



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155)**

## **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 2011**

### **Note by the Secretary-General\***

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 21 December 2010, 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 2011 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2013 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 25 June 2010, 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 25 August 2010 are included in the present 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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\* Late submission.

<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ms. Agnes Akosua Aidoo	Ghana
Ms. Aseil Al-Shehail	Saudi Arabia
Ms. Norah Amilcar Jean-François	Haiti
Mr. Jorge Cardona Llorens	Spain
Mr. Peter Onyekwere Ebigbo	Nigeria
Mr. Kamel Filali	Algeria
Mr. Bernard Gastaud	Monaco
Ms. Sharon Esther Geerlings-Headley	Suriname
Ms. Maria Herczog	Hungary
Mr. Hatem Kotrane	Tunisia
Ms. Nino Makhashvili	Georgia
Mr. Adolphe Minkoa She	Cameroon
Ms. Bibata Ouedraogo	Burkina Faso
Mr. Dainius Puras	Lithuania
Ms. Bakolalao Ramanandraibe	Madagascar
Ms. Kirsten Sandberg	Norway
Ms. Hiranthi Wijemanne	Sri Lanka

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**Annex I****Members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2011**

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Agnes Akosua Aidoo	Ghana
Mr. Luigi Citarella	Italy
Ms. Azza El-Ashmawy	Egypt
Mr. Kamel Filali	Algeria
Ms. Maria Herczog	Hungary
Mr. Lothar Krappmann	Germany
Mr. Hatem Kotrane	Tunisia
Ms. Rosa María Ortiz	Paraguay
Mr. Dainius Puras	Lithuania

**Annex II****Members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child  
whose terms expire on 28 February 2013**

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<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Hadeel Al-Asmar	Syrian Arab Republic
Mr. Peter Guran	Slovakia
Mr. Sanphasit Koompraphant	Thailand
Ms. Yanghee Lee	Republic of Korea
Ms. Marta Maurás Pérez	Chile
Mr. Awich Pollar	Uganda
Ms. Kamla Devi Varmah	Mauritius
Ms. Susana Villarán de la Puente	Peru
Mr. Jean Zermatten	Switzerland

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## Annex III

### Biographical data of nominees

#### Agnes Akosua Aidoo (Ghana)

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

**Working languages:** English, French, Akan (Ghanaian)

**Current position/function:**

Vice-Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), September 2007 – present

Member, CRC, March 2007 – present

Co-Chair, Joint Working Group of CRC and African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) of the African Union

Member, International Board of Trustees, African Child Policy Forum (ACPF)

Chairperson, Administrative Council, ACPF

Member, Steering Committee, Working Group on Early Childhood Development of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA)

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

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

International Consultant (child rights, gender and development, social policy, poverty and exclusion)

**Main professional activities:**

Active participation in the monitoring, representational and other activities of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child as Vice-Chair and Member

Leadership of CRC cooperation with ACERWC to enhance coordination and harmonization of monitoring to improve fulfilment of the rights of the child in Africa

Policy and programmatic guidance and support to the African Child Policy Forum, a leading Pan-African NGO promoting the rights of children through policy advocacy, international policy conferences and major publications such as the groundbreaking *The African Report on Child Wellbeing: How Child Friendly Are African Governments?* and *Child Poverty: African and International Perspectives*

Advocacy, advisory services, research and presentation of major papers on Early Childhood Development (ECD) at African regional and international conferences as Member of Working Group on ECD of ADEA

Participation as adviser, chair or keynote speaker at meetings and activities of the Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child and Network on Women's Rights in Ghana (NETRIGHT)

Voluntary services and fund raising for scholarships for needy junior and senior high school children, reading clinics, health and sanitation facilities in disadvantaged primary schools as a trustee of the NPCT, Ghana

Consultancies in policy analysis and advisory services for governments, UNICEF, United Nations System and NGO networks on children's and women's rights, ECD, child poverty, vulnerability and exclusion, gender and development

**Educational background:**

PhD (History, Social Anthropology), University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 1975

Research Fellowship, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1968/69

MA (History, International Relations), University of Toronto, Canada, 1966

BA (History, English, Political Science, Latin), University of Manitoba, Canada, 1963

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

Advisory services to the Ghana Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs (on child rights and gender issues) and the National Development Planning Commission (on child rights and gender perspectives in national development strategies, child poverty, vulnerability and exclusion, rights-based social policy) (2001- present)

Participation in Inter-Committee Workshop on "Activities of Transnational Corporations: Impact on the Implementation of Human Rights Treaty Obligations", organized by International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), June 2010, Geneva

Participation in Technical Consultation on "The Practical Application of the CRC to Advance Child and Adolescent Health in Countries", organized by WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, World Vision International, May 2010, Geneva

