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**ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS
ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Eleventh Meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, 21 February 2007, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2007 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2009 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 24 August 2006 invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. All the CVs received until 24 October 2006 are included in this document.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

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Name of candidate

Nominated by

Ms. Agnes Akosua AIDOO

Ghana

Ms. Mariama ARIBOT

Guinea

Ms. Ojobo ATULUKU

Nigeria

Mr. Luigi CITARELLA

Italy

Mr. Kamel FILALI

Algeria

Ms. Maria HERCZOG

Hungary

Ms. Moushira KHATTAB

Egypt

Ms. Itumeleng KIMANE

Lesotho

Mr. Hatem KOTRANE

Tunisia

Mr. Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN

Germany

Ms. Rosa Maria ORTIZ

Paraguay

Ms. Marta Maurás PÉREZ

Chile

Ms. Nakpa POLO

Togo

Ms. Lidija TOPIC

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Esmeralda Elizabeth AROSEMENA de TROITIÑO

Panama

Ms. Sylvie Kayitesi ZAÏNABO

Rwanda

Ms. Marie-Gisèle ZINKPE

Benin

Annex I

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Alison ANDERSON	Jamaica
Mr. Jacob Egbert DOEK	Netherlands
Mr. Kamel FILALI	Algeria
Ms. Moushira KHATTAB	Egypt
Mr. Hatem KOTRANE	Tunisia
Mr. Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN	Germany
Mr. Norberto LIWSKI	Argentina
Ms. Rosa Maria ORTIZ	Paraguay
Ms. Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO	Burkina Faso

Annex II

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2009**

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI	Qatar
Ms. Joyce ALUOCH	Kenya
Ms. Yanghee LEE	Republic of Korea
Mr. David PARFITT	Canada
Mr. Awich POLLAR	Uganda
Mr. Kamal SIDDIQUI	Bangladesh
Ms. Lucy SMITH	Norway
Ms. Nevena VUCKOVIC-SAHOVIC	Republic of Serbia
Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN	Switzerland

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Agnes Akosua AIDOO (Ghana)

Date and place of birth: 1 October 1939, Mampong, Ghana

Working languages: English; French (Limited Reading and Speaking)

Current position/function:

Consultant Adviser and Researcher (on Child Rights, Child Development and Protection; Gender and Development; Social Policy; Poverty, Vulnerability and Exclusion)

Member, Board of Trustees, National Partnership for Children's Trust, Ghana

Member, Advisory Board, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

Member, Africa Advisory Board, Int. Women's Empowerment Research Consortium

Main professional activities:

Policy advocacy on children's and women's rights

Consultancy and advisory services to government, UNICEF, United Nations System in Ghana and NGOs on child rights, gender and development, poverty and vulnerability issues

Research and policy analysis on early childhood development, and poverty, vulnerability and exclusion of children, youth and women in poverty reduction strategies in Africa

Fund raising and voluntary services for school children's needs in education, health and sanitation through National Partnership for Children's Trust, Ghana

Policy guidance and professional support to the Institute of African Studies and Africa Network of International Women's Empowerment Research Consortium

Educational background:

Ph.D. (History and Social Anthropology), University of California at Los Angeles, 1975

Research Fellowship, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1968-1969

M.A. (History and International Relations), University of Toronto, Canada, 1966

B.A. (History, English, Political Science), University of Manitoba, Canada, 1963

West African School Certificate Grade 1 and Advanced Level, Holy Child School, Ghana, 1957 and 1959

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

As UNICEF Representative to Tanzania, 1992-1998, I led the policy advocacy, analysis, formulation and implementation of multisectoral country programmes for children and women.

As Global Gender Adviser at UNICEF HQ, 1989-1992, I led research and advocacy on equal rights for the Girl Child and women through CSW, UNICEF Executive Board and Member States in Asia, Africa, Middle East and South America.

I supported UNICEF HQ in the process for the adoption of the CRC in 1989 and assisted in the preparation and organization of the World Summit for Children in 1990.

As Gender Project Officer and Social Policy Adviser, UNECA, 1978-1989, I helped to organize or lead advocacy, policy analysis and assistance programmes for children, youth, women, persons with disabilities and refugees in all sub-regions of Africa.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Agnes Akosua Aidoo, "The Economy, Poverty and Children", in *Childhood in Ghana*, Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs and UNICEF, Accra, forthcoming 2007.

Agnes Akosua Aidoo, "Ensuring a Supportive Policy Environment" in *Early Childhood Development in Africa*, CG/ECD and World Bank, forthcoming 2006.

Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Clara Fayorsey, Estelle Appiah, *Vulnerable Groups and Protection Issues in Ghana* (2004, UN System, Ghana, unpublished).

Mariama ARIBOT (Guinea)

Date and place of birth: 1 September 1945 1939, Pita, Guinea

Working languages: French (read, written and spoken)

Current position/function:

No commitments since May 2006, after exercising my right to retire after seven years at the head of the Guinean Ministry for Social Affairs, the Advancement of Women and Children. I devote my time to the work of the Guinean Network of Women Ministers and Parliamentarians, of which I am president.

