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MEETING OF STATES PARTIES  
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**ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 28 TO 34 OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL  
RIGHTS, OF ONE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF  
MR. WALTER KÄLIN (SWITZERLAND) WHOSE TERM WAS TO EXPIRE  
ON 31 DECEMBER 2010**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In conformity with article 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 28 July 2008, for the purpose of filling one vacancy in the Human Rights Committee.
2. In a letter dated 8 April 2008, Mr. Walter Kälin (Switzerland), who was re-elected at the Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant held on 6 September 2006 for a term that was to expire on 31 December 2010, submitted his resignation from the Committee with immediate effect. In a letter dated 18 April 2008, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee informed the Secretary-General accordingly.
3. Pursuant to article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General declared the seat of Mr. Kälin vacant from the date of his resignation. By note verbale of 15 May 2008, the States parties to the Covenant were invited to submit nominations, by 15 July 2008, for the purpose of filling the vacancy for a term expiring on 31 December 2010.
4. The curriculum vitae of Ms. Helen Keller, nominated by Switzerland, is contained in the annex to the present document.

**ANNEX**

**Curriculum vitae**

**HELEN KELLER**

**(Switzerland)**

Date and place of birth:

June 1, 1964, Zurich, Switzerland

Working languages:

English, French, German, Italian and Polish.

Current position/function:

Since 2004 Professor (*ordinaria*) at the University of Zurich for Constitutional, European and International Law ([www.rwi.unizh.ch/keller/](http://www.rwi.unizh.ch/keller/) or <http://www.umbricht.ch/eng/frameset2.html>)

Main professional activities:

Research in the field of human rights (in the context of national constitutional law, in Europe and on the international level, in particular measures against terrorism and human rights)

Educational background:

2000 - Visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (Germany)

1996 - Research Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence (Italy),

1995 - Research fellow at Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, MA (United States)

1994 - Masters of European Law, Bruges, Belgium

1993 - PhD University of Zurich

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

Board Member of ICJ-CH (International Law Commission, Swiss Section)

Member of ASIL (American Society of International Law)

Member of ILA (International Law Association)

List of most recent publications in the field:

ULRICH HÄFELIN / WALTER HALLTE / HELEN KELLER, *Schweizerisches Bundesstaatsrecht*, 7. Auflage, Zürich/Basel/Genf 2008 (forthcoming in September, ca. 660 pages).

HELEN KELLER / ALEC STONE SWEET (Hrsg.), *A Europe of Rights: the Impact of the ECHR on National Legal Systems*, Oxford 2008 (forthcoming, 852 pages).

HELEN KELLER, Special Representative / Reporting System / Friendly Relations Declaration, in: *Encyclopaedia of Public International Law*, published under the Auspices of the MPI Heidelberg and the direction of Rüdiger Wolfrum, Oxford (forthcoming 2008).

HELEN KELLER / DANIELA THURNHERR, *Taking International Law Seriously. A European Perspective on the U.S. Attitudes Towards International Law*, Berne/New York/Athens 2005 (167 pages).

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