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of all Forms of
Racial Discrimination**

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**ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO REPLACE
THOSE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 2008,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8
OF THE CONVENTION**

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In pursuance of article 8, paragraph 4, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the twenty-second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 17 January 2008 to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 19 January 2008 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2010 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 27 July 2007, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. Twelve nominations had been received by 27 September 2007. Nominations and biographical data of persons that may be received by the secretariat after 27 September 2007 will be brought to the attention of the States parties in addenda to this note. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties that have proposed them indicated in parenthesis:

Mr. Alexei S. AVTONOMOV	(Russian Federation)
Mr. Francisco CALI TZAY	(Guatemala)
Mrs. Fatimata Binta Victoire DAH DIALLO	(Burkina Faso)
Mr. Ion DIACONU	(Romania)
Mr. HUANG Yong'an	(The People's Republic of China)
Mr. Dilip LAHIRI	(India)
Mr. Latif HÜSEYNOV	(Azerbaijan)
Mr. Jean Guy Marie LOUIS	(Haiti)
Mr. Chris Peter MAINA	(United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. Pastor Elías MURILLO MARTÍNEZ	(Colombia)
Mr. Pierre-Richard PROSPER	(United States of America)

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

Annex I**LIST OF THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 2008**

1. Mr. Alexei S. AVTONOMOV Russian Federation
2. Mr. Jose Francisco CALI TZAY Guatemala
3. Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire DAH Burkina Faso
4. Ms. Patricia Nozipho JANUARY-BARDILL South Africa
5. Mr. Raghavan Vasudevan PILLAI India
6. Mr. Pierre-Richard PROSPER United States of America
7. Mr. TANG Chengyuan China
8. Mr. Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ Ecuador
9. Mr. Mario Jorge YUTZIS Argentina

Annex II

**LIST OF THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE
TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 2010**

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| 1. | Mr. Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR | Egypt |
| 2. | Mr. Nourredine AMIR | Algeria |
| 3. | Mr. Régis de GOUTTES | France |
| 4. | Mr. Kokou Mawuena Ika Kana
(Dieudonné) EWOMSAN | Togo |
| 5. | Mr. Anwar KEMAL | Pakistan |
| 6. | Mr. Morten KJAERUM | Denmark |
| 7. | Mr. Jose A. LINDGREN ALVES | Brazil |
| 8. | Mr. Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS | Greece |
| 9. | Mr. Patrick THORNBERRY | United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland |

Annex III**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF THE NOMINEES****Mr. Alexei S. AVTONOMOV
(Russian Federation)**

<u>Date and place of birth:</u>	9 March 1959
<u>Working languages:</u>	Russian, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, Italian, Bulgarian, German, Serbian, Finnish
<u>Current position/function:</u>	2001-present: Professor at the State University of Humanitarian Sciences 1994-present: Senior research fellow and Head of Section at the Institute of State and Law (Russian Academy of Science)
<u>Main professional activities:</u>	1985-present: Member of the Russian Political Science Association 1991-1998: Member of the Bureau of the Coordinating Council of “The School of Democratic Culture” Association 1991-1999: Counsel, member of the Board of Directors of the International Charitable Foundation “Interlegal” 1993-present: Member of the Council of the Centre for Volunteer Effort 1993-1994: Member of the Russian Association for the Theory of International Relations 1996-2000: Manager of the Coordination and Analytical Group on cooperation with public organizations of the Committee on Public and Interregional Relations of the Government of Moscow 1997-present: Member of the Expert Council on Constitutional Law under the Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation (2002: Co-Chair of the Council) 1999-present: Member of the Expert Council of the Russian Ombudsman 1999-present: Head of the Council of the Institute on the Development of the Election Systems

2000-present: Member of the International Consultative Council of the International Foundation on Election Systems

2000-2001: Representative of the Council of the Federation in the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation

2002-2006: Member of the Moscow Qualification Collegium of Judges

2002-present: Member of the Commission on drafting the Constitutional Act of the Union State of Russian and Belarus, Head of the Russian Expert Group

2003-present: Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Employment:

1984-1994: Academic teacher, lecturer and assistant professor of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, Legal Department

1990-1992: Assistant professor of the Moscow State University, Sociological Department

1991-1993: Law teacher at the private high school "The Line"

1994-2002: Director of the Legal Department of the Foundation for the Development of Parliamentarism in Russia

1995-1997: Professor of the Independent Institute of International Law

1999-2001: Professor of the Institute of the International Law and Economics named after A.S. Griboedov

2003: Expert of the TACIS program "Developing Local Democracy and Self-Government"

Educational background:

1981: Graduate of Moscow State Institute for International Relations (International Law Faculty)

1984: PhD in Law, Moscow State Institute for International Relations

1986: Graduate of the Social and Economic Stream of the Department for the Professional Skill Improvement, Moscow State Institute for International Relations

1995: Graduate of the 16th Summer Human Rights School organized by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation

1999: Doctor of Juridical Science, Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Science

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

Involvement in the practical work of governmental bodies:

Participated in the preparation of the analytical materials for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in drafting the following laws: “On Political Parties”, “On Charities and on Non-profit Organizations” within the Working groups of the Supreme Soviet, “On Public Organizations”, “On Voluntary Activities”, “On Legal Guarantees of Opposition Activities”, “On Non-commercial Funds” and “On Juvenile Courts in the Russian Federation” within the working groups of the State Duma of the Russian Federation

Participation in international events:

Participated in various international, regional and domestic academic conferences

Most recent publications in the field:

Author of numerous publications in Russia, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, United Kingdom (total number of pages: more than 9,500)

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Representative Power” (Moscow, since 1995)

Member of the International Research Group “Forum Eastern Europe”

Member of the Editorial Council of the Russian edition of the journal “Constitutional Law, East European Review” (Moscow, since 1999)

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Perspectives on European Politics: Journal of Intra-European Dialogue” (Leiden, the Netherlands, since 2000)

Chief Editor of the anthology “Questions of Juvenile Justice”

**José Francisco CALI TZAY
(Guatemala)**

Date of birth: 27 September 1961, Tecpán, Guatemala

Working languages: Spanish, English and Caqchikel

Current position/function: Office of the Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala, consultant on indigenous affairs and compliance with international obligations

Main professional activities:

2003-2007: Presidential Commission on Discrimination and Racism against Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala (CODISRA), Commissioner in charge of the International Relations and Cooperation Unit

1995-2003: Director, Indigenous Rights Programme of the Human Rights Legal Action Centre (CALDH)

1995: Consultant-rapporteur, first consultation in Guatemala on the Organization of American States (OAS) draft American declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples; independent consultant, Guatemala Indigenous Peoples Coordination Office (COPMAGUA)

1986-1995: Centre for Integrated Studies and Community Development (CEIDEC): liaison between Guatemalan peasant movement and the international community; responsibility for peasant projects

1982-1985: Various kinds of work, Vancouver, Canada

Educational background:

2005-2007: Student, Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences, Mariano Gálvez University, Chimaltenango Region School; successfully completed third year

2004: Tecpán Institute of Secondary Education

1979-1980: Dr. Imrich Fischmann Vocational Technical Institute

1976-1978: Tecpán Institute of Basic Education

1969-1974: 25 de julio 1524 Boys' School, Tecpán

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

1982: Founded Comité Campesino del Altiplano (CCDA, Altiplano Peasants' Committee)

1991-1993: Political adviser to Nobel Peace Prize-winner Rigoberta Menchú Tum

1985-2007: Advocacy work with the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, United Nations

1987-1993: Alternate for Rigoberta Menchú, member of the Presiding Officers of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)

1994: Co-founded Guatemala Mayan Organizations Coordination Office (COPMAGUA)