Main professional activities:

In seven years as Minister for Social Affairs, the Advancement of Women and Children, I made a substantial contribution to the implementation of the Guinean Government's policies on women, children, the elderly and the disabled. Under my leadership, the ministry's work was carried out in association with other ministries (including the ministries of health, education, the environment and agriculture), civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations and sometimes the private sector. Contributions to the national budget by bilateral and multilateral partners under their advisory and cooperation programmes enabled my department to carry out studies and analytical research related to its targets, with a view not only to drafting or revising policies but also to undertaking advocacy and training activities and project and programme evaluations in the field, together with the devolved and decentralized services of the prefectures, as well to represent Guinea in regional and international forums. My department was deeply involved in ensuring that the needs of women and children were met during the influx of refugees from the war in Liberia and Sierra Leone and during their return and reunification with their families after the conflict. The department was also called on to set up a demobilization programme for youngsters from Guinée Forestière who had fought with the regular army against the rebels who attacked Guinea in 2000 pursuant to the conflicts in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The ministry for which I was responsible also ran programmes to combat the trafficking of women and children in the broader context of the West African region and to address the situation of vulnerable orphans, including those in conflict with the law, AIDS orphans and street children.

Educational background:

- Baccalaureate (Social Sciences, parts 1 and 2), 1964-1965
- Master's in Modern Literature, University of Gamal Abdel Nasser, Conakry, 1970
- Numerous training courses on the social aspects of development at the International Labour Office, and on managing health and development programmes at the Centre for Development and Population Activities in Washington
- Training in gender-sensitivity in project management
- Training in communication techniques
- Leadership training for women, etc.

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

- Study of child labour in Guinea
- Establishment of a children's parliament in Guinea, with a core of 50 junior deputies from Conakry and the provinces
- Establishment of a national mechanism to coordinate action to help children in need of special protection
- Ratification by the National Assembly and promulgation by presidential decree of the following legal instruments since December 2001: ILO conventions Nos. 138 and 182, Hague Convention No. 5, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict
- Preparation of a children's code
- Demobilization, vocational training and return to school (eight subjects) of 350 young volunteers involved in self-defence groups during the attacks along Guinea's borders in 2000
- Training over 5,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and ordinary soldiers in the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, and training of officers in aspects of the Convention on the Rights of the Child before, during and after armed conflicts
- National survey of child-trafficking in Guinea
- Launch of a major birth-registration campaign with six months' grace throughout the country and establishment of a national committee to support birth registration
- Special presidential envoy in the preparations for and at the United Nations Special Session on Children
- Participated in the 2002 session of the Executive Board of UNICEF in New York
- My department, together with the World Bank, started a project on early childhood development based on a comprehensive and holistic approach to the subject, as part of the Education for All programme
- In charge of drafting the periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Introduction of the first statistics on preschool education
- Introduction of the first information campaigns on AIDS for hearing- or sight-impaired pupils
- Visits to early-childhood community training centres in rural areas
- Began construction of a centre for the rehabilitation of street children

Ojobo ATULUKU (Nigeria)

Date and place of birth: 7 December 1963, Bauchi, Nigeria

Working languages: English (Excellent); French (Spoken: Poor; Reading: Fair)

Current position/function:

Deputy Director/Head Of Programmes: strategic planning, development and management, programme development and management (gender equity, women's rights, human security, good governance intersecting with gendered work in education and in HIV and AIDS as well as ensuring synergy across all organizational programmes); child sponsorship; fundraising and partnership development; social mobilization and action.

Main professional activities:

Meetings (management, Board, programmatic, networks, coalitions), Workshops, public speaking, trainings, mentoring and guidance, travelling (local and international), strategic reviews, reports, policy analysis, advocacy visits, rallies, campaigns, human resource management, programme design, fund raising, partnership development.

Educational background:

Bachelor of Laws (LLB.); Barrister At Law (B.L.); Post Graduate Certificates In Gender And Development; Legal Drafting; Legislative Drafting.

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

Member, Expert Drafting Committee On The Children's Bill 1993 (now the Child Rights Act 2003); Participant In Various UN Common Country Assessments And UNICEF's Situation Assessment And Analysis On The Status Of Women And Children 2000;

Member National Human Rights Commission/UNICEF Drafting Meeting For Police And Prison Officials On The Convention On The Rights Of The Child And CEDAW;

Rapporteur, UNICEF workshops on Sharia, CRC and CEDAW; Programming With A Central Focus On Children In Rural Communities Across Nigeria;

As Secretary, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Abuja 1998-2000, co-instituted a TV enlightenment programme on children and women's rights and legal aid on women and children's rights; concerned with issues of rights of excluded peoples: women, children and persons with disabilities; trainer on CRC.

Luigi CITARELLA (Italy)

Date and place of birth: 22 August 1931, Naples

Working languages: English, French

Current position/function:

Expert consultant of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Rome

Member of the Italian Society for International Law

Member of the Italian Society for the United Nations (SIOI)

Main professional activities:

Professor of International Law - Rome

Consultant of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Rome

Educational background:

Ph.D in Law - University of Milan (Italy)

Professor of International Law - Faculty of Political Science - University of Rome

Professor of Human Rights - Faculty of Political Science - University of Rome

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

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (2001-2005).

Member of the Italian Delegations to the ad hoc United Nations Committees on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, on the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, on the Conventions on the Rights of the Child, on Torture and on Racial Discrimination (1988-2002).

Member of the Italian Delegation (Legal Expert) - World Conference for the establishment of an International Criminal Court (1998).

Italian Delegate to the intersessional working group (Commission on Human Rights on the draft protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict (2000).

Italian Delegate to the Human Dimension Meeting on Human Rights and Inhuman Treatment of Punishment of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (2000).

Member of the Interministerial coordinating Committee for the UNGASS on the Child (New York 2001).

Secretary-General of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-2003).

Expert consultant of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights - Ministry for Foreign Affairs (since 2005).

