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on the Protection of the  
Rights of All Migrant  
Workers and Members  
of Their Families**

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**ELECTION OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS  
AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE  
TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON 31 OCTOBER 2007**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In pursuance of article 72, paragraph 4, of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 6 December 2007 to elect five members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2007 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2009 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with article 72, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 9 July 2007, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee by 30 September 2007. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties which have proposed them indicated in parenthesis:

- Francisco ALBA (Mexico)
- Francisco CARRIÓN MENA (Ecuador)
- Elizabeth CUBIAS MEDINA (El Salvador)
- Ahmed Hassan EL-BORAI (Egypt)
- Abdelhamid EL JAMRI (Morocco)
- Myriam POUSSI (Burkina Faso).

3. Biographical data of the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III.

**Annex I**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRANT WORKERS WHOSE  
TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2007**

Mr. Francisco	ALBA	Mexico
Mr. Francisco	CARRIÓN MENA	Ecuador
Ms. Ana Elizabeth	CUBIAS MEDINA	El Salvador
Mr. Ahmed Hassan	EL-BORAI	Egypt
Mr. Abdelhamid	EL JAMRI	Morocco

**Annex II**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRANT WORKERS WHOSE  
TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2009**

Mr. José Serrano	BRILLANTES	Philippines
Ms. Anamaría	DIEGUEZ ARÉVALO	Guatemala
Mr. Prasad	KARIYAWASAM	Sri Lanka
Mr. Mehmet	SEVIM	Turkey
Mr. Azad	TAGHIZADE	Azerbaijan

**Annex III**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF THE NOMINEES, AS FURNISHED  
BY THE STATES PARTIES CONCERNED**

**1. Francisco ALBA (MEXICO)**

**Date and place of birth:** 28 August 1941, Mexico City

**Working languages:** Spanish and English

**Current position/function**

Researcher and lecturer, College of Mexico, specializing in the areas of international migration, population and development, and economic integration. Also national researcher with Mexico's National Research System, level III, from 1985 to date.

**Main professional activities**

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, since 2004. Member of the External Evaluation Committee of the Colegio de la Frontera Norte and member of the Consultations Board of the National Migration Institute of Mexico since 2003. Awarded the National Demographics Prize in recognition of his distinguished career.

Also a member of the Mexican Demographics Society and other relevant national and international professional associations, including the Population Reference Bureau and the Associate Programme, Inter-American Dialogue.

**Educational background**

Economist at the University of San Luis Potosí

*Maestría en Demografía* (master's degree in demographics), from the College of Mexico

Other postgraduate studies at the Institute of Political Studies, Paris, and the University of Texas, Austin, United States of America

*Licenciatura en filosofía* (bachelor's degree in philosophy), Gregorian University, Rome.

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

One of Mexico's best-known migration specialists. Directed work on *Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action*, joint publication (2005) of the Global Commission on International Migration.

Member of the Teaching Body on International Migration of the College of Mexico since 2004. Was also a member of the jury for the National Demographics Prize in 2003.

Associate of the Mexican Council on International Affairs and member of the Latin American Studies Association and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

**Most recent publications in the field**

Author of many studies and publications on international migration, Mexican migration policies, population and development. Most recent publications include the following books: *Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action*, published in 2005, and *Las migraciones internacionales*, published in 2001 by the National Council for Culture and the Arts. In the context of Mexico-United States relations, he wrote the book *México-Estados Unidos-Canadá 1995-1996*, published in 1997 by the College of Mexico.

## 2. Francisco CARRIÓN MENA (Ecuador)

**Date and place of birth:** 8 April 1953, Quito

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

### **Current position/function**

Ambassador, Ecuadorian Foreign Service

International consultant on a variety of foreign policy issues, specializing in migration

Researcher at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)

Columnist on the *El Comercio* newspaper (Quito)

### **Main professional activities**

Career diplomat, Ecuadorian Foreign Service, since 1974

First Secretary, counsellor and chargé d'affaires, Paris (1982-1988)

Diplomatic adviser and coordinator to the President (1988-1991)

Minister and chargé d'affaires, London (1991-1996)

Appointed career ambassador, Ecuadorian Foreign Service (April 1996)

Under-Secretary for National Sovereignty, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1996-1998)

Member of the Ecuador-Peru peace negotiation commissions (1996-1998)

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (1998-2000)

Ambassador to Spain (September 2000-10 October 2005)

Minister for Foreign Affairs (October 2005-January 2007)

### **Educational background**

*Licenciatura en Ciencias Políticas y Sociales* (bachelor's degree in political and social sciences), Central University of Ecuador, 1974

*Doctorado en Ciencias Internacionales* (doctorate in international studies), Central University of Ecuador, 1978

Diploma in international affairs (Foundation of International Study and Research, Faculty of Political Science), Florence, Italy, 1983

French public administration, IAPI, Paris, 1984

First Meeting on Migratory Flows, Quito, 2001

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

Member, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Member, negotiating team on the Agreement on migratory flows between Ecuador and Spain, in effect since February 2001, in his capacity as Ecuador's Ambassador in Madrid.