1995: Founded the Unión del Pueblo Maya de Guatemala (UPMG, Union of Mayan People of Guatemala); founder member of the Human Rights Legal Action Centre (CALDH); board member, Centre for Integrated Studies and Community Development (CEIDEC); board member, Cholsamaj Foundation. Lobbied Governments of Guatemala and Mexico to sponsor a resolution on the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples. Responsible for lobbying political parties in connection with proposal for constitutional reforms on indigenous peoples

1996: Coordinator, Standing Committee on Constitutional Reform for Indigenous Peoples

1997-2000: Vice-Chair, Presiding Officers of IITC

2000: Chair, Presiding Officers of IITC. CERD, independent expert

**Fatimata-Binta Victoire DAH
(Burkina Faso)***

Date and place of birth: 18 August 1945, Tougan, Burkina Faso

Working languages: French, English, Spanish, Chinese, Peulh and Dioula

Current position/function: Career diplomat, Senior Minister Plenipotentiary, retired September 2001

February 2004 to January 2008: first term as member of CERD, United Nations; Vice-Chairperson of CERD from February 2006

Main professional activities: 1972 to 1981:
Burkina Faso Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

January to May 1972: Chief, Asia/Oceania Service,
Department of Political Affairs

May 1972 to October 1976: Director, African Affairs

October 1976 to September 1977: Office of the
Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

September 1977 to December 1981: Technical
adviser, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1982 to 1987:
First counsellor, Burkina Faso Embassy in Beijing, with
responsibility for India, Japan and the Democratic
People's Republic of Korea

1987 to 1989:
Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso
to the United Nations in New York

* The complete curriculum vitae of the candidate in French as submitted by the Government of Burkina Faso, including additional information on her professional and other activities, may be consulted on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/elections.htm>) as well as in the files of the secretariat.

1989 to 1994:

Burkina Faso Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

September 1989 to May 1990: Department of
Administrative and Financial Affairs

May 1990 to December 1991: Director, international
cooperation

December 1991 to February 1994: Secretary-General
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1994 to 2001:

Ambassador, diplomatic adviser to the President of
Burkina Faso

Educational background:

1967:

Diploma in political science, specializing in international
relations, Institute of Political Studies, Paris, France

1970:

Maîtrise en droit public (Master's degree in public law),
Faculty of Law, Paris/Assas, France

Diplomatic training, 1970 to 1971:

Diplôme de formation diplomatique (Diploma in
diplomatic training), Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace, Geneva (Switzerland)

Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva
(Switzerland)

African Institute of Geneva (Switzerland)

Placements with international organizations based in
Geneva

Ion DIACONU
(Romania)

Date and place of birth: 23 October 1938, Stejari, Gorj, Romania

Working languages: French, English, Russian

Current position/function: Lecturer in legal protection for human rights, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest

Lecturer in public international law, University of Bucharest

Main professional activities: Jurist and diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1960-1980, 1986-1993, 2001-2004

Member, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York, 1981-1986

Participates in conferences on the codification of international law, and other meetings of the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Romanian Ambassador to Copenhagen and Moscow, 1993-2001

Lecturer in international law, human rights and international, European and Euro-Atlantic organizations, 1991-1993, 2001-to date

Educational background: School of Education, Craiova, Romania, 1952-1956

Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, 1956-1960

Doctorate, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 1965-1968

Defence of doctoral thesis, Geneva, 1971

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned: Member, Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1988-1991

Member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), 1992-2003

Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), 2002-2003

Participated in human rights meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and in sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Attended the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa, and contributed preparatory studies

List of publications:

Minorities in the Third Millennium. 1999. In Romanian

Minorities - from non-discrimination to identity, 2004 (under the auspices of UNESCO)

Legal protection of human rights. 2007. In Romanian

Racial discrimination. 2006. In Romanian

Racial discrimination, 2007 (under the auspices of the United Nations Centre of Bucharest)