Participation and presentation of keynote paper "*The Child at the Heart of Policy-making: Rights, Yardsticks and Relevance*", at Children's Rights at a Cross-Roads: A Global Conference on Research and Child Rights, November/December 2009, Addis Ababa

Participation as panel chair and panellist at the Fourth African International Conference on Early Childhood Development, November 2009, Dakar

Participation and presentation of keynote paper, "*Young Children and Basic Needs: Fulfilling their Rights under the CRC*", at the World Forum Foundation on Early Childhood Care and Education Conference, June 2009, Belfast

Participation as keynote speaker and panel chair at International Policy Conference on Child Poverty: African and International Perspectives, December 2008, Addis Ababa

Participation as keynote speaker on the CRC and panel chair at Second Pan-African Forum on Children: Mid-Term Review of 'Africa Fit for Children', November 2007, Cairo

Participation as keynote speaker on child rights at National Workshop on Child Labour and the *Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy*, organized by ILO and National Development Planning Commission, May 2007, Accra

Participation and presentation of lead theme paper, "*Ensuring a Supportive Environment for ECD in Africa*" at the Third African International Conference on ECD, May/June 2005, Accra

Policy guidance and professional support to research and academic staff and students of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana on various programmes including child care, child protection and gender studies (2007 – present)

Participation and presentation of lead theme paper, “*Investing in the African Girl Child: Transforming the Future*” at Conference of African First Ladies, June 2001, Marrakech, Morocco

As UNICEF Representative to Tanzania, I led policy advocacy, situational analyses, fund raising and implementation of multisectoral support programmes for children, women and refugees (1992-1998)

As Global Gender Adviser at UNICEF HQ, I led research and global advocacy on equal rights for the Girl Child and women at the Commission on the Status of Women, UNICEF Executive Board and in Member States in South Asia, China, Africa, Middle East and Latin America (1989-1992)

I supported UNICEF HQ in the process for the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989 and assisted in the organization of the World Summit for Children in 1990.

As Gender Project Officer and Social Policy Adviser, UN Economic Commission for Africa, I helped to formulate policy and organize capacity building for national machineries for women and children, and assistance programmes for children, youth, women, persons with disabilities and refugees in all sub-regions of Africa (1978-1989).

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

- 2009: *Child Poverty in Ghana*, published by the African Child Policy Forum, Addis Ababa
- 2009: *Children in Ghana* (Co-Editor, Contributor and Study Coordinator), published by Ministry of Women and Children’s Affairs and UNICEF Ghana, Accra (first full multidisciplinary study of children’s rights in Ghana)
- 2008: *Positioning ECD Nationally: Trends in Selected African Countries*, in M. Garcia, A. Pence and J. L. Evans (eds.), *Africa’s Future, Africa’s Children: Early Childhood Care and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa*, World Bank, Washington D.C.
- 2007: *Child Rights and the Challenge of Education*, in *18 Candles: The Convention on the Rights of the Child Reaches Majority*, IDE and OHCHR, Sion, Switzerland
- 2005: *Moving Early Childhood Development (ECD) Forward in Africa: Ensuring a Supportive Policy Environment*, in Conference Proceedings of Third African International Conference on Early Childhood Development, Accra, May 2005, Vol. II, ADEA, Paris
- 2004: *Vulnerable Groups and Protection Issues in Ghana*, study report by Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Clara Fayorsey and Estelle Appiah for Common Country Assessment (CCA), Ghana, United Nations System, Accra
- 2002: *The Gender Perspective in the CCA/UNDAF and PRSP Processes and Priorities in West and Central Africa*, by Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Fatou Sarr and Idrissa Ouedraogo, UNICEF WCARO, Abidjan.
- 1991: *The Girl Child: An Investment in the Future*, advocacy booklet prepared for UNICEF, New York

**Aseil Al-Shehail (Saudi Arabia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 18 July 1979, New York, United States of America

**Working languages:** Arabic, English and French (conversational)

**Current position/function:**

First female diplomat in Saudi Arabia; at the Saudi Arabian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Main responsibilities: country representative on issues related to children's rights, women's rights, human rights, humanitarian affairs and agendas under the social, humanitarian and cultural affairs committee; participated in Saudi Arabian country reports and delegations on children's rights; Saudi Arabia's expert on presenting the country's position regarding prevention of and combating trafficking of women and children; work on numerous general assembly resolutions regarding children's rights; preparation of reports, analyses and recommendations related to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Main professional activities:**

- Office of the Under-Secretary for Multilateral Relations at the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: coordination of national and international projects in the field of family and human rights; research, preparation and presentation of annual reports in the field of family, human rights, children's rights and women's rights
- Director of legal research division at Prime Legal Support office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: researching the role of the Saudi Arabian legal system in regulating matters affecting child custody and access, international care and foster care, adoption, criminalization of sexual relationship with children and minimum age limits for marriages
- World of Children Awards selection committee member. World of Children has awarded cash grants to 78 change makers, working in more than 50 countries worldwide. The largest global recognition and funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only issues — health including hunger and nutrition, education, safety, and human rights. United States, New York.