List of most recent publications in the field:

Recent publications and interventions in seminars:

Independent Human Rights Institutions for Children (Florence - 2004)

Setting up of the Italian Ombudsman for Children (Rome - 2004)

Democracy, Human Rights and Security (Assisi - 2004)

The International Commitment for Children Rights (Gorizia - 2004)

Training Courses for Iraqi Diplomats - Peace and Security (Rome - 2004)

Training Courses for Yemen and Palestinian Diplomats (Rome - 2004)

Children's Rights: Universal Aspiration and Conflicts with Tradition, Culture, Religion (Genoa - 2005)

Mediation and Children Rights (Bari - 2005)

Problems on Adoption (Rome - 2005)

Devolution and Policies for Children - The International Experience (Rome - 2005)

Recent National and International Developments on the Crime of Torture (Rome - 2005)

The Abandonment of Children - How to overcome this Phenomenon (Bellaria -2005)

The Work of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (Rome - 2005)

Minors as Victims of Crimes - The International Legislation (Como - 2005)

Children Trafficking and Sex Tourism (Rome - 2005)

Children and Adolescents as Subjects of International Law (Parma - 2005)

The Disabled Child as Subject of Rights (Turin - 2006)

International Problems of the Protection of Children and Adolescents (Rome- 2006)

Healing the War: Psycho-Social Perspectives and Experiences in Conflict-torn Areas Mediterranean and Balkans (Rome - 2006)

Kamel FILALI (Algeria)

Date and place of birth: 8 February 1952, Constantine, Algeria

Working languages: English, French, Arabic, Spanish

Current position/function:

Expert-Member of the United Nations Committee on the rights of the Child

Law Professor, University of Constantine, Algeria

Attorney at Law, Supreme Court of Algeria

Member of the National Human Rights Commission of Algeria

Member of the General Assembly of the International Institute of Human Rights

Correspondent of the Yearbook of International humanitarian Law TMC, Asser, Press

Member of the International Coalition for an International Criminal Court

Main professional activities:

Attorney at Law (lawyer), Court of Constantine and Supreme Court of Algeria; Juvenile penal cases.

Law Professor teaching International law, International Human rights law and Humanitarian law, Law School, University of Constantine, Algeria.

Thesis Advisor for Master Degree and Ph.D. candidates.

Research Director, University of Constantine Algeria: Human rights research projects such as the Right to a Fair trial or Alternatives to the deprivation of liberty: Diversion and Restorative justice.

Professor in a training Session organized by UNICEF-Algiers and the Ministry of Justice of Algeria for the training of juvenile judges and other professionals working with children in conflict with the law.

Rapporteur to the Fifth Inter Committee Meeting held in Geneva, Palais Wilson, June 2005 - Presentation of my Report as a Rapporteur to the Fifth Inter Committee Meeting held in Geneva, Palais Wilson.

Educational background:

Postgraduate education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Law and International Relations, University of Miami, May 1984

Algerian recognition of the Ph D as a Doctorat d'Etat

Master of Art (MA) in International Affairs, University of Miami, December 1982 specialized in United States and Middle East Relations

Master of Comparative Law, University of Miami 1977-1979. Comparative Studies of World Systems of Laws

Education

Licence en Droit (J.D.) from the University of Constantine, Algeria year 1976

Baccalaureate obtained in 1972 from the French Ministry of education, with honours

Baccalaureate obtained in 1972 from the Algerian Ministry of Education

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

Participation as an Expert in Humanitarian Law to brainstorming meeting on Humanitarian Law such as the one in Cairo, Hotel Conrad, Egypt (2003)

Participation to meeting held in Geneva within the framework of the Study decided by the Secretary General on Violence against children and led by the Independent Expert S. Pinheiro

Participation to the work of the International Coordinating Committee for National Human Rights Institutions (ICC) in Geneva as a Representative of the Algerian Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human rights

Participation in the third inter-committee meeting of human rights treaty bodies on behalf of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and designated as Rapporteur on the discussions of the treaty bodies concerning the draft harmonized reporting guidelines (2004)

Participation in the fourth inter-committee meeting and presentation of the outcome of discussions that had taken place in the respective treaty bodies with regard to the draft harmonized reporting guidelines (2005)

Representative of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to the Technical Working Group established by the fourth inter-committee meeting to finalize the draft harmonized guidelines (December 2005 and February 2006)

At the fifth inter-committee meeting in June 2006, introduction of the revised draft harmonized reporting guidelines and presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Working Group

List of most recent publications in the field:

Report on Algeria and Humanitarian Law published in the Yearbook of International Humanitarian law 2003, TMC Asser Press

Publication in the Recueil de Cours of the Institute on children's rights in Sion; Switzerland of a lecture on the Comparison between the African Charter on the rights and welfare of the Child and the Convention on the rights of the Child, June 2005

Participation with a paper to the Forum of writers of the Institute on the rights of the child (IDE 2005) in Sion, Switzerland. Title: The protection of Children in a state of emergency. www.childsrights.org.htm

October 2006: Forum of IDE Sion, Swiss: The right of the child to be heard in administrative and judicial proceedings. www.childsrights.org.htm

Maria HERCZOG (Hungary)

Date and place of birth: 10 March 1954, Budapest, Hungary

Working languages: Hungarian, English

Current position/function: Senior Researcher, University lecturer

Main professional activities:

Research and lecturing in the field of child welfare and child protection

Member of the ECOSOC as a civil society representative

Editor in chief of Family, Child, Youth professional journals

Educational background:

1978 Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest

1989 Doctoral thesis on institutional care of children under the age of 3, Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest

1996 Ph.D. thesis on the dilemmas of the child protection system in Hungary, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

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

In the past 15 years temporary expert and advisor on several related issues for UNICEF, WHO, Council of Europe