Mr. HUANG Yong'an
(The People's Republic of China)

<u>Date and place of birth:</u>	23 July 1945, Hunan, China
<u>Working languages:</u>	Chinese and English
<u>Current position/function:</u>	Member of the Board, Asia-Africa Development and Exchange Society, the People's Republic of China
<u>Main professional activities:</u>	<p>2003-2006: Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Eritrea</p> <p>1999-2003: Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; attended its fifty-sixth-fifty-ninth sessions</p> <p>1992-1996: Alternate Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, participated in sessions on disabled persons, ageing, women, narcotic drugs, social development, crime prevention and criminal justice, etc.</p> <p>1996-1999: Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
<u>Educational background:</u>	<p>1991: Studied in Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund of Sweden, and took part in the Advanced International Programme of Human Rights organized by the Swedish Government</p> <p>1969: Graduated from the Beijing University of International Studies</p>
<u>Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:</u>	As Head of the Chinese delegation, attended the Ninth Workshop on Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region; Seminar on Trafficking: Using Legal Instruments to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children; Regional Consultation for the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

As Deputy Head of the Chinese delegation, attended the Thirteenth Asian Regional Meeting of the ILO; International Congress entitled "In Pursuit of a Drug-Free ASEAN"

As Alternate Representative of the Chinese delegation, attended the Third World Conference on Human Rights; the United Nations Ninth Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Treatment of Offenders; the Third Committee meetings of the General Assembly

As Director of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of human rights and social affairs at the United Nations

**Mr. Dilip LAHIRI
(India)**

Date and place of birth: 9 July 1945, New Delhi

Working languages: English, Spanish, French (passive knowledge)

Current position/function: Retired diplomat
Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Main professional activities: 2004-2005: Ambassador to France
2001-2004: Ambassador to Spain
1998-2001: Additional Secretary (International Organizations), Ministry of External Affairs
1997-1998: Dean, Foreign Service Institute
1992-1997: Head of Divisions dealing with the Asia-Pacific region and later the Americas
1989-1992: Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia
1967-1989: Served in various capacities in the Government of India and Indian Missions in the United States, Bangladesh, Philippines and Kenya

Educational background: MA, Delhi University

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned: Leader of the Indian delegation to the Rome Conference establishing the International Criminal Court
Long experience of multilateral diplomacy in the United Nations, the Non-aligned Movement and the Commonwealth covering security and disarmament, international law, human rights and social issues, climate change and the environment
Participated in several sessions of the General Assembly and the erstwhile Commission on Human Rights
Representative of India in the Fourth Committee, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Special Committee of 24

Supervised the preparation of India's national reports to the monitoring bodies of various United Nations human rights instruments

Participated in the process of amending domestic laws to conform to United Nations human rights instruments to which India became party

Most recent publications
in the field:

Indian Foreign Policy: An Agenda for the 21st Century, 1997

India and Spain: 2000 Years of Interaction (Spanish), 2002

Has delivered presentations at international meetings and written articles for newspapers and journals on nuclear and security policy, climate change, the International Criminal Court, etc.

Mr. Latif HÜSEYNOV
(Azerbaijan)

<u>Date and place of birth:</u>	1 February 1964, Azerbaijan
<u>Working languages:</u>	English, Russian, German, Ukrainian
<u>Current position/function:</u>	Secretariat of the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Department for Constitutional Law, Director
<u>Main professional activities:</u>	<p>Since July 2002: Baku State University, International Relations and International Law Faculty, Professor of Public International Law (part-time)</p> <p>Since January 2001: Secretariat of the Milli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Department for Constitutional Law, Director</p> <p>Since November 1996: Azerbaijani Private University, Head of the International Law Department, Associate Professor, Professor</p> <p>1992-1995: Baku State University, Law Faculty, Deputy Dean</p> <p>1990-1996: Baku State University, Law Faculty, Senior Lecturer; Associate Professor</p> <p>1988-1990: Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan, Research fellow</p>
<u>Educational background:</u>	<p>29 September 2000: defended in Kiev (Ukraine) a thesis for obtaining the degree of <i>Doctor of Legal Sciences</i></p> <p>14 October 1994: defended in Kiev (Ukraine) a thesis for obtaining the degree of <i>Candidate of Legal Sciences</i></p> <p>June 1986: graduated from Kiev State University, International Law Faculty</p>
<u>Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:</u>	<p>March 2005: appointed as an ad hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>July 2004: appointed at the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights as an independent expert on the situation of human rights in Uzbekistan (1503 Procedure)</p>