**Educational background:**

Fall 2009 New York University School of Law New York, NY Fellowship Program

International Human Rights

Spring 2006 Harvard University - Kennedy School of Government Cambridge, MA  
Advanced Degree in Mastering Negotiation and Building Sustainable Agreements

2003-2005 Suffolk University Boston, MA, Masters of Science, Political Science

Spring 2004 Sorbonne University Paris, France, advanced degree in French History

1997-2001 Merrimack College North Andover, MA, B.S., International Relations

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

Lectured and participated in workshops on policy and practice to meet the standards of the Convention of the Rights of the Child as Associate Member of SUNSGLOW Center for the Study of the United Nations Systems and the Global Legal Order in New York



Presented the Saudi Arabian position before the United Nations General Assembly session in New York on various issues including children's rights

Lectured at Fordham University School of Law in New York on the Convention on the Rights of a Child (CRC )

Lectured at Seton Hall Law School in New Jersey on international human rights

Co-Founder/Board Member of the Al-Majid Charitable Organization for Children and Women in Moahemeyah/Al Ghotghot central region, Saudi Arabia, the first organization dedicated to providing grants for children education and funding awareness initiatives for children's rights

Board Member of the National Home Healthcare Charitable Organization in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an organization dedicated to providing financial assistance for children in need of health care in Saudi Arabia directed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques' wife Her Royal Highness Princess Hessah bint Trad Al Shaalan.

Board Member of the Child Special Education Committee at the Al-Nakhil Child Special Education Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an educational program dedicated to children with special needs in Saudi Arabia

Active member at the World of Children Awards foundation in New York. The World of Children Awards foundation is dedicated to dramatically improving children's lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who work on behalf of children in need. It is the only global funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only issues — health including hunger and nutrition, education, safety, and human rights. To date World of Children has awarded cash grants to 78 change makers, working in more than 50 countries worldwide.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

N/A

## **Norah Amilcar Jean-François (Haïti)**

**Date and place of birth:** 6 octobre 1954, Dessalines, Haïti

**Working languages:** Français, créole, espagnol (bonnes notions), anglais (bonnes notions)

### **Main professional activities:**

2002 à ce jour Juge Conseiller à la défense sociale, Cour d'Appel de Port-au-Prince, Haïti

2005 Professeur de droit pénal et procédure pénale applicable aux mineurs à l'Université d'État d'Haïti (UEH) et des universités privées

1997 Stage au Tribunal de grande instance de Strasbourg

Stage à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme (pour les affaires de mineurs) ;

Professeur de droit à l'Académie nationale diplomatique et consulaire (ANDC)

1996 – 2002 Juge au Tribunal de première instance de Port-au-Prince, Juge des enfants

1991 – 1996 Fonctionnaire au Ministère des affaires étrangères et des cultes (MAE) ;  
Assistante aux affaires juridiques, culturelles et consulaires

1981 – 1991 Cabinet d'avocat

### **Educational background:**

2005 – 2007 Faculté de droit et des sciences économiques : Maîtrise en études judiciaires (cycles achevés)

1997 Ecole nationale de la magistrature (France), diplôme de perfectionnement

1977 – 1981 Faculté de droit et des sciences économiques (Haïti) : Licence

1983 – 1985 Faculté de linguistique appliquée (Haïti) : Mémoire en préparation

1981 – 1983 École de management intégré (Haïti)

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

2006 Enquêtes réalisées sur le faible taux de participation des femmes dans le droit et la justice en Haïti ;

Séminaire sur le droit de la famille et la procédure civile (Escuela de la Judicatura, République Dominicaine)

1997 – 2002 Intervenante et animatrice environ d'une centaine de séminaires et colloques sur le Droit des Enfants à l'intention des avocats stagiaires, des magistrats, policiers, des étudiants et des formateurs

1999 – 2001 Animatrice de session en droit des mineurs à la Faculté de droit et des sciences économiques de Port-au-Prince

1981 – 1991 Fondatrice de la Ligue haïtienne de promotion et de défense de droits de la femme et de la famille ;

Rapport sur la problématique de l'enfance en difficulté en Haïti

Fondatrice de l'Association haïtienne des femmes juges et du chapitre haïtien de l'Association internationale des femmes juges

Participation aux Congrès sur le droit des femmes et des filles

Assistance scolaire aux enfants en danger

Encadrement aux finissantes en droit en vue de la préparation et la soutenance de leur mémoire

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

De la prévention à la protection, 2010

Un nouveau regard sur l'enfance haïtienne, 2008

Législation haïtienne en vigueur sur les mineurs, 2007

Rapport sur la problématique de l'enfance en difficulté en Haïti, 2001.