Visiting lecturer at a number of seminars and universities on migration-related topics (Murcia, 2003; University of Alcalá, 2002; University of Salamanca, 2001; Quito, 2001) and on matters of security, and peacekeeping and security (Pamplona, 2002; Madrid, 2001; Rome, 1999; Brasilia, 1999; Caracas, 1997; Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1997).

Professor, Central University of Ecuador and Diplomatic Academy, Quito 1988-1992, teaching Ecuador's foreign policy and international negotiation.

Numerous international meetings on issues such as migration, integration, demining and frontier development.

**Most recent publications in the field**

"La Evolución del Derecho Internacional", Quito, 1979

"Política Exterior del Ecuador: Evolución, Teoría y Práctica", Quito, 1980 and 1986

"Consideraciones Teóricas sobre la Política Exterior del Ecuador", Quito, 1991

"Ecuador y Perú - De la Paz al Desarrollo", Instituto Italo-Latinoamericano, Rome, 1999

Various studies and articles on migratory issues in specialist publications ("La migración Ecuatoriana en España", 2002; "Inmigración e Interculturalidad", 2003) and on foreign policy and international negotiation issues.



### 3. Elizabeth CUBIAS MEDINA (El Salvador)

**Date and place of birth:** 11 June 1966, Nueva San Salvador, El Salvador

**Working languages:** Spanish and English

#### **Current position/function**

Deputy Director-General for Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador

#### **Main professional activities**

I head one of the government departments that monitors El Salvador's international commitments in the social, environmental and cultural fields and the social issues related to Salvadoran foreign policy. We are in charge of monitoring migration and everything related to migration and management policies, migrants' human rights, combating migrant smuggling and people trafficking, and the links between migration and development. We also represent our country in the various regional and international forums on the subject, such as the Regional Conference on Migration, the Global Forum on Migration and Development and the Tuxtla Mechanism.

#### **Educational background**

*Doctorado en Derechos Fundamentales* (doctorate in fundamental rights), Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain

*Licenciada en Ciencias Jurídicas* (bachelor's degree in law), José Simeón Cañas Central American University

Lawyer and notary

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

Coordination of committees set up to prepare international, regional and national reports on migration issues and to establish El Salvador's position

Member, Steering Committee, *Bienvenido a Casa* ("Welcome Home") programme for deportees

Permanent Secretary of the National Committee against People Trafficking

#### **Most recent publications in the field**

*"La Convención Internacional de los Derechos de Todos los Trabajadores Migratorios y sus Familiares y su importancia para la población migrante salvadoreña"* ("The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their

Families and its importance for the migrant population of El Salvador”), in “Un mundo apropiado sin desarraigo: El Derecho Internacional de las Migraciones”, ed. Fernando Mariño, Instituto Francisco de Vitoria, Carlos III University, Madrid; Editorial la Catarata, Madrid, 2006

*“La Convención Internacional para la Protección de los Derechos de todos los Trabajadores Migratorios y sus Familias”* (“The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families”), in *Actualidad* magazine, Comisión Coordinadora del Sector Justicia (Coordinating Commission of the Justice Sector), San Salvador, 2006.

#### **4. Ahmed Hassan EL-BORAI (Egypt)**

**Date and place of birth:** 29 October 1944, Port Said

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

##### **Current position/function**

1995 to date: Member, Committee of Legal Experts of the Arab Labour Organization (ALO)

1999 to date: Member, Committee of Experts-counsellors of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

2004 to date: Member, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, United Nations

1986 to 1990: Cultural Counsellor for the Arab Republic of Egypt in Paris, France

1992 to 2003: National Legal Expert for the preparation of the Unified Labour Bill

##### **Main professional activities**

Professor of Law

Head of the Social Legislation Department, Faculty of Law, Cairo University

Advocate before the Egyptian Court of Cassation and the Council of State

##### **Educational background**

1972: *Doctorat de l'Etat en Droit* (doctorate in law), University of Rennes, France

1970: Diploma in Public Law, University of Rennes, France

1968: Diploma in Private Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt

1967: Diploma in Public Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt

1966: *Licence en droit* (bachelor's degree in law), Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt

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

###### *Symposia and conferences*

The Development of Professional Relations in the Arab States, organized by ILO, ALO and UNDP, Amman, Jordan, September 1995

Second Conference on Immigration of Labour Between the Arab States, organized by the Arab Programme for the Support of Immigration Between Arab States, Beirut, March 1995

Cooperation in the Mediterranean, Human Rights and Civil Liberties, Sardinia, November 1994

Cooperation in the Mediterranean, Human Rights and Civil Liberties, Taormina, February 1993

Between the Arab States - First Conference on Immigration of Labour, organized by the Arab Programme for the Support of Immigration between Arab States, Cairo, May 1992

**Most recent publications in the field**

Economic, Political and Social Transformation and Effects on Labour Relations, September, 1995

The Regulation of Immigration of Labour Between the Arab States, According to International and Arab Labour Practices, March, 1995

Legal Framework for Protecting Immigrant Labour in the Arab States, May, 1992

Arab immigrant women in the Arab countries between the reality and law, October 2006

International legal framework for migrant workers: the United Nations Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (1990), July 2007.