Since March 2004: member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Since December 2003: member of the Venice Commission (European Commission for Democracy through Law)

Since March 2001: member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (term of office expiring in December 2007)

Most recent publications
in the field:

The Concept of “Humanitarian Intervention” in the Light of Positive International Law *Beynəlxalq hüquq və Inteqrasiya Problemləri*. Baku, 2005, No. 1, pp. 3-10 (in Russian)

Methods of Implementation of International Supervision in the Field of Human Rights Protection *Theory and Practice of Contemporary International Law (Essays in honour of Prof. Levan Alexidze on the 80th birthday anniversary)*, Tbilisi, 2007, pp. 160-199 (in Russian)

**Mr. Jean Guy Marie LOUIS
(Haiti)**

Date and place of birth: 6 May 1956, Jeremie, Haiti

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Current position/function: Vice-Rector, Université métropolitaine Anacaona
Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences, State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince
Subjects taught: human rights, research methodology

Main professional activities: Human rights education
Research in human rights
Monitoring of situation of human rights in Haiti
Support to students working on theses on human rights
Legal aid to the disadvantaged
Support for young people's university education

Educational background: Thesis on the effective enjoyment of human rights in Haiti, University of the Sorbonne (Paris-I), Paris, France
Master's in human rights, Notre-Dame University, Indiana, United States of America
Bachelor's in political sciences, Université de science politique, State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince (1991)
Bachelor's in law, State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince (1984)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned: Survey and analysis of cases of racial discrimination in Haiti
Survey and analysis of cases of racial discrimination in Dominican Republic (in respect of Haitian migrant workers)

Most recent publications in the field: Violation of the rights of Haitian workers in Dominican Republic (blatant exploitation or racial discrimination), Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 1991

Mr. Pastor Elias MURILLO MARTÍNEZ*
(Colombia)

<u>Date and place of birth:</u>	8 August 1963, Andagoya, Chocó, Colombia
<u>Working languages:</u>	Spanish
<u>Current position/function:</u>	Deputy Director of Black Community and Ethnic and Cultural Minority Affairs, Ministry of the Interior and Justice
<u>Main professional activities:</u>	In charge of formulating and coordinating public policy on the Afro-Colombian population, the <i>raizal</i> communities of San Andrés and the Roma/Gypsy population
<u>Educational background:</u>	Lawyer specializing in environmental law; diploma in human rights
<u>Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:</u>	Former Director of Black Community Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, with a permanent seat on the Economic and Social Policy Council (CONPES) (November 1994-January 1997) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (February 1997-January 2006): Adviser to, and on several occasions Interim Director of, the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Division; adviser to the Division of Economic, Social and Multilateral Environmental Affairs, on matters relating to ethnic minorities; migrants; poverty, Millennium Development Goals, International Labour Organization; and the preparation of reports under various conventions. Responsible for pursuing Colombia's offensive interest in terms of protecting migrant workers' rights at the negotiations on the free trade agreement with the United States of America

* The complete curriculum vitae of the candidate in Spanish as submitted by the Government of Colombia, including additional information on his professional and other activities, may be consulted on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/elections.htm>) as well as in the files of the secretariat.