## **Jorge Cardona Llorens (Spain)**

**Date and place of birth:** El 30 de abril de 1957, Valencia, España

**Working languages:** Español (idioma materno), catalán (nivel alto), francés (nivel alto), inglés (nivel medio), italiano (nivel medio)

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

Catedrático de Derecho Internacional Público de la Universidad de Valencia (España). Titular de la Cátedra Jean Monnet de Derecho Comunitario. Director de los cursos Euromediterráneos Bancaja de Derecho Internacional. Director de la Sección de Derecho Internacional del Centro Internacional Bancaja para la Paz y el Desarrollo. Presidente del Instituto Mediterráneo de Estudios Europeos y Presidente de la Asociación de Cátedras Jean Monnet de la Comunidad Valenciana

### **Main professional activities:**

Profesor ayudante en las universidades de Valencia y Alicante.

Profesor titular de Derecho Internacional Público en la Universidad de Valencia

Catedrático de derecho internacional público de la Universidad de Valencia y Castellón

Profesor invitado en diversas universidades internacionales (Sorbona, Cergi Pontois, Angers, Túnez, Buenos Aires etc.)

Miembro del Comité de notables designado por la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos.

Consejero Especial de la UNESCO sobre el tema “las obras del espíritu como patrimonio común de la humanidad”.

Experto en la Conferencia de Ministros Iberoamericanos en el ámbito de los derechos humanos

Investigador principal de diversos proyectos de investigación

Presidente del Consejo de la Comunidad Valenciana sobre el futuro de Europa

### **Educational background:**

Licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad de Valencia

Doctor en Derecho Internacional por la Universidad de Valencia obteniendo para ambos títulos el premio extraordinario de dicha universidad

Catedrático de Derecho Internacional Público de La Universidad de Valencia

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

Investigador principal de diversos proyectos y actividades de investigación en temas de infancia y juventud, entre otras

En el marco de las actividades llevadas a cabo en el seno del Congreso Iberoamericano de Cooperación Jurídica Internacional (COMJIB): relator sobre promoción y protección de los derechos humanos de las personas menores de edad en el marco del proceso penal y redactor de la propuesta de recomendación correspondiente aprobada por los ministros de justicia iberoamericanos. Relator sobre la promoción y protección de los derechos humanos de las víctimas de delitos en el marco del proceso, con especial referencia a las víctimas

menores y por delitos de género y redactor de la propuesta de recomendación correspondiente aprobada por los ministros de justicia iberoamericanos

Miembro del comité nombrado por la organización iberoamericana de la juventud para el control del cumplimiento por los estados de la Convención Iberoamericana de Derechos de los Jóvenes.

Medalla de Oro Mahatma Gandhi a la paz concedida por la UNESCO

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Autor de mas de un centenar de trabajos científicos sobre diversas cuestiones de derecho internacional público entre los que destaca los temas de infancia, a parte del derecho de los tratados, de la responsabilidad internacional, de las organizaciones internacionales y otros temas de derechos humanos y derecho comunitario europeo.

En particular, especialmente relacionadas con los derechos humanos, destacan las siguientes obras:

*L'incidence des organisations internationales sur les transformations du droit international: réflexions au terme du XX siècle*

“La protección de los derechos de los discapacitados en Europa”, en *La protección de las personas y grupos vulnerables en el derecho europeo* (2005)

*La cooperación al desarrollo y los grupos vulnerables* (2007)

*Regards d'une génération sur le droit international* (2008)

Tesis : *Droit a l'éducation et souveraineté des États* (2001)

La protección de los derechos humanos en situaciones de ocupación extranjera, especialmente mujeres y niños (2006)

*La cooperación al desarrollo y los grupos vulnerables* (2006)

La protección específica de los grupos vulnerables de la población refugiada entre los que destacan los niños (2008)

La protection assurée par le droit international des droits de l'homme et le droit international humanitaire aux personnes vulnérables en cas des conflits armé (2008)

La vulnerabilidad : estudio de su protección internacional y europea

## **Peter Onyekwere Ebigbo (Nigeria)**

**Date and place of birth:** 1 August 1947, Orlu Imo State, Nigeria

**Working languages:** English, German

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

Professor of psychological medicine at the Department of Psychological Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu and consultant clinical psychologist