**5. Abdelhamid EL JAMRI (Morocco)\***

**Date and place of birth:** 12 December 1957, Gueroeun (Morocco)

**Working language:** French

**Current position/function**

International consultant on development project design

Member and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, United Nations, Geneva

Expert on economic development, European Union, Brussels

Director of the Institut supérieur de formation et de développement (Higher Institute of Training and Development), France

President of the international network “Initiatives 21 for development” - being created and established in several countries

**Main professional activities**

Coordinator of several migrant integration and employment programmes in European countries

Designer and supervisor of several social integration training programmes for trainers, urban policy project leaders, etc.

Member of several missions on behalf of European and African Governments, major enterprises and NGOs in the fields of project design, training, management and optimal use of human resources, migration management, group training, structure analysis, local and regional programme design, framing international development strategies, programme evaluation, cooperation projects with North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, support for civil society and development actors, etc.

Coordinator of several European programmes on institutional support and upgrading enterprises with a view to opening markets

Implementation of several development programmes for the Moroccan Government: management training, designing a system for evaluating development projects, upgrading administration, etc.

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\* Information on the candidate’s work with associations and the complete list of his missions may be consulted on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/french/bodies/cmw/index.htm>) as well as in the files of the secretariat. The information is available in English and French, as submitted by the Government of Morocco.

Coordinator of several development programmes for international institutions, including Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the World Bank

### **Educational background**

1996: *Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées (DESS): Ingénierie du développement social urbain et intégration en Europe* (specialist diploma in urban social development engineering and integration in Europe), University of Marne-la-Vallée, France, upper second-class. Elective, DESS on "Gestion des Entreprises d'Insertion" (integration company management)

1987: *Diplôme d'études Approfondies ès Sciences de Gestion* (advanced diploma in management sciences; elective on company analysis and development), University of Lille, France

1985: *Maîtrise ès Sciences Économiques* (master's degree in economics), University of Amiens, France; Elective on enterprise and administrative management

1980-1984: *Diplôme d'études universitaires générales* and *Licence ès Sciences Economiques* (university diploma and bachelor's degree in economics), University of Amiens, France

1979: *Baccalauréat*, Série B, My Ismaël High School, Meknès, Morocco

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

United Nations expert since 2003; member, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

AIDE Fédération/United Nations: 2006, Joint organization and moderation of the international conference on progress towards and obstacles to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, Geneva

European Commission: 2002-2005, Head of Mission, Programme on Structuring the movement of persons between Morocco and the European Union, programme definition and evaluation, Brussels, Madrid, Paris, Rabat, Tangiers, Meknès and elsewhere

Moroccan Consultative Council on Human Rights, 2007: member; member of the working group on migration of the Moroccan Consultative Council on Human Rights, responsible for preparing draft directives for a Moroccan immigration policy for the King of Morocco: organization of an integrated approach to consultations in Morocco and the various countries that host Moroccan migrants, in Rabat and various countries on five continents

Joint organizer of the Euro-Mediterranean Civil Forum, 2000-2006, with responsibility for migration-related topics: organization, formulation of themes, selection of participants, recommendations, follow-up, etc. Marseille, Brussels, Naples, Valencia, Luxembourg and Marrakech

**Most recent publications in the field**

2004-2005: Report on migrants' role in cooperation between ACP countries and the European Union, for the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

2003-2004: Report on structuring the movement of persons between Morocco and the European Union, for the European Commission

2002-2003: City of Paris local plan for the integration of foreigners

2000-2006: Reports of the migration workshops of the Euromed Civil Forums from 2000 to 2006

2003: Methodological report on creating mechanisms for training and integrating migrant communities, for the Social Welfare Fund

Several reports on trials of numerous European anti-exclusion programmes for underprivileged groups, migrants and trainees

Organization of meetings on issues relating to training, immigration, interculturality, civil society, rule of law and co-development

Written contributions to several seminars on topics relating to migration, development and human rights.

**6. Myriam POUSSI (Burkina Faso)**

**Date and place of birth:** 21 March 1967

**Working language:** French

**Current position/function**

Director, human rights promotion and awareness, Ministry for the Promotion of Human Rights

**Main professional activities**

Information

Training

Human rights awareness-raising

Publishing documents on human rights

Support for civil society in actions to promote human rights

**Educational background**

*Maîtrise en droit public* (master's degree in public law)

*DESS en droit des affaires* (specialist diploma in business law)

*Diplôme de magistrat* (judge's diploma)

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

Information

Raising awareness of migrants' rights

Monitoring operations to repatriate Burkinabé migrants from Côte d'Ivoire

Member, Commission on the assessment of damages to persons repatriated from Côte d'Ivoire

Monitoring implementation of the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants following her visit to Burkina Faso in February 2005

Monitoring the proceedings of the Human Rights Council.

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