One of the authors of the Alternative NGO Report on Hungary on the implementation of CRC in 2005 on behalf of the Family, Child, Youth association

Participant in several international conferences as key note speaker, workshop leader, and in particular at many UNICEF events

Participation in international research projects in EU framework -AGIS, Daphne etc.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Child abuse and neglect, KJK, Budapest, 2006;

Corporal punishment and physical abuse in childhood and the means of disciplining the people concerned in: Victims and Opinions, OKRI, Budapest, pp.88-105;

Handbook on Child protection, KJK, 2001;

Child Sexual Abuse in Europe, co-editor with Prof. Dr. Corrine May-Chahal-lal, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2003;

Jóvátétel, megbékélés, kézikönyv a helyreállító igazságszolgáltatásról (Reconciliation and Reparation, handbook on restorative justice) CSAGYI books (Editor and author of several chapters) Budapest, 2003.

Moushira KHATTAB (Egypt)**Date and place of birth:** 16 July 1944, Cairo, Egypt**Working languages:** Arabic, English; French; German**Current position/function:**

Secretary General - National Council for Childhood and Motherhood the highest national body for children in Egypt. (Since 1999). Chair of Child and Family Sub-Committee of the Radio and Television Union. Member of Egypt's NGO's Federation. Chairs the Steering Committee for the Middle East and North Africa MENA region on Violence against Children (UN SG study on VAC). Representative of MENA region, Child Helpline International. Board member and Vice-President - International Bureau for Children's Rights. Vice-Chair UNCRC (2002) and Chair of its Chamber B. Board Member representing consumers on the Regulator of Electricity sector - Egypt. Board Member of the Higher Institute of Childhood - University of Ein Shams - Egypt.

Main professional activities:

Initiated a number of national projects targeting most vulnerable children, working; street children - children with disability - in conflict with the law; victims and witnesses to crimes.

Prepared amendments to the Child's Code to ensure full compatibility with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Currently preparing a right's based national budget for children.

Chaired the intergovernmental expert group mandated to adopt UN guidelines on justice for children Witnesses and victims of crimes (adopted by ECOSOC). Played an instrumental role in leading the process of consensus and adoption by the United Nations Committee on Criminal Justice (Vienna 2005). Translated into Arabic the child friendly version and tested it on children.

Leading a national project on changing behaviors towards the practice of FGM (Positive deviance); in cooperation with UNDP and UNICEF with the Italian Cooperation. The project won two international awards for its effectiveness and innovative approach.

Leading the national Girls Education Initiative; empowering poor and marginalized drop out girls by building schools closer to home; offering quality; child centered; active learning with active girls participation (Egypt is a Flagship country within the UNSG Girls Education Initiative) in cooperation with seven United Nations Agencies led by UNICEF) built over 500 schools in four years.

Leading the implementation of the national strategy and a plan of action to eliminate child labour. Leading a participatory process involving NGO's and targeted groups using a right's based approach in 5 governorates with the highest rate of child labour.

Leading the operation of the Hotline for children - 24 hour toll free serviced with a wide network of governmental and non governmental support. Service free of charge.

Leading an adolescents health programs; providing information and life skills; bringing positive change of attitude towards certain practices such as early marriage; FGM.

Implementing a project on the national level empowering children to be the advocates of saying no drugs. Training children to be leaders and advocates for change. The project adopts a highly participatory approach involving NGO's and community leaders. It focuses on curbing demand.

Implementing a national Strategy "Think Twice" on raising awareness, changing attitudes.

Educational background:

B.A. Political Science, Cairo University with Honors .M.A. International Relations - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. Ph.D. Candidate University of Cairo; Faculty of Political Sciences on the General Measures of Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;" Egyptian Perspectives".

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

Coordinated the preparation of MENA regional consultation on Violence against children in June 2005; as well the follow up in March 2006. Currently preparing for the regional launch of the Arabic version of the report of the independent expert on VAC-Cairo planned for November 2006.

Member of the Advisory Group of the International "Better Care Network" for Children without Parental Care CWPC; that worked on a draft UN guidelines for CWPC due for submission to the UNGA later in 2006.

Represented the Committee on the Rights of the Child to a series of meetings on the reform of UN treaties bodies (Malbun-Liechtenstein 2003 and 2006). University of Nottingham - UK - January 2006) Inter-Committee meetings of the UN Treaty bodies (Geneva - June 2006).

Chaired Egypt's delegation to a number of international conferences the last of which is the international Congress of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates - Belfast 27 August-1 September 2006).

Participates in many conferences dealing with children's rights. The last of which is the Expert Group Meeting on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against the girl child - UNICEF - Innocenti Institute Florence 25-28 September 2006.

Key note speaker in a number of international conferences dealing with children's issues.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Supervised and intensely participated in preparing the following documents:

Egypt's National Strategy for the Protection' Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Street Children

Egypt's National Strategy to combat child labour

Egypt's National Plan of action to combat child labour

Egypt's National Survey on child labour

Egypt's National Plan of Action on Girls Education

Egypt's National Strategy on the protection of Youth from drugs and substance abuse

Training Manual for "professionals and young people working on the protection of youth from drugs and substance abuse"

Conceptual framework for Egypt's "National plan of action on childhood and motherhood"

Itumeleng KIMANE (Lesotho)

Date of birth: 5 July 1955

Educational background:

Obtained a bachelors degree in Sociology and Public Administration from the National University of Lesotho in 1979; an Msc. (Econ.) with a specialization in Criminology from the University College of Cardiff (Wales) in 1982 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the Criminological, Social and Philosophical study of Law from the Old College, University of Edinburgh (Scotland) in 1989. She also has acquired additional specialist training in gender and development.