### **Main professional activities:**

Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus (2005-2007)

Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu

Director, Directorate for Research and Publication, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu (2008 to date)

Foundation Director, Directorate for Research and Publication College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu (1998-2005)

Deputy Provost, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus (1992-1998)

Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology (1989-1991)

Former Chairman, University of Nigeria Secondary School Board of Governors

Clinical psychologist

Consultant/Lecturer II (1978)

Consultant/Lecturer I (1980)

Consultant/Senior Lecturer (1982)

Consultant/Professor (1985 to date) UNTH, Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu

### **Educational background:**

Secondary school: St. Peter Claver's Junior Seminary, Enugu (1960-1965)

Philosophy: Bigard Memorial Senior Seminary, Enugu (1965-1969)

Theology: Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Dillingen, Germany (1968-1969)

Psychology : Bavarian Julius Maximilian University of Wuerzburg (1970-1977):  
Vordiplom (B.Sc); Hauptdiplom (M.Sc); Doctoris Philosophiae (Ph.D)

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

Organized the 1st Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Africa in 1986 on "Child Labour in Africa", at which the African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) was founded. Followed it up recently; organized the 4th African Regional Conference on "Child Trafficking, a Challenge to Child Protection in Africa", March 2004, in Enugu. Has helped since then to pilot it. Currently the president of ANPPCAN for the African Region and national president of the Nigerian chapter.

ANPPCAN has been at the forefront both in Nigeria and Africa on child rights issues, including the inputs to the then draft Convention on the Rights of the Child and its dissemination and implementation after its adoption.

Founded the Nigerian Society for Psychotherapy (NSP) in 1995, president of the NSP and Council Member of the International Federation for Psychotherapy of which NSP is an offshoot.

Foundation member of the Association of Institutions and Initiatives for the care of mentally disabled children in West and Central Africa founded in 1992. He has led both the sub-regional body and the national branch of the Association as president since then.

Co-founded with his wife the Therapeutic Day Care Centre and Boarding School, Enugu, Nigeria, with special Nursery and Primary School and Sheltered Workshop. About 400 mentally disabled children. Supports his wife in running this Centre. The centre celebrated 30 years of service on 5 February 2009

Co-founded with his wife the Therapeutic Integrative Nursery and Primary School Ihiala, Anambra State. With about 50 mentally disabled children and 500 other children.

Co-founded the Working Group for African Psychology and co-publishes the *Journal of African Psychology* with Prof. Karl Peltzer at the University of the North, South Africa.

Member of the National Child Rights Implementation Committee, the body that is responsible for the implementation of the Convention on Rights of the Child (CRC) in Nigeria.

ANPPCAN under his leadership has been running Child Rights Monitoring Centers in Enugu, Kaduna, Kano, Onitsha, Ibadan and Lagos since 1991, monitoring from a watchdog angle.

ANPPCAN under his leadership took a lead and established child rights clubs in school and developed the first child rights club kit in 1996.

Was the Nigerian consultant who conducted research for UNICEF on policy response on child trafficking, working with Roberto Benes, the then international consultant from the UNICEF Innocenti Centre for child development in Florence, Italy, on sub-regional West and Central Africa research on child trafficking, 2000

Conducted research for UNICEF on street children in south-eastern border towns, 1999.

Conducted a situation analysis study on child trafficking in Nigeria for ILO, 2001.

Conducted on behalf of ILO the establishment of child labour committees in Rivers and Enugu States and withdrawal of 200 working children from labour, 2005/2006.

Executed the establishment of children's parliament in UNICEF Zone A, which worked out a systematic method of electing a children's parliament from school to Local Government Area, L.G. to state, from state to national level, 2002.

Presented his revolutionary effort to enable students participate through the Student Union Government via a UNICEF workshop on participation of young people in the decision making process, which he organized in 2005.

Has been very active, even now, in the process of adopting and popularizing the Child Rights Act in Nigeria.

Currently member of the very active Enugu State fostering and adoption committee.

Was the Nigerian candidate for election to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in New York, February 2001.

Member, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, monitoring the Charter on the Rights of the Child in Africa, 2002-2008

National President, National Council of Child Rights Advocates of Nigeria (NACCRAN)

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Has published extensively on clinical psychology (some 100 journal articles and 10 books), child rights, psychotherapy, special education, medicine and social work. His work on somatization was recognized by his university as innovative, while his work on harmony restoration therapy helped to earn him the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM).