Colombian government delegate on official missions to various conferences and meetings of the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Andean Community, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. Deputy Head of Colombian Delegation to the Third World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; member of the Working Group that formulated Andean decision No. 391 on access to genetic resources and derivative products. Colombia's candidate for CERD, defeated in the second round by Togo after a tie at 80 votes for the ninth seat

Most recent publications
in the field:

Cuotas Políticas para Grupos Étnicos en Colombia: El Camino Hacia y Logros de la Asamblea Nacional Constituyente, 1991, Progress Towards Equality and Racial Equity, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, 2006

Las acciones afirmativas y el Reconocimiento de los Derechos Territoriales de los grupos afrodescendientes: La experiencia colombiana, prepared at the request of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, May 2003; *Territorio, minería y medio ambiente en el valle del río San Juan. La ley 70 de 1993: una medida de acción afirmativa a favor de la población afrocolombiana*, 2002, mimeo

Mr. Chris Maina PETER*
(United Republic of Tanzania)

<u>Date and place of birth:</u>	14 April 1954, Shinyanga, United Republic of Tanzania
<u>Working languages:</u>	English, Kiswahili
<u>Current position/function:</u>	Professor of Law Teaching public international law; human rights; refugee law and international humanitarian law Guiding undergraduate and graduate students in their research work External Examiner for various universities including: Nairobi (Kenya); Makerere (Uganda); Pretoria (South Africa); Wits (South Africa); Fort Hare (South Africa); and University of South Africa (UNISA) Visiting Professor at various universities including: Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden; Max Planck Institute for Foreign Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany; University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany; and Institute of International Law and International Relations of the University of Graz, Austria
<u>Main professional activities:</u>	Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania: handling pro bono cases for the poor Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee of the Faculty: providing free legal aid and counselling to the poor and vulnerable members of the society Member of the Advisory Board of the <i>Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law</i> published by the Asser Institute, The Hague

* The complete curriculum vitae of the candidate in English as submitted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, may be consulted on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/elections.htm>) as well as in the files of the secretariat.

Member of the Board: Several regional and national institutions dealing with Human Rights; democratization; rule of law and constitutionalism

Educational background:

Doctorate in Law (Ph.D.), University of Konstanz, Germany, 1989

Master of Laws (LL.M.), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 1984

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 1980

Diploma in Higher Education, University of Kassel, Germany, 1990

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

Attended the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa, 2001

General Rapporteur of the Penal Reform International Conference on Access to Justice in Africa and Beyond, Lilongwe, Malawi, November, 2004

Training of judges, magistrates, State attorneys, police and prison officers on human rights under the coordination of the United Nations Development Programme

Advocating for and defending indigenous minorities in Tanzania

Most recent publications in the field:

“Human Rights of Indigenous Minorities in Tanzania and the Courts of Law”, Volume 14 No. 4 *International Journal of Group and Minority Rights*, 2007

Law and Justice in Tanzania (Edited with Helen Kijo Bisimba) Dar es Salaam: Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, 2007

Searching for Sense and Humanity: Civil Society and the Struggle for a Better Rwanda (Edited with Edith Kibalama) Kampala: Fountain Publishers Ltd, 2006

“Liberating the Slave of the Slave: Contribution of the New Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa to the Struggle for Gender Equality”, in SCHOLLER, Heinrich and Silvia Tellenbach (eds.), *Faktoren der Entstehung und Überwindung unfreier Arbeit in Europa und in den afrikanischen Kolonien*, Munster, Germany: Lit Verlag, 2005, p. 57

Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances in Tanzania, African Association of Political Science, Volume 6 No. 2, Occasional Paper Series, 2002

Mr. Pierre-Richard PROSPER
(United States of America)

Date and place of birth: 1963, Denver, Colorado

Working languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish

Current position/function: Counsel
1/07-Present
Arent Fox
(Government Relations/International Trade)

Adjunct Professor
1/07-Present
University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law,
Salt Lake City, UT

Expert
2/07-Present
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,
Geneva, Switzerland