Working language: Sesotho and English

Current position/functions:

Currently she is the Director of the Bureau of Project, Training and Consultancy (NUL-CONSULS), at the National University of Lesotho. Previously, she served for a long time as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work at the National University of Lesotho. Functions she performed in the latter position involved teaching, research, consultancy and community service.

Main professional activities:

Dr. Kimane has been a child's rights advocate from the 1980s. Since those times, she has written numerous papers, conducted research and published work on children's issues. She has worked closely with UNICEF, the Government of Lesotho and many local NGOs working in the area of child rights and has worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights of children different categories of children including, the establishment of a child justice system based on diversion and restorative justice principles. Hence these have found their way the new Child Protection and Welfare Bill referred to below. She produced the first comprehensive Situational Analysis of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Lesotho. As a member (Commissioner) on the Lesotho Law Reform Commission, she has been involved in a number of the Commission's projects. In particular, she served as the Chairperson of the Child Law Reform Project Committee during the period 2001-2004. In this capacity, she provided technical assistance to the project throughout the child law reform process in Lesotho. The project was supported financially by UNICEF, Save the Children, Sweden and Save the Children, United Kingdom and its outcome is the Child Protection and Welfare Bill 2005, which will hopefully be considered for enactment by Parliament before the end of 2006.

Another major contribution was during the preparation of the Children's chapter for the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy. This involved assisting in organizing and facilitating children's sessions where they defined poverty from their own perspective as well as recommending the strategies they believed would enhance poverty reduction. She was on the Task Force that provided oversight during the development of the National Policy for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children. Currently, she is involved, along with other stakeholders, in the drafting of Lesotho's second report to the United Nations Committee on Children's Rights. She

also is heavily involved in the ongoing process leading to the development of the country's Action Programme towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour. She is serving on a number of bodies working for the promotion and protection of children in Lesotho. Among them she is a member of the National Coordinating Committee for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children and the Governing Board of the SOS Villages Lesotho.

Other main activities related to the mandate of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

As a scholar, she has conducted numerous studies for GOL, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and other partners on the situation of children and their well-being especially for informing policy and legislative change. Some of the relevant research work she has conducted on children's issues include:

- Rapidly Assessing Children at Work in Lesotho, Volume 1: Context and Overview of Findings (2000)
- Rapidly Assessing Children at Work in Lesotho, Volume 2: The HIV/AIDS Link (2000)
- Rapidly Assessing Children at Work in Lesotho, Volume 3: Policy and Programme Recommendations (2000)
- Update on the Situation of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Lesotho (2004).

She has attended and made paper presentations at several important conferences including the SADC regional Conference to review progress on the implementation of the 1998 Addendum on the Prevention and Eradication of Violence Against Women and Children (2000); Second World Congress against Commercial Exploitation of Children, Yokohama, Japan (2001); Conference on New Directions in Family Law, Cape Town (2003); Second Arab-African Conference on Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Violence against Children, Rabat, Morocco (2004). Some of the papers she has presented are entitled:

- The children's Law Reform Process in Lesotho (2002)
- The Impact of Poverty on Children, (2003)
- The Roles of Different Professionals in the Implementation of the Forthcoming Child Protection and Welfare Legislation in Lesotho, (2004)
- Sexual Violence: Moving Towards the Eradication of Violence against Women and Children in Lesotho, (2004)
- Developing a Child Justice System in Lesotho, (2004)
- Child Justice in Lesotho, (2004)
- Protecting the Rights of Working Children through Legislation (2006)

Most recent publications in the field:

- Adolescent Substance Abuse in Selected Districts of Lesotho (2002)
- Community Based Alternatives for the Care and Protection of Children (2002)
- Violence against Women and Children in Lesotho (2003)
- Impact of Poverty on Children's Human Rights (2003)
- Use and Abuse of Substances Among Young People in Lesotho: Evidence from Qualitative Research (2003)
- Orphaned Children's Rights to Parental Property in Lesotho (2005)
- Discussion Document on Child Labour in Lesotho (2006)
- Grandmothers and Grandchildren: Living Arrangements and Relationships of Orphaned Children in Lesotho (forthcoming)

Hatem KOTRANE (Tunisia)

Date of birth: 25 July 1954, Tunis, Tunisia

Working languages: Arabic, French, English

Current position/function:

Professor at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences, University of Tunis/University of 7 November, Carthage, Tunisia

Scientific Director, Executive Masters Programme in Children's Rights for Arab Countries, Lebanese University

Scientific and Legal Adviser, Arab Institute for Human Rights

Main professional activities:

Visiting and associated professor at several universities in France and in Arab countries

UNICEF expert on the preparation of periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Arab countries

UNICEF expert on the organization of a series of workshops on the Convention on the Rights of the Child for various ministries and non-governmental organizations dealing with the rights of the child in Arab countries

International Labour Office expert on the drafting or revision of legislation on labour law and labour rights in Arab countries

Expert of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at subregional seminars on the implementation of the concluding observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child: Damascus (Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Jordan) 2003 and Doha (the six Gulf countries and Yemen) 2005

Educational background:

Doctorate in Social Law, 1982, University of Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne

Postgraduate Certificate (Diplôme d'études approfondies) in International Law and Trade, 1981, University of Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne

Postgraduate Certificate in Social Law, 1978, University of Paris I

Degree in Private Law, 1977, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

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

Former independent expert to examine the question of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Commission on Human Rights)

Member of the Higher Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Tunisia)

Rapporteur-General of the Conference of French-speaking Countries in preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights, Libreville, Gabon, 1993