## **Kamel Filali (Algeria)**

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

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

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

Member and Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Member of the African Union Commission of International Law (AUCIL)

Law Professor, University of Constantine, Algeria

Attorney at Law, Supreme Court of Algeria and Conseil d'État (Administrative jurisdiction)

Member of the National Human Rights Consultative Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (CNCPPDH), Algeria

Chair of the Sub-Commission of CNCPPDH on External Relations

Former professor teaching at the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Member of the Assembly of the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Correspondent of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law, T.M.C. Asser Press, The Hague, The Netherlands

Member of the international Coalition for an International Criminal Court

Participant in seminars of the Hague Conference on private international law

Member of the Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice (IPJJ)

International expert on human rights

International mediator on transnational child abduction

International expert on juvenile justice

### **Main professional activities:**

Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child since May 2007 and attending CRC sessions since May 2003

Attorney at law (lawyer), Court of Constantine and Supreme Court of Algeria: Juvenile penal cases, family law, abduction and custody cases

Law professor lecturing on international law, international responsibility, international human rights law and humanitarian law at the Law School of the University of Constantine, Algeria

Chairman and advisor for Master Degree and Ph.D. dissertations on international human rights law

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 training sessions organized by UNICEF-Algiers and the Ministry of Justice of Algeria for juvenile judges and other professionals who work with children in conflict with the law, since 2003

**Educational background:**

**Postgraduate education:**

Ph.D. in International Law and International Relations, University of Miami, 1984

Algerian Ministry of Higher Education: Recognition of the U.S. Ph.D. as a Doctorat d'État in November 1987

Master of Art (MA) in International Affairs, University of Miami, December 1982: Specialization in U.S. and Middle East Relations

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

**University education:**

Licence en droit (J.D.) from the University of Constantine, Algeria, June 1976

Two baccalaureates (end of senior high school education): 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 in brainstorming meeting on humanitarian law, Cairo, Egypt (2003)

Participation in meeting held in Geneva on the study by the Secretary-General on violence against children, lead by the independent expert, P.S. Pinheiro

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

Representative of the CRC to the third Inter-Committee Meeting held in Geneva on the reform of guidelines for the submission of reports to be presented by States parties to the human rights treaty monitoring bodies

Special Rapporteur of the Inter-Committee Meeting for new reporting guidelines for States parties to the international human rights treaties

February 2006: Representative of the CRC to the working group on the reform of guidelines for the submission of reports under the Convention on the Rights of Child

Author of draft reporting guidelines for the submission of State reports to the CRC

June 2006: Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the working group on the reform of the guidelines to the Inter-Committee Meeting;

September 2006: Participation in a meeting on follow-up on CRC concluding observations organized in San José, Costa Rica

October 2006: Participation in and contribution to a seminar on follow-up on concluding observations in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

November 2006: Participation as CRC representative in a meeting in Geneva organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) on the United Nations treaty reform

December 2006: Participation in a discussion on the impact of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on national legislation

June 2007: Participation in the annual Inter-Committee Meeting of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

October 2008: Delivered lectures on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in London and Cardiff, UK

April 2009: Participation in conference in Malta organized by the Maltese Government and the Conference of Private International Law

CRC Rapporteur for the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Geneva

Member of CRC working groups on juvenile justice, on cooperation between the CRC and the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and of the joint CEDAW-CRC and CECAW-UNICEF working groups

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Report on Algeria and humanitarian law published in the *Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law* (2003)

Publication in the Recueil des cours of the Institute on Children's Rights, Sion, Switzerland, of a comparative lecture on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, June 2005

Contribution of a paper on "The protection of children in a state of emergency" to the Forum of Writers of the Institute on the Rights of the Child (IIDE), Sion, Switzerland, in 2005

October 2006: IIDE Forum in Sion, Switzerland: Paper on "The right of the child to be heard in administrative and judicial proceedings"

"The death penalty in the Arab world", March 2008

"For a Child Ombudsman in Algeria", May 2008

November 2008: Presentation of a lecture on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Saine Saint Denis (published in the report of the seminar)

December 2009: Presentation of a lecture on the institutional monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (published in the report of the seminar)

Presentation of a paper on "Reservations to international treaties" at the Conference of Islamic States in Cairo, Egypt, November 2009

Presentation of a paper on the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict at an expert meeting organized by the ICRC in December 2009 in Geneva

To be published: Paper presented to the International Conference on Private International Law on the "United Nations monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child"

## **Bernard GASTAUD (Monaco)**

**Date and place of birth:** 10 janvier 1946, Monaco, Principauté de Monaco

**Working languages:** Français, anglais, notions d'arabe

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

Conseiller pour les Affaires juridiques et internationales auprès du Département des relations extérieures (Ministère des affaires étrangères de la Principauté de Monaco)

Co-rédacteur et coordonnateur des rapports périodiques de la Principauté de Monaco élaborés en exécution des conventions internationales

### **Main professional activities:**

Analyse des conventions internationales préalablement à leur incorporation dans l'ordre juridique monégasque et contribution à l'élaboration des textes de droit monégasque d'application des conventions internationales.