Main professional activities: Advises executives of Fortune 500 companies and
assists clients in navigating and troubleshooting
complex political and regulatory landscapes of foreign
markets

Opens foreign markets to clients, determines feasibility
of trade relationships, and minimizes legal and business
risk associated with entering new markets

Advises clients with their business ventures in the
United States and with the federal government

Educational background: 1989 - Juris Doctor
Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California

1985 - Bachelor of Arts, Major in Romance Languages
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Bar
California Bar (1989); U.S. District, Central District of
California (1989); U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
(1994)

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

U.S. Ambassador-at-large 7/01-10/05
U.S. Department of State, Office of War Crimes
Issues/Office of the Secretary of State

Formulated U.S. policy responses to atrocities, conflicts, and the War on Terror throughout the world; managed and coordinated the U.S. inter-agency and U.S. embassies on policy

Reported directly to U.S. Secretaries of State Powell and Rice; advised the President of the United States, Attorney General, Secretary of Defense, National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Director of Central Intelligence, White House Counsel, and other senior U.S. officials

Was a chief negotiator in the post-September 11, 2001 War on Terror

Conducted diplomatic negotiations and consultations with heads of State, ministers, and senior government officials from over 60 different countries; engaged foreign parliaments and multilateral and international organizations

As the President's Special Envoy, travelled to approximately 40 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia

Frequently visited conflict zones in an effort to secure peace, stability and build the rule of law

Made regular international and domestic media appearances (print and broadcast media)

Special Counsel and Policy Adviser 2/99-7/2001
U.S. Department of State, Office of War Crimes
Issues/Office of the Secretary of State (Detailed from the Department of Justice)

Developed policy and assisted in formulating the U.S. Government response to serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in areas of conflict throughout the world

Travelled to affected areas in Europe, Africa and Asia to promote initiatives and build coalitions; engaged in negotiations in support of U.S. Government positions

Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General
1/99-2/99
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Assistant
Attorney General, Criminal Division

Assisted in the development of international justice
initiatives

Trial Attorney/War Crimes Prosecutor 5/96-10/98
United Nations, International Criminal Tribunal for
Rwanda

Office of the Prosecutor, Kigali, Rwanda/Arusha,
Tanzania/The Hague, Netherlands

As lead prosecutor, successfully prosecuted the world's
first case of genocide; prosecuted crimes against
humanity and war crimes committed in the territory of
Rwanda in 1994

Travelled and supervised investigations throughout
Africa, Europe, and North America

Special Legal Consultant 4/95-5/95
U.S. Government in Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda

Assessed the post-war Rwandan justice system and
assisted in developing an action plan

Consulted and coordinated with Rwandan,
United Nations, and donor country representatives

Assistant United States Attorney
8/94-5/96
U.S. Department of Justice/United States Attorney's
Office, Narcotics Section, Central District of California

Prosecuted and supervised investigations of major
international and national narcotics cartels and
offenders for complex narcotics conspiracy,
distribution offenses, and money-laundering schemes

Deputy District Attorney 12/89-7/94
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office,
Los Angeles, California
Bureau of Special Operations, Hardcore Gang Division,
3/93-7/94

Prosecuted gang-related homicides, special
circumstance murder, murder, and manslaughter cases

Bureau of Branch and Area Operations 12/89-2/93
Compton Branch Office, Inglewood Area Office

Tried felony and misdemeanour jury trials involving
murder, rape, kidnapping, theft, assault with a deadly
weapon, narcotics, welfare fraud, and other offences

Other

Head of delegation 11/06 and 4/07
International Republican Institute Election Observation
Mission to Nigeria

Led a team of 59 international observers in monitoring
and issue findings on the 2007 Nigerian presidential
and National Assembly elections

Met and consulted with candidates, political leaders,
voters, and international observer missions

Candidate 10/05-03/06
Attorney General, State of California

Ran a state-wide exploratory campaign meeting with
voters and business and political leaders
