Chinese Consul General (Ambassador rank) to Los Angeles  |
| 1994-1997           | Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations |
| 1997-2001           | Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of South Africa   |
| 2001 till now       | China's Senior Official for Asia-Europe Meeting  |
| 02.25.2005 till now | Member of the Committee Against Torture  |



**Educational background:**

Graduated in 1961 from Beijing Foreign Studies University, majoring in international relations and English.

Attended in an advanced studies from 1965 to 1966 in London Polytechnical School, majoring in English.

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

- 1981        Participated in the annual meeting of Asian-African Legal Organization.
- 1980        Participated in the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.
- 1981        Since 1981 participated in the United Nations General Assembly meetings for 16 times.
- 1991        Participated in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations.
- 1994-1997   Responsible for 3rd and 6th Committees affairs of the United Nations.
- 2001        Participated in Seminar on Cracking Down Transnational Crime by ASEM Law Enforcement Agencies, Beijing.
- 2001        Participated in Meeting for Protecting Child Welfare by ASEM Law Enforcement Agencies, Guangzhou.

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

Member of the Editor Board for World Affairs Yearbook (published by World Affairs Press).

**Name and first name:** ZOMA, Lucienne Ariane

**Date and place of birth:** 31 October 1964, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

**Working languages:** French and English

**Current position/function:**

Delegate of FIACAT Afrique (International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture), representative of FIACAT in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, responsible for the training of African instructors in human rights, initiated by FIACAT in partnership with the Human Rights Institute of Lyon and the Catholic University of Central Africa.

**Main professional activities:**

Consultant in social sciences: for the past five years, counselling, and a principal officer of Action Sociale; holding of conferences and teaching of modules on the subject of violence and societies.

Physiotherapist: member of the international humanitarian surgical team of the Better Life Foundation and treatment of torture victims at the Notre-Dame de Fidélité consulting room.

African human rights trainer: in the context of the FIACAT mission, [she teaches] in its offices in various African and European countries and holds conferences and exchanges with victims of torture.

**Educational background:**

Theological studies at the Institut Supérieur de Théologie et de Philosophie de la Compagnie de Jésus in Paris, and physiotherapy in Belgium.

Social sciences and economic studies at the Institut Supérieur des Sciences Sociales et Economiques in Paris/Institut Catholique de Paris.

Law studies at the Human Rights Institute of Lyon in partnership with the Catholic University of Central Africa.

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

Since 1987, member of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT) and later of FIACAT.

Visited places of detention and prisons in many African countries and held exchanges with prisoners and prison authorities.

Institutional support in the context of measures to prevent and combat torture through lectures and panel discussions held in prisons, schools and universities and with security officers and grass-roots populations.

Since 2000, contribution to the drafting of guidelines initiated by the Association for the Prevention of Torture and adopted by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in 2002.

Examination of cases submitted by the Coalition of International NGOs against Torture (CINAT), of which FIACAT is a member (CINAT, World Coalition against the Death Penalty), in the context of their torture-prevention strategies.

**List of most recent publications in this field:**

Contribution to *Cultures africaines et lutte contre la torture*, published by FIACAT in 2002.

Article entitled "*La tolérance vecteur d'enracinement de la démocratie*" (2004).

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