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Twelfth Meeting  
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**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST  
TORTURE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO  
EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2009, 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 Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Tuesday, 13 October 2009, to elect five members of the Committee against Torture to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 2009 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2011 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 24 April 2009, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for the election by 27 July 2009.
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 27 July 2009 and the States parties which have nominated them.

<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ms. Essadia BELMIR	Morocco
Mr. Alessio BRUNI	Italy
Ms. Fatiha HADJ SALAH	Algeria
Mr. El Hadi Salem HAMMED	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Mr. Alexander KOVALEV	Russian Federation
Mr. Fernando MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ	Spain
Mr. Lucien RAKOTONIAINA	Madagascar
Ms. Nora SVEAASS	Norway
Mr. Xuexian WANG	China

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 2009**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Essadia BELMIR	Morocco
Mr. Alexander KOVALEV	Russian Federation
Mr. Fernando MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ	Spain
Ms. Nora SVEAASS	Norway
Mr. Xuexian WANG	China

**Annex II**

**LIST OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2011**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Felice GAER	United States of America
Mr. Luis GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA	Ecuador
Mr. Abdoulaye GAYE	Senegal
Mr. Claudio GROSSMAN	Chile
Ms. Myrna Y. KLEOPAS	Cyprus

**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 February 1944

**Working languages:** Arabic, French

**Current position/function:**

Chamber President in the Supreme Court

Attaché in the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice

Member of the Committee against Torture

**Main professional activities:**

1967 Judge assigned to the Supreme Court

1975 Judge 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 Senior judge in the Ministry of Justice

1994 Judge 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 at many international meetings and conferences.

She has participated in the drafting of bilateral conventions.

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

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

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

A number of articles and papers on, for example: institutional guarantees for human rights, the situation of migrant Moroccan families, the concept of foreigner and migrant, the protection of children and women under criminal law, the rule of law and the courts, access to legal information, and reform of the Moroccan Family Code from an international perspective.

**Name and first name:** BRUNI, Alessio

**Date and place of birth:** 26 June 1947, Florence, Italy

**Working languages:** English, French and Spanish (Italian mother tongue)

**Current position or function:**

Former United Nations Senior Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**Main professional activities:**

From July 2006 to 30 June 2007, officer in charge of the Treaties and Council Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. As such, he supervised the work of the secretariat relating to: (a) all the treaty bodies serviced by OHCHR; and (b) the Human Rights Council;

From 2000 to 2007, Treaty Implementation team leader supervising the work of the secretariat relating to four treaty bodies serviced by OHCHR, including the Human Rights Committee, and a Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights;

From 1987 to 2000, mainly responsible for the implementation and development of the treaty-based mechanisms to prevent and combat torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment within the United Nations human rights programme. As such, he acted as secretary of: (a) all the sessions of the Committee against Torture; (b) all the meetings of the States parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; (c) the inquiries and relevant field missions decided by the Committee against Torture under article 20 of the Convention; and (d) two sessions of the Working Group for the elaboration of the Optional Protocol to the Convention;

From 1975 to 1987, he acquired professional experience in numerous areas of the United Nations human rights programme, including the servicing of the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights.

**Educational background:**

Advanced university degree in political science (*summa cum laude*) with specialization in international relations and international law, University of Florence, 1973.

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

In his capacity as secretary of the Committee against Torture since its creation in 1987, he developed measures of interaction and cooperation between the Committee and: (a) the relevant Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights (later the Human Rights Council); (b) the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture; and (c) the United Nations Fund for the Victims of Torture;

In his capacity as Treaty Implementation team leader, he contributed to the development of increased cooperation between treaty bodies, Special Rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions to harmonize their working methods and to improve the reporting system under the various treaties;

He served as secretary of three sessions of the Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies and many sessions of United Nations bodies for the elaboration of human rights treaties.

**List of most recent publications:**

“The Functioning of the Committee against Torture” a contribution to a book on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, coordinated by Professor Walter Kälin of the University of Bern.