Member of the Group of Arab Experts set up to revise the Arab Charter on Human Rights (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - League of Arab States), Cairo, 2004

Rapporteur-General of the Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference on the United Nations Study on Violence against Children, Cairo, 27-30 June 2005

List of publications:

2000: *Mondialisation de l'économie et défi de la cohésion sociale*, Centre de Publications Universitaire, Tunis

2003: *Le Guide alternatif des droits de l'enfant dans les Etats arabes*, Arab Institute for Human Rights, Tunis

2004: *Guide des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels*, Arab Institute for Human Rights, Tunis

2005: "La justiciabilité des droits sociaux", in *Les droits sociaux de l'homme*, collective work coordinated by the Centre for Comparative Labour and Social Security Law (COMPTRASEC), University of Montesquieu, Bordeaux IV

2005: "Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels dans la Charte arabe des droits de l'homme", collective work coordinated by the Political Sciences Institute of Messina, Italy

2005: *Les migrations des mineurs non accompagnés et l'approche holistique fondée sur les droits de l'enfant*

Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN (Germany)

Date and place of birth: 19 November 1936, Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Nationality: German

Academic degrees:

1969 Dr. Phil. (equivalent to PhD) in Sociology and Modern History, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

Thesis: Soziologische Dimensionen der Identität [Sociological dimensions of identity]. Published by Klett-Cotta, Stuttgart, 10th ed., 2005

1961 Diploma (equivalent to MA) in Theology and Philosophy, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

1958 Philosophicum (equivalent to BA) in Philosophy, Theology, and History, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Academic positions and activities:

since 2002 Guest researcher (post-retirement) at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (Berlin) and continued research on social inequality and its impact on children's development

Teaching at the Freie Universität, School of Education (Berlin) on social development of children, the consequences of poverty in childhood, child rights (in particular right to education and development)

Presentations at international and national conferences and workshops and publications on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the implementation of child rights

2002 Retirement from the Max Planck Institute

1989-2000 Co-opted member, board of directors of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin

since 1985 Invited guest lecturer at the University of Fribourg and Zurich (Switzerland), University of California at Santa Cruz (CA, USA) and the University of Zurich (Switzerland)

since 1982 Adjunct professor, sociology of education, at the Freie Universität, School of Education, Berlin

since 1975 Tenured scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin

Principal investigator of the projects on "Peer interaction in the classroom", "Primary schools and social development" and "Peer and family relationships and their mutual influences"

- 1968-1974* Pre- and post-doctoral research on the project “Socialization in family and school” at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin
- 1967-1968* Teaching and research assistant with Prof. Becker and Prof. Goldschmidt, former directors of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin

Committees and advisory boards:

- since 2005* Founding member of the “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Demokratiepädagogik” [German Society for Democratic Education]. Member of the executive board
- since 2003* Chairperson of the advisory board of the educational development programme “Learning and living democracy”, a joint project of the federal and state governments within the framework of the Commission for Educational Planning and the Promotion of Research
- 1995-1998* Chairperson of the experts committee preparing the report on “Children’s conditions of growing up in Germany” which was submitted to the German Bundestag
- 1991-2002* Member, advisory board of the centre for family research at the Universität Konstanz, Constance, Germany
- since 1978* Member of the advisory board on family affairs to the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth, Bonn, Germany; Vice-chairperson from 2001 to 2004

Editorial boards:

- since 1993* Co-Editor of the series “Der Mensch als soziales und personales Wesen” [Man - a social and personal being], Enke-Verlag, Stuttgart
- 1991-1998* Co-Editor, Newsletter of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)
- 1990-2002* Co-Editor and, from 1995 until 1999, acting editor, Neue Sammlung [Quarterly for Education and Society]
- 1989-2003* Advisory board, Zeitschrift für Familienforschung [Journal of Family Research]
- 1987-2003* Advisory board, Zeitschrift für Empirische Pädagogik [Journal of Empirical Educational Research]

Other parts:

- since 2003* Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
- since 1983* Chairperson of the association “Haus der politischen Bildung e.V.”, a centre of civic education for young people
- 1990-2002* Chairperson of the committee responsible for the daycare centre of the Max Planck Institutes in Berlin providing care

Rosa Maria ORTIZ (Paraguay)

Date and place of birth: 28 September 1952, Asunción, Paraguay

Working languages: Spanish, English, French

Current position/function:

Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Programme director of the non-governmental organization Global Infancia in Paraguay

Main professional activities:

In 2005 and 2006 I concentrated on publicizing the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in States parties from Latin America and the Caribbean (visited 12 countries)

Publication of research (adoption, child labour, street children)

Promoted the Niñosur programme in the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR); it is now being implemented in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay

Promoted a rights-based approach for governmental and non-governmental organizations

Educational background:

University studies in the Faculty of Communications Media, Catholic University of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay

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

Initiatives to ensure that children are treated properly by the media

Advocacy of the inclusion by multilateral cooperation agencies of the observations and recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in their action plans

List of most recent publications in the field:

La adopción - un acto de amor y de derechos, Asunción, 2006

Criadas, hasta cuando? stories of former child domestic servants, Asunción, 2001

Niños y niñas criadas, qualitative survey of domestic child labour, Asunción, 2002

Adopción internacional o trafico de niños? Asunción, 1996

Historia de los trabajadores, Audiovisual, Asunción, 1991

Marta MAURÁS PÉREZ (Chile)

Secretary of the Commission

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Marta Maurás assumed her duties as Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in March 2005. Between 1998 and early 2005, she served as Director for Economic and Social Affairs in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and as Director of the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General, in New York. Prior to 1998, she was based in Bogotá for six years, where she held the post of Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). While with UNICEF, she also held various technical and management posts in Latin America and the Caribbean based in Santiago, Chile, in Pakistan, Mozambique and Swaziland and in New York.