Membre de la délégation monégasque lors de l'examen du rapport périodique de la Principauté de Monaco :

Comité contre la torture, 5 et 6 mai 2004

Comité des droits économiques sociaux et culturels, 2 et 3 mai 2006

Comité des droits de l'homme, 14 et 15 octobre 2008

Comité pour l'élimination de la discrimination raciale, 15 et 16 février 2010

Examen périodique universel (EPU) du Conseil des droits de l'homme, 4 mai 2009

Chef de délégation:

- à la Conférence des États parties à la Convention des Nations Unies contre la criminalité transnationale organisée et des protocoles s'y rapportant, Vienne, du 9 au 18 octobre 2006
- à la Réunion intergouvernementale d'experts sur les mécanismes d'examen à envisager pour l'application de la Convention des Nations Unies contre la criminalité transnationale organisée et des protocoles s'y rapportant, Vienne, du 28 au 30 septembre 2009

Membre du Comité des conseillers juridiques sur le droit international public (CADHI) du Conseil de l'Europe à Strasbourg depuis mars 2005

### **Educational background:**

Licence en lettres (Nice, France) ; Certificat d'études supérieures de maîtrise en lettres (Nice)

Licence en droit (Nice) ; Diplôme d'études supérieures de droit public (Nice) ; Doctorat d'état en droit (Nice)

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

Membre de l'Association Mondiale des Amis de l'Enfance (AMADE), ONG à but non lucratif consacrée à l'enfant afin de promouvoir et protéger les droits des enfants au niveau

international. Fondée en 1963 par la S.A.S. Princesse Grace de Monaco, l'Association est présidée par S.A.R. la Princesse de Hanovre. L'AMADE est dotée du statut consultatif auprès de l'UNICEF, de l'UNESCO et du Conseil économique et social des Nations Unies.

Dirigeant au sein de l'Association sportive de Monaco, organisme oeuvrant pour le développement et l'épanouissement des enfants et des adolescents par la pratique des différentes disciplines sportives.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Membre du Comité de rédaction de la *Revue de droit monégasque*

Auteur à la Société LexisNexis, société française, chargée de la publication des Recueils de droit monégasque et de *legimonaco*

## Sharon Esther Geerlings-Headley (Suriname)

**Date and place of birth:** 21 August 1967, Paramaribo, Suriname

**Working language:** English

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

Professor of Law/Division Private Law University of Suriname (1997-ongoing)

Lecturing Youth and Family Law and Civil Law of Procedure

Chair of the University Child rights Institute (2001-2007)

Director of NGO Family and Law (March 2007-ongoing)

### **Main professional activities:**

Sharon Geerlings-Headley is a lawyer specialized in youth and family law. She is a law professor and PhD candidate at the University of Suriname, teaching youth and family law and civil law of procedure. She started her professional career as a legal officer at the Bureau of Family Law Affairs in 1992 where she was responsible for leading cases regarding children (child protection measures, adoption, alimony, etc.). She was confronted on a daily basis with legal and judicial aspects related to children. The witnessing of the effects on children has generated a keen interest in youth law in her, which contributed to her career focus on family and youth law. Her main areas of interest are the legal position of the child in judicial affairs and education. She is strongly advocating for the protection of children and has drafted several legislative products and standards for children in Suriname. She has also regularly carried out research into the situation of children in Suriname and the Caribbean such as the *Juvenile Justice Research, Legislation and Standards for ECD and Situation Analysis of Children*. She has also been privileged over the past few years to contribute to the development of legal and policy frameworks and plans to protect and promote the rights of children at the national level. Since 1999, she has drafted the national policy plan on youth and was also actively involved in the organization of the election of the first ever Youth Council in Suriname. She is founder and first Chair of the University Child Rights Institute of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

### **Educational background:**

Doctor of Law - Anton de Kom University of Suriname (March 1996)

Design and Management of Social Policies and Programmes (post-academic), Washington DC, June 2003

July 2004: Post-academic training: *Children, Youth and Development*. Institute of Social Studies, ISS, The Hague, Netherlands

October 2006: New developments in Family Law I (*Actualities Family Law*)

May 2007: New developments in Family Law II: (*Actualities Family Law*)

### **Participated in the following trainings:**

Alert and Counselling by sexual child abuse (*Signalering en counseling bij seksuele Kindermishandeling*), Paramaribo (1994)