**Name and first name:** MERAH, Fatiha (née HADJ SALAH)

**Date and place of birth:** 27 May 1942, Oran, Algeria

**Working languages:** Arabic, French

**Current position/function:**

Professor of Medicine

Chief, Forensic Medicine Service, Béni Messous teaching hospital, Algiers

Court expert

**Main professional activities:**

1970-1973 Doctor, Occupational Medicine Service, Algiers

1973-1979 Doctor, Central Pharmacy, Algiers

1979-1983 Lecturer in forensic medicine, Algiers teaching hospital

1983-2009 Chief, Forensic Medicine Service, Béni Messous teaching hospital

- Forensic medical consultations
- Forensic medical reports
- Medical examiner's duties: autopsies
- Prison medical service: hospitalization of prisoners for specialized treatment
- Advice on medical law and ethics
- Psychotherapy unit for victims of violence

1983-2009 Sworn medical expert, Court of Algiers

**Educational background:**

1970 Doctor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers

1970 Certificate in occupational medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers

1973 Certificate in forensic medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers

1981 Certificate in medical studies: legal redress for physical injury, Paris

1983 Certificate in demographics, health economics and social security, Paris

1985 Doctor of Medical Science, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers

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

*Academic activities:*

- 1973            Lecturer in forensic medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers
- 1985            Docent in forensic medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers
- 1993            Professor of forensic medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Algiers
- Theory and practice in forensic medicine, medical law, medical ethics and ethics
  - Forensic medicine training for interns
  - Chair of several national examination boards, for first-year internships in forensic medicine and specialized diploma in forensic medicine
  - Panel member, competitive recruitment of lecturers and professors in forensic medicine
  - Member of the Science Council, Department of Medicine, Algiers
  - Member of the Disciplinary Council, Department of Medicine, Algiers
- 1991-2009      Professor, Legal Service Training College: forensic medicine for trainee judges
- 2009            Chair, National Teaching Committee for Forensic Medicine (CPNS)

*Other activities:*

Member of the Higher Council of the Judiciary

Vice-chair of the Ethics Committee, Béni Messous teaching hospital

Member of the National Committee for Forensic Medicine

Ministry of Health

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

Author or co-author of over 200 papers and lectures focused on research in the following fields:

- Forensic medicine
- Violence: child, domestic and sexual abuse
- Organ removal and transplants
- Medical liability

- Teaching of medical ethics
- Legal redress for physical injury
- Patients' rights

Participation in international conferences and seminars on forensic medicine, medical law and ethics, in Algeria, France, Spain, Belgium, Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, Portugal, Italy, etc.

Participation in doctors' in-service training seminars on medical law and medical ethics, in Algiers, Oran, Constantine, Annaba, Sétif, Biskra, Chlef, Mostaganem, Tamanrasset, Ghardaïa, Tiaret, etc.

**Name and first name:** HAMMED, Elhadi Salem

**Date and place of birth:** 1950, Zawya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

**Working languages:** Arabic, French, English

**Current position/function:**

Dean, Faculty of Law, El Fateh University, Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

**Main professional activities:**

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|-----------|---|
| 2008      | Head, Department of Higher Studies, Faculty of Law, El Fateh University, Tripoli  |
| 2006      | Member of the Teaching Council, Faculty of Law, El Fateh University, Tripoli  |
| 1997-2006 | Ambassador, Embassy of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Dakar, Senegal<br>Head of Department of Politics, Nasser University, Tripoli |
| 1986      | Member of the Teaching Council, Nasser University, Tripoli  |
| 1980      | Member of the Teaching Council, Faculty of Law, Karyonos University, Tripoli  |

**Educational background:**

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| 1979 | Master's in Law, Faculty of Law, Economics and Political Science, University of Franche Comté, Besançon, France |
| 1985 | Doctorate in Law, Economics and International Politics, University of Franche Comté, Besançon, France           |

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

University professor in general international law

University professor in advanced international law for students of general law and international law

Human rights lecturer, Police Academy

Participated in the preparatory meeting of European Union-African Union Conference on Migration and Development, 2006

