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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 2005**

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 Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 8 December 2005 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 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 72, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 23 July 2005, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee by 30 September 2005. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties which have proposed them indicated in parenthesis:

- AL-HAJJAJI Najat (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
- José Serrano BRILLANTES (Philippines)

- Anamaria DIEGUEZ ARÉVALO (Guatemala)
- Arthur Shatto GAKWANDI (Uganda)
- Prasad KARIYAWASAM (Sri Lanka)
- Albert OUEDRAOGO (Burkina Faso)
- Mehmet SEVIM (Turkey)
- Azad TAGHIZADE (Azerbaijan)

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 2005**

Mr. José Serrano	BRILLANTES	Philippines
Ms. Anamaría	DIEGUEZ	Guatemala
Mr. Arthur Shatto	GAKWANDI	Uganda
Mr. Prasad	KARIYAWASAM	Sri Lanka
Mr. Azad	TAGHIZADE	Azerbaijan

Annex II

**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 III

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

1. Najat AL-HAJJAJI (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Name and first name: AL-HAJJAJI, Najat

Date and place of birth: 26 July 1952, Tripoli - Libya

Working languages: Arabic, English

Current position/function:

- Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations in Geneva
- Member of the Human Rights Commission Working Group on Mercenaries
- Vice-Chairperson of the PrepCom of the 2nd Phase of the World Summit on Information Society

Main professional activities:

- Human rights fields
- Humanitarian issues
- Human rights panellist in many seminars and courses around the world

Education background:

Master of Arts in Mass Communications (Cairo University)

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Cairo University)

Various courses in languages, international law, human rights law and international humanitarian law

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

Chairperson of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights

Vice-Chairperson of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights

Rapporteur of the Main Committee of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Durban, South Africa)

Participation in the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate human rights standards

Participation in many seminars and courses around the world as panellist on human rights

Most recent publications in the field:

Some articles and researches on: African migrants to Europe via Libya, how to ensure the protection of the human rights of migrants, the plight of maritime African migrants to Europe, the proposed centres for African migrants in the North African countries and how to protect the migrant women

2. Mr. José Serrano BRILLANTES (Philippines)

Date and place of birth: 4 February 1938, City of Manila, Philippines

Working languages: English, Spanish, Ilocano, Filipino and German

Current position/function:

Under-Secretary (Deputy Minister) of the Department of Foreign Affairs for Migrant Workers' Affairs, primarily tasked with representing the interests and upholding the rights and welfare of the approximately 7.2 million overseas Filipino workers. Currently member and Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Main professional activities:

A lawyer by profession and training, a law practitioner for 11 years and a respected diplomat for over 32 years, having served at the Philippine Embassies in Ottawa, Bonn, Washington D.C. and Kuala Lumpur, he pursues campaigns to protect the welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) on land and sea, by extending to them all possible consular and legal assistance; represents the Philippines in international, regional, multilateral and bilateral dialogues, meetings, seminars and conferences: resource speaker on migrant workers' affairs and concerns in various symposia and fora and congressional hearings drawing on his background and experience as former Secretary of Labour, former Ambassador to Malaysia and former participant at the United Nations sessions that passed the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families in New York, 1988-1989

Educational background:

- *Doctor of Laws (Honoris causa)*, Lyceum Northwestern University (2005), Philippines
- *Graduate studies* in Public Administration, Carlton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (1975-1976)
- *Bachelor of Laws*, Ateneo de Manila College of Law, Manila, Philippines (1956-1960); and *Associate Degree* in Arts and Science, Ateneo de Manila, College of Arts and Sciences, Manila, Philippines (1954-1956)

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

As lead official in the protection and promotion of migrant workers' rights, the Under-Secretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs harnesses the thoughts and energies of public and private bodies, such as other government ministries, non-governmental organizations and international bodies, to better coordinate the efforts on legal and consular assistance for OFWs on land and sea; serves as the Department's nerve centre against people smuggling, trafficking in persons and other transnational crimes as well as for the Philippines' Shared Government Information System for Migration (SGISM); drafts position papers on labour migration and migrant workers' concerns;

coordinates all assistance efforts of the Philippine Foreign Service and attachés of various agencies; networks with NGOs; and is currently formulating proposed amendments to the Migrant Workers' Act of 1995 (RA 8042)

Most recent publications in the field:

Labour Migration Ministerial Consultations for Countries of Origin in Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1-2 April 2003; *The Philippine Overseas Employment Program and its Effects on Migration in Canada*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 1997; *Human Resources Development and Pacific Century*, Senior Officials' Meeting, APEC, Manila, 8 January 1996