As Secretary of the Commission of ECLAC, Mrs. Maurás is responsible for intergovernmental, political and diplomatic affairs. She is in charge of the intergovernmental organs of ECLAC, notably the Statistical Conference of the Americas, the Regional Conference on Women of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Committee on Population and Development, among others. She is also responsible for public information and women and gender policies.

As a member of the Secretary-General's team, Mrs. Maurás participated directly in United Nations reform programmes and was responsible for coordinating advisory assistance to the Secretary-General on sustainable development and on economic and social issues. She served as the focal point for the action programme against HIV/AIDS and played a crucial role in helping to shape this new function. She helped to organize the Millennium Summit in 2000, the Monterrey and the Johannesburg conferences on Financing for Development and Sustainable Development respectively, The Special Session of the General Assembly on Children and was involved in the preparations for the High-level Summit in September 2005. She has also contributed to the design and coordination of emergency and post-conflict reconstruction operations in countries and territories such as Kosovo, East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq.

During her career with UNICEF, which began in 1974, Mrs. Maurás performed a wide range of duties in such areas as regional and local planning; emergency management planning; organization of the World Summit for Children (New York, 1990); expansion of immunization programme coverage, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa; and the dissemination and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with an emphasis on legal and institutional reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean. She also was involved in the restructuring of UNICEF and the formulation of its strategic plan as from 1995. As Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Bogotá, Colombia, she provided policy guidelines and oversaw the execution of UNICEF country offices' programmes for children, she coordinated the interagency follow-up of the Children Plan of Action, and represented UNICEF with the governments and international organizations of the region.

Mrs. Maurás is a member of the Board of Comunidad Mujer, a Chilean non-governmental organization that seeks to promote gender mainstreaming in public policy. She serves as a

Member of the Board of the South-North Development Initiative, a non-governmental organization with offices in New York and Buenos Aires, which works to provide venture capital with social responsibility to small businesses and micro enterprises. She belongs to the Leadership Council of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, a network that fosters public debate on AIDS worldwide. She has recently been invited to join the Board of Latinobarómetro, a public opinion programme on democracy, human rights and development in 18 countries of the region.

Marta Maurás is of Chilean nationality; a sociologist by profession holds a degree (Licenciatura) from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and has pursued postgraduate (certificate) studies in administration at the School of Public Administration, University of Connecticut. She is the author of numerous publications and a guest lecturer participating in the international cooperation programme of the Universidad del País Vasco.

In addition to her mother tongue Spanish, Mrs. Maurás speaks English, French and Portuguese. She has one daughter.

Nakpa POLO (Togo)

Date and place of birth: 16 November 1956, Kandé, Togo

Working languages: French

Current position/function:

Doctor of Public Law, currently Director General for Human Rights at the Ministry of Human Rights and Democracy

Main professional activities:

Responsible for all activities related to promotion, prevention and protection in the field of human rights, through awareness-raising, information campaigns and education; preparation of initial and periodic reports on human rights; participation in sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council; responsible for the implementation of measures to prevent violations and find appropriate solutions in cases of human rights violations

Educational background:

Baccalaureate - Degree and Master's in Law - Postgraduate Certificate (Diplôme d' études approfondies) - Doctorate in Public Law, University of Lille II, France

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

Helped publicize the Convention on the Rights of the Child with UNICEF-Togo and helped draft a simplified version of the Convention to make it accessible to the target audience - children - together with Plan Togo; helped draft the bill on a children's code and a translation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child into national languages; took part in a workshop on the Convention organized by Save the Children for Togolese parliamentarians in Dakar; took part in a panel discussion organized by the World Organization against Torture on 21 September 2006 in Geneva on strengthening United Nations mechanisms for the protection of children's rights

Lidija TOPIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Date and place of birth: 14 April 1967, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Working languages: English

Current position/function: Ambassador/Head of Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Communities

Main professional activities

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Deputy Minister of the Ministry for the European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Head of the United Nations Department - Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bosnia and Herzegovina

Deputy Head of Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations - New York

Program Assistant, Office of the Chief of Mission, Croatia, UNHCR

Educational background:

Dr. Topić received primary and secondary education in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and United Kingdom - London and Scotland, Orkney Islands, Kirkwall; University degrees received from the University of Sarajevo, Bachelor of Fine Arts, at the Academy of Fine Arts and Doctor of Dentistry from the Faculty of Dentistry. During the University education Dr. Topic has spent one year studying at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, USA. Dr. Topic has also attended School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University - New York, USA, program of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs; as well as Université Libre de Bruxelles - Brussels, Belgium, Post-Graduate Studies in International Politics.

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

Dr. Topić was Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of Preparatory Committee for United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children, held in New York in 2002, participated in initiation and organization of the Regional Preparatory Meetings for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children in Berlin 2001 and Sarajevo 2004, two Intergovernmental Conferences "Making Europe and Central Asia Fit for Children". As representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Women 2000, and United Nations General Assembly on Fights Against HIV/AIDS 2003, in the capacity of Preparatory Committee Vice-Chair and Rapporteur addressed United Nations Special Session on Children in 2002; Chaired Advisory Board for Fight Against HIV/AIDS of Bosnia and Herzegovina, initiated first Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Fight Against Trafficking; Was Stability Pact Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina and also co-chaired Working Table One of the Stability Pact.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Dr. Topić has chaired Working Group which prepared the analysis and prospects of the Political Situation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Integration Strategy into European Union, which was published in Sarajevo, 2006.