**Name and first name:** KOVALEV, Alexander  
**Date and place of birth:** 23 August 1938  
**Working languages:** Russian (native); French (fluent); English (fluent)

**Current position or function:**

2003-present Chair of International Law, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

2006-present Expert, Committee against Torture

Doctor of Laws, Professor, honoured scientist of the Russian Federation

**Main professional activities:**

1961-1969 Navigator, chief mate of sea captain of the Baltic Maritime Steamship Line, Sea Captain

1969-1971 Head of Foreign Relations Department of the Baltic Maritime Steamship Line

1971-1974 Official of the USSR Trade Mission to FRG, official of the USSR Consulate General to Hamburg (FRG)

1974-1976 Head of Commercial Department of the Marine Central Research Institute (Leningrad)

1976-1979 Student of the National Foreign Trade Academy (Moscow)

1979-1984 Senior officer of the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

1984-1986 Senior lecturer of the National Foreign Trade Academy

1986-1990 Senior expert of the State External Economic Commission of USSR Council of Ministers

1990-1993 USSR/Russian Trade Commissioner

1993-1995 Senior expert of the International Cooperation Department of the Russian Government

1995-2001 Counsellor to Deputy Chairman of the Russian Government on international affairs

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

**Educational background:**

1960              Leningrad High Engineering Nautical School

1969              Leningrad State University - Faculty of Law

1979              National Foreign Trade Academy - Faculty of World Trade (United Nations  
Faculty)

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

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

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

**Current position/function:**

Member of the Committee against Torture; elected for the periods 2001-2005 and 2006-2009; chairperson of the Committee, 2003-2005

Professor of Public International Law, Carlos III University, Madrid

Director, Francisco de Vitoria University Institute for International and European Studies, Carlos III University

**Main professional activities:**

Teaching and research in international human rights law

Teacher of degree courses and postgraduate, masters' and doctorate courses in human rights, Carlos III University

Director of research programmes in international human rights protection at the Francisco de Vitoria University Institute, leading to the publication of a series on the protection of vulnerable groups, minorities, women's rights, indigenous peoples' rights and economic, social and cultural rights

Director, master's degree in international solidarity in action in Europe (500 hours of theory and practice), Francisco de Vitoria University Institute

Adviser to non-governmental organizations in the area of human rights protection

**Educational background:**

Bachelor of Laws, Barcelona, 1967

Doctor of Laws, Bologna, 1970

Diploma in Public Law, Academy of International Law, The Hague

Diploma from the Research Centre, Academy of International Law, The Hague

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

Teaching and holding seminars on human rights in various institutions: American University, Washington, DC (2003-2005); University of Oxford (2005); International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (2003 and 2005)

Chair of the meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies (June 2005)

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

*La creación del mecanismo español de prevención de la tortura*, F.M. Mariño and A. Cebada Romero (eds.), Madrid, 2009.

*Un mundo sin desarraigo: el derecho internacional de las migraciones*, F.M. Mariño (ed.), Madrid, 2006.

“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.

“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.

“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).

“The Convention against Torture”. In: F. Gómez Isa and Koehn Feyter (eds.), *International Protection of Human Rights: Achievements and Challenges*, Bilbao, 2006, pp. 187-217.

“La Convención de Ginebra sobre el Estatuto del Refugiado”. In: Manuel Balado Ruiz Gallegos (ed.), *Inmigración, Estado y Derecho*, Barcelona, 2008, pp. 711-730.

“Reforma del sistema de tratados sobre protección de derechos humanos de Naciones Unidas”. In: *La Protección de los Derechos Humanos: Cuadernos de la Escuela Diplomática*, No. 34, Madrid, 2008, pp. 57-69.