3. Ms. Anamaría DIEGUEZ ARÉVALO (Guatemala)

Name and first name: DIEGUEZ ARÉVALO, Anamaría

Date and place of birth: 6 February 1952, Guatemala

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position/function:

Director-General of International Bilateral Relations, Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Main professional activities:

- Coordinating the work of Guatemala's embassies abroad and processing the political information supplied by them
- Coordinating relations between the Guatemalan Government and accredited embassies in Guatemala
- Providing input to superiors for updating Guatemala's foreign policy
- Organizing and preparing the topics to be discussed during visits to Guatemala by dignitaries from other countries and during trips abroad by the President of Guatemala, Mr. Oscar Berger, and by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jorge Briz

Educational background:

- 1989-1993: Maestría en Sociología (master's degree in sociology), Ibero-American University, Mexico
- 1988: Diplomado en Análisis Político (diploma in political analysis), Ibero-American University, Mexico
- 1979-1983: Licenciada en Ciencias Agrícolas con especialización en Desarrollo Rural (bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences, specializing in rural development), San Carlos University, Guatemala
- 1970-1974: Political science and sociology studies, Institute of Political and Social Sciences, Rafael Landívar University, Guatemala, and School of Sociology, Complutense University of Madrid

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

- Supervising, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the programme for casual farm-workers migrating to Canada
- Defining, in cooperation with the Department of Consular and Migration Affairs, the theme of and follow-up to the Regional Conference on Migrations

4. Mr. Arthur Shatto GAKWANDI (Uganda)

Date and place of birth: 27 December 1943, Kajara, Uganda

Languages: English, French, Swahili, Luganda, Runyankore, Kinyarwanda

Education:

- PhD Literature, Makerere University, 1986
- MLitt English Literature, Edinburgh University, 1971
- BA English and French, University of East Africa, 1968
- Diploma in Diplomacy, Carnegie Institute of Diplomacy 1969

Professional experience (academic):

- 2004: Associate Professor, Literature Department, Makerere University
- 1988-1989: Senior Fulbright Teaching Fellow, Connecticut College, United States of America
- 1983-1988: Associate Professor, Literature Department, Makerere University
- 1981-1983: Senior Lecturer/Reader, English and European Languages Department, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria
- 1975: Visiting lecturer, Literature Department, University of Nairobi
- 1971-1978: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Literature Department, Makerere University

Professional experience (diplomatic):

- 2001-2003: Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, Geneva
- 1999-2001: Ambassador, Head East African Cooperation and Ring States, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kampala
- 1996-1999: Ambassador, Director for Asia and Pacific Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kampala
- 1993-1996: Alternate Ambassador, Uganda Mission to Organization of African Unity and Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa
- 1989-1992: Director, External Relations, National Resistance Movement Secretariat

Involvement with human rights:

- 2004: Member, United Nations Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers
- 2001-2003: Represented Uganda in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Human Rights
- 3-4 July 2003: Presented a paper on Concluding Observations to a Treaty Body Reform Dialogue organized by the Australian Permanent Mission at the United Nations Office at Geneva
- 2-3 July 2005: Presented a paper on Migrant Workers to a workshop organized by the Ethical Globalization Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa

Publications:

Several articles and books. The full list of publications is available in the files of the secretariat

5. Mr. Prasad KARIYAWASAM (Sri Lanka)

Date and place of birth: 21 March 1954, Galle, Sri Lanka

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York
- Ambassador of Sri Lanka concurrently accredited to Chile, Colombia, Peru, Jamaica and Venezuela
- Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- Chairperson of the United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestine People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

Main professional activities:

- Career Diplomat in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and at present Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations
- Conduct consular functions on behalf of Sri Lanka in the States of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey in the United States of America
- Represent Sri Lanka in Chile, Colombia, Peru, Jamaica and Venezuela as the Ambassador accredited to those countries
- Represent the interest of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestine People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

Educational background:

- Bachelor of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

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

- Vice-Chairperson of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR); Alternate Representative of Sri Lanka to the CHR at the fifty-third, fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the CHR and leader of the Sri Lanka delegation to the CHR at the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions
- President of the Council of International Organization for Migration (OIM) for the year 2001/2002

- Representative of Sri Lanka at the United Nations Compensation Commission from 2001 to 2003 seeking compensation for Sri Lankan migrant workers
- Chairperson of the UNCTAD Expert Group on Market Access Issues in Mode 4 (Movement of Natural Persons to Supply Services) in the year 2002
- The first Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- Chairperson of the 2004 session of the Chairs of Human Rights Treaty Bodies and the Chair of the Inter-Committee meeting of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies the same year