Esmeralda Elizabeth AROSEMENA de TROITIÑO (Panama)

Date and place of birth: 2 September 1944, Los Santos, Panama

Working languages: Spanish

Current position/function:

Judge at the Supreme Court of Justice, Second Criminal Court of Panama; ruling on unconstitutionality and on guarantee mechanisms in plenary sessions of the Supreme Court of Justice; hearing non-enforceability challenges; analysis of habeas corpus for young persons in conflict with the law and other guarantee mechanisms

Main professional activities:

As judge at the Children's Division of the High Court, dealt with cases involving protection, family and criminal responsibility of young persons (1995-2004)

Sponsor of the legislative movement in Panama to bring domestic legislation into line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, promoting laws on e.g., adoption, administrative records, teenage pregnancies and criminal responsibility of young persons in conflict with the law

University teacher, "Family and Inheritance" course, and member of the team of facilitators at the School of the Judiciary in Panama

Conferences: Ibero-American meeting, "Ombudsmen and youth", Guatemala, 2006. Fifth Judicial Workshop, Costa Rica - Panama, "The right to an identity", April 2005. Sixth Meeting of Ibero-American Judges, "Laws on domestic and gender-based violence from the viewpoint of the administration of justice", Dominican Republic, November 2005. Speaker at the Seminar on the Adoption Process, School of the Judiciary, 2004

Articles: "Juventud, participacion, ciudadania y desarrollo", in *Panamá América*, November 2004; "La responsabilidad penal de los adolescentes en la Ley 40/99", in *La Prensa*, 2004; "Justicia penal para adolescentes: retos y perspectivas", in *Sistemas de Responsabilidad Penal para Adolescentes*, UNICEF, November 2003, p. 19

Educational background:

Masters in Primary Education, Degree in Philosophy and Literature, trained secondary-school teacher, Degree in Law and Political Sciences, postgraduate research into gender issues and family law

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

Reviewed and advised on reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, January 2004

National representative, submitting the Government's report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1997

List of most recent publications in the field:

Contributor to the *Boletín Cifras y Hechos*, “Niñez y adolescencia en conflicto con la ley penal”, UNICEF, Judiciary/School of the Judiciary, 2000

Four modules of the training course for juvenile judges, public defenders and prosecutors, School of the Judiciary and UNICEF, 1999-2001

“El principio educativo, interés superior y protección integral: conceptos válidos en el sistema penal garantista para adolescentes”, *Boletín AMAJUP*, No. 16, 2000

Sylvie KAYITESI ZAÏNABO (Rwanda)

Date of birth: 27 May 1962

Working languages: French

Current position/function:

President, National Human Rights Commission (permanent position)

Member of the Higher Council of the Judiciary and the Higher Council of the Prosecution Service (in-session meetings)

Member of the Council of the Wise, of the Association de défense des droits de la femme et de l'enfant (group of former heads of the association providing consultation and guidance)

Main professional activities:

Education and awareness-raising in the field of human rights

Dissemination of international and national human rights instruments

Investigations into human rights violations

Preparation of reports on violations and recommendations on how to put a stop to them and prevent them, for the attention of the relevant authorities

Monitoring of respect for human rights

Analysis of proposed legislation and drafting of opinions on respect for the principles of human rights

Visits to prisons, with reports on the state of prisoners' rights

Contribution to the preparation of reports to treaty bodies

Educational background:

Law degree, National University of Rwanda

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

Monitoring respect for children's rights and reporting on the situation in that regard

Giving training courses on children's rights and raising awareness of those rights

Publicizing the Convention on the Rights of the Child and domestic legislation on the protection of children's rights and on violence against children

Coordinating work on the establishment of a national children's rights monitoring body, which should soon be operational

Supervising thematic reports on children's rights (orphans, children heading households, street children, child workers, children in detention)

Involvement in the national children's summit (held every two years) and in campaigns to combat violence against children

List of most recent publications in the field:

Annual report on the human rights situation in Rwanda, thematic reports on respect for those rights

Marie-Gisèle ZINKPE (Benin)

Date and place of birth: 25 January 1956, Abomey

Family situation: Mother of two children

Profession: Judge (grade A1-10)

Educational background:

1985: Diploma upon completion of A1 manager's course (option: National School of Administration, level II)

1980: Masters in Legal Sciences (option: Business Law and Judicial Careers)

1975: Baccalaureate (A4 option)

1972: Brevet *d'études* (certificate of general education)

Other training:

Advanced course, National School of the Judiciary, Paris, and Regional Court, Marseille

Training in the CIMA Code

Training in standardized legal documents of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA)

Training in arbitration law

Training in the programme budget

Attended various seminars organized by the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Department of Human Rights and various non-governmental organizations active in the field of human rights

Course on gender and sustainable development in Belgium

Work experience with Amnesty International, French-speaking section, Belgium

Attended a United Nations conference on anti-corruption measures

Professional experience:

2006 to date: Head of the Department for the Promotion and Dissemination of Human Rights

2003: Head of the Department for the Protection and Defence of Human Rights

1997-2001: President, Ouidah court of first instance

1995-1997: First investigating judge, Porto Novo court of first instance

1990-1995: First deputy public prosecutor, Porto Novo court of first instance

1988-1990: Investigating judge, Bohicon district people's court

1988: Children's judge, Porto Novo court of first instance

1986-1988: Auxiliary judge, Supreme Court (Administrative Chamber)

Language skills:

National languages spoken: Fon, Mina, Nagot

Foreign languages, spoken and written: French, English, Spanish