**Name and first name:** RAKOTONIAINA, Lucien

**Date and place of birth:** 29 September 1949, Antananarivo, Madagascar

**Working languages:** French

**Current position/function:**

Director of Human Rights and International Relations

Chair of the drafting committee for initial and periodic reports in the field of human rights

**Main professional activities:**

Drafting and implementing policies and programmes for the promotion and protection of human rights

Compliance with international obligations in the field of human rights

Drafting of national reports and participation in meetings at which they are considered by treaty bodies

**Educational background:**

Master's in public law and political science, 1979 (University of Madagascar)

Graduate of the Institute of Judicial Studies

First in class, competitive examination for entry to judiciary, 1980

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

Design, organization and delivery of training course for law enforcement officials and civil society stakeholders on the application through the courts of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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

Guide for law enforcement officials applying the law that includes the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

**Name and first name:** SVEAASS, Nora  
**Date and place of birth:** 11 December 1949  
**Working languages:** Norwegian, English, Portuguese, Spanish, some French and German

**Current position/function:**

Associate professor at the Department of Psychology, University of Oslo

Chair of Human Rights Committee of the Norwegian Psychological Association

Member of Committee against Torture

**Main professional activities:**

Lecturer and supervisor at the Department of Psychology, University of Oslo for psychology students in their final two years of studies, including supervising their theses

Research in the field of mental health, family therapy, human rights violations and therapy/rehabilitation

Member of expert and advisory groups both related to research projects (unaccompanied minors, survivors of genocide, female asylum-seekers in reception centres) and in relation to strategy and implementation of care and health services (ex. Dental treatment to torture victims organized by the Health Directorate in Norway)

Member of evaluation committees for Ph.D. thesis at universities in Scandinavia

Frequent lecturing and guest-lecturing at universities and professional colleges; specialized training organized by professional organizations, ministries and others in Norway and outside Norway, particularly on human rights, refugees and psychosocial needs, mental health and psychotherapy after torture

As a member of the Committee against Torture invited to participate in several meetings and conferences organized by e.g. the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (on women and torture, as well as on torture and persons with disabilities), universities (United States of America, Great Britain and Scandinavia) and others

**Educational background:**

Dr. psychol., University of Oslo, 2001

Specialist in Clinical Psychology, Norwegian Psychological Association, 1989

IAP senior therapy training at Institute for Active Psychotherapy, 1985

Postgraduate training in child and adolescent psychology and therapy, 1982

Candidatus psychologia, Institute of Psychology, University of Oslo, 1975

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

Studies on trauma exposure and mental health in asylum-seekers and refugees residing in Norway: three ongoing studies with focus on assessing vulnerable groups, documenting torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, evaluating need for therapy and rehabilitation in refugees and in particular victims of torture, and health-care studies on the right, access to and actual implementation of psychotherapy in relation to traumatized refugees

Studies of refugees and family reunification in exile. Models for preventive intervention

Studies on reparations and sense of justice - in persons exposed to severe human rights violations in Argentina and Peru

Clinical/psychotherapeutic work with torture victims in Norway

Project responsible for a number of student theses on refugees, asylum-seekers and immigrants at the University of Oslo

Advisory board/editorial board for several journals: Nordic Psychology, the Psychological Journal of NPA, Intervention - International Journal of Mental Health, Psychosocial Work and Counselling in Areas of Armed Conflict, and Torture, IRCT

Initiator and day-to-day responsible for Health and Human Rights Info - a web-based information project for professionals working psychosocially with persons subject to war, conflict and human rights violations

Long time collaboration with professional groups, universities and NGOs in Latin America, in particular Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Nicaragua

Presently member of three scientific committees for international conferences on Stress and Trauma (ECOTS), European Psychology (Peace Track) and Coping & Resilience (Dubrovnic)

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

Sveaass, N. (2009). Destroying Minds: Psychological Pain and the Crime of Torture. (in press)

Sveaass, N. (2009). Health problems as indicators of torture. Some health related considerations. Human Rights Brief. (in press)

Stige, S. & Sveaass, N. (2009). Living in exile when disaster strikes at home. Experiences after the Tsunami in 2004. (submitted)

Iversen, V., Morken, G. & Sveaass, N. (2008). The influence of trauma and psychological distress on acculturation attitudes among refugees. (submitted)

Sveaass, N. (2007). Torture - a crime against humanity. In Lothe, Daniel, Snipstad & Sveaass (eds.), Strength in Broken Places. 179-196. Oslo: Unipub

Lie, B., Sveaass, N. & Eilertsen, D.E. (2004). Family, activity and post-traumatic reactions in exile. Community, Work & Family

Sveaass, N. (2004). Reconstruyendo vidas en el exilio: el trabajo psicosocial con refugiados. In L. de la Corte, A. Blanco, M. Sabucedo (eds.). *Psicología y derechos humanos* (413-439). Barcelona: Icaria editorial, S.A.