6. Mr. Albert OUEDRAOGO (Burkina Faso)

Name and first name: OUEDRAOGO, Albert

Date and place of birth: 14 August 1956, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Current position/function:

Senior lecturer in French, specializing in oral African literature, and Director of New Teaching Practices, University of Ouagadougou; President of the Tocsin Association; Secretary-General of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) in Burkina Faso; editor of the *Echos du Tocsin*

Main professional activities:

- Teaching oral literature (tales, myths, sayings and proverbs)
- Public speaking on the subjects of democracy, reconciliation, foreigners' rights, citizenship
- Participation in debates on national television and radio - appearances in the international media in connection with women accused of witchcraft
- Publication of studies on the victims of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire
- Supervision of several dissertations on the migration of people from Burkina Faso to Côte d'Ivoire and the impact of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire on the people of Burkina Faso

Studies:

- “Place et rôle de la chefferie dans la gouvernance démocratique au Burkina Faso” (“Place and role of traditional chiefs in democratic governance in Burkina Faso”), with the collaboration of the Centre for Democratic Governance and the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- “Etude sur la migration au Burkina Faso” (“Study on migration in Burkina Faso”) (work in progress)

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

- Running a newspaper on migrant rights, the *Echos du Tocsin*
- Lobbying the authorities and public opinion for the vote and citizenship for people from Burkina Faso living abroad
- Statements in the media (national and international newspapers, radio and television) denouncing violations of human rights and foreigners' rights

List of most recent publications in the field:

“Identité, citoyenneté et mouvements de populations en Afrique” (“Identity, citizenship and population movements in Africa”), presented at the conference organized by the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) in New York from 19 to 21 July 2005

7. Mr. Mehmet SEVIM (Turkey)

Name and first name: SEVIM, Mehmet

Date and place of birth: 5 June 1964, Dördivan, Turkey

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

- Expert for External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad at Ministry of Labour and Social Security, General Directorate of External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad
- Working on the issues of the United Nations, Council of Europe, OECD, ILO, OSCE and other bilateral and multilateral instruments on social policy as well as rights of migrants

Main professional activities:

- Management personnel of a company at private sector (1987-1989)
- Deputy Attaché for Labour and Social Security, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Deventer (the Netherlands) (1993-1997)
- Expert for External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad, Ministry of Labour and Social Security General Directorate of External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad (1997-2001)
- Attaché for Labour and Social Security, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Rotterdam (the Netherlands) (2001-2005)
- Expert for External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, General Directorate of External Relations and Services for Workers Abroad (2005-...)

Educational background:

- Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Political Sciences and Public Administration
- Various programmes in the field of social policy, rights of migrants, bilateral and multilateral instruments of the United Nations, ILO, Council of Europe and European Union

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

As a labour and social security attaché, I was responsible for protecting and developing the rights of Turkish migrants within the territory of hosting country or the rights arising from previous employment abroad of emigrated Turks within the framework of the bilateral or multilateral agreements including the United Nations, Council of Europe, ILO instruments as well as the agreements made between Turkey and the EU, in the fields of human rights, rights of migrants,

labour and social security. Indeed, during my period of eight years' employment as labour and social security attaché, I have gained the experience on various aspects of migrants' and emigrants' problems, rights and obligations. By means of such international instruments, I have also defended their rights, including before the national courts, during this period

List of most recent publications in the field:

Several articles on the rights and obligations of migrants, namely rights in the field of labour and social security, social protection, family unification, work and residence permits, published in the national weekly or monthly newspapers and magazines concerning Turkish citizens residing in the Netherlands

8. Mr. Azad TAGHIZADE (Azerbaijan)

Name and first name: TAGHIZADE, Azad

Date and place of birth: Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 3 March 1953

Working languages: English, Russian

Current position/function:

Head of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Main professional activities:

Develop cooperation with international organizations in the field of labour and social protection; coordinating international relations of the Ministry's technical departments with international organizations and appropriate ministries of foreign countries. Representing the Government of Azerbaijan at the Governmental Committee of the Council of Europe on the European Social Charter

Educational background:

- 1970-1975: Moscow State University, Mechanics and Mathematics Faculty
- 1975-1978: Postgraduated Education, Moscow State University, Doctor of Mathematics
- 1983-1985: Foreign Languages Institute, English Language Faculty
- Different Courses on Actuarial Mathematics, Prognosis, etc.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee:

- Preparation of treaties and agreements
- Preparation and monitoring of international project

List of most recent publications in the field:

About 60 scientific works, articles and manuals and study materials (books) have been published. Among them, the works on demographic situations, migration flows and corresponding analyses should be underlined