Sveaass, N. & Reichelt, S. (2001). Engaging refugee families in therapy: Exploring the benefits of including referring professionals in the first family interviews. *Family Process*, 40, 95-114

Sveaass, N. & Reichelt, S. (2001). Refugee families in therapy: From referrals to therapeutic conversations. *Journal of Family Therapy*, 23, 119-135

Sveaass, N. (2000). Restructuring meaning after uprooting and violence. Psychosocial interventions in refugee receiving and post-conflict societies. Doctoral thesis, Oslo: Unipub

Sveaass, N. & Castillo, M. (2000). From War Hero to Cripple: An Interview Study on Psychosocial Intervention and Social Reconstruction in Nicaragua. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 6, 113-133

Sveaass, N. & Lavik, N.J. (2000). Psychological aspects of human rights violations: The importance of justice and reconciliation. *Scandinavian Journal of International Law*, 69, 35-52

Sveaass, N. (2000). Psychological work in a postwar context - experiences from Nicaragua. *Community, Work & Family*, 3, 37-64

Lavik, N.J. & Sveaass, N. (2005). *Politisk psykologi (Political psychology)*. Oslo: Pax

Lavik, N.J., Nygård, M., Sveaass, N. & Fannemel, E. (1994) (eds). *Pain and Survival. Human Rights Violations and Mental Health*. Oslo: Norwegian University Press

A number of publications in Norwegian on refugee health, trauma, human rights violations, in particular psychological aspects and effects of torture

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

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

**Working languages:** Chinese, English

**Current position/function:**

Professor of Renmin University of China

Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

China's Senior Official for Asia-Europe Meeting

Special Envoy for Afghan Affairs

Council Member of United Nations Association, China

**Main professional activities:**

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 Counsellor, 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 to the United Nations

1997-2001 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of South Africa

2001-present China's Senior Official for Asia-Europe Meeting

2002-present Special Envoy for Afghan Affairs

2005-present Member of the Committee Against Torture

2006 Professor of Central China Normal University

2009 March Professor of Renmin University of China

**Educational background:**

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

Attended 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:**

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| 1981       | Since 1981 participated in General Assembly meetings 16 times   |
| 1991       | Participated in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights   |
| 1994-1997  | Responsible for the Committees of the United Nations and Economic and Social Council affairs  |
| 2001       | Participated in Seminar on Cracking Down on Transnational Crime by ASEM Law Enforcement Agencies, Beijing   |
| 2001       | Participated in Meeting for Protecting Child Welfare by ASEM Law Enforcement Agencies, Guangzhou  |
| 2004       | Led a delegation to meetings of ASEM Interfaith Dialogue  |
| 2005       | Visited prisons and detention facilities in Beijing, Wuhan, and gave lessons to the officials   |
| 2005       | Participated in and presided various seminars on human rights   |
| 2007-2008  | Participated in and chaired meetings for Protecting People's Right of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and Intangible Cultural Heritage, organized by UNESCO   |
| March 2009 | Attended and delivered speech at the conference on prevention of torture in Serbia  |
| April 2009 | Attended the Fifth meeting of Asia Economic Forum, Cambodia and Asia-Euro Sustainable Development meeting, Philippines, gave speeches on how to protect the right to life and the right to development (especially for the people in developing countries) under the international financial crisis |

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

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

Member of the Editorial Board for The United Nations and a Harmonious World (published in 2008)

Member of the Editorial Board for China Diplomacy in the United Nations Field (published in 2009)

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