Policy development (*Cursus in Beleidsontwikkeling*), Paramaribo (1999)

Writing scientific papers (*Opstellen van wetenschappelijke documenten*), 2001

Presenting (2001)

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

1998-2000: Member of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child (Steering Committee on Youth)

October 2002-2006: Deputy member of the Committee's gender legislation

March-August 2003: Coordinator and trainer of the certificate course "The Child in Suriname and its Rights", Anton de Kom University of Suriname

August-October 2005: Coordinator and trainer of the diploma programme "Early childhood Education", Anton de Kom University of Suriname

October 2006: Coordinator and trainer of the diploma programme "New developments in family law module I" by Prof. Dr. J. De Boer, Anton de Kom University of Suriname

April 2007: Training provided for the personnel of the Ministry of Justice: Review of the Surinamese legislation with international legislation in the field of women and children

June 2007: Coordinator of the training "New developments in family law module II" by Prof. Dr. J. De Boer, Anton de Kom University of Suriname

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Evaluation of the regulations regarding the position of the minor in civil (law) suit. (*Evaluatie van de regels betreffende de positie van de minderjarige in het burgerlijk geding*) (1996)

Memorandum Framework youth policy (*het jeugdbeleid*), October 1998

Chapter of the National Children's Policy dealing with protection of children (1999)

"Juvenile Justice in Suriname" (research paper), part of a regional UNICEF research (March 2000)

National Youth Policy; presented to the President of the Republic of Suriname on 10 May 2000 (in co-authorship)

"Is our family law all right? Critical articles written by S. Headley on Surinamese Family law" (*"Is ons familierecht O.K.? Kritische artikels betreffende het Surinaams familierecht"*) (August 2000)

"Situation analysis on children and policy plan for the Ministry of Social Affairs", August 2001 (in co-authorship)

Early Childhood Education Legislation for the CCDC, school of continuing studies, UWI Jamaica (standards and legislation) (May 2003)

Amendment of Law and regulations with respect to the introduction of the 10-year basic education cycle- IDB, (research paper) (April 2004)

An elderly-friendly legislation?: (*naar een bejaarden-vriendelijke wetgeving: onderzoeksrapport naar mogelijkheden ter verbetering van de opvang, zorg en begeleiding van bejaarden in instellingen*) (February 2005)

Policy Plan children 2008-2012: Based on the 2000 and 2007 recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child for Suriname.

"Youth Participation, a Must", evaluation of the National Youth Institute of Suriname, July 2010 (in co-authorship)

Strategic Plan for Surinamese youth 2010-2020, July 2010

**Contributed to the following booklets:**

*Juvenile Justice in Suriname*, October 2001

*The Rights of the Child, Questions and Answers*, November 2002



## **Maria Herczog (Hungary)**

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

**Working languages:** English (fluent), Hungarian (fluent), German (fair), Russian (fair)

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

Since 2006: Senior lecturer, Eszterházy Károly College, Eger, Hungary

Since 2007: Chair, Family Child Youth Association, Budapest, Hungary

### **Main professional activities:**

Since 2007: Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Since 2005: National Focal Point on Violence Prevention, World Health Organization, Budapest

Since 2005: Advisory Board member, Equal Treatment Authority of Hungary, Budapest

Since 1993: Editor in chief, Family Child Youth, professional journal, Hungary

### **Educational background:**

1996: Ph.D., Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest: Dilemmas of Child Welfare and Protection

1988-89: University Doctorate, Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest

1972-1978: M.S. in Economics, Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest

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

2010: Child abandonment and its prevention across Europe (EU DAPHNE III project JLS/2008/DAP3/AG/1451)

2010: Evaluation of the impact of the European Union instruments affecting children's rights, led by University of Sheffield, UK, Public Policy and Management Institute, Lithuania, (JLS/2009/D4/006)

2009: Innovation for Employment, led by the Royal Philanthropic Society Incorporating the RAINER Foundation, (142854-LLP-1-2008-1-UK-LEONARDO-LMP)

Since 2007: Board Member, Eurochild, Brussels

Since 2005: Chair of the Executive Board and of the Permanent Committee of the Hungarian Economic and Social Council, Budapest

Since 2004: Member, Hungarian Economic and Social Council, Budapest

Since 2004: Member, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

1996-2005: Temporary scientific expert, UNICEF, Council of Europe

1999-2004: Member of the International Committee of International Institute of Restorative Practices

1994-2000: Member of the Executive Committee, International Federation of Social Workers

1997-1999: Member of the Executive Committee, International Foster Care Organisation

1995-1999: Deputy Chair of Family, Child, Youth Association, Budapest

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

“Intézményi erőszak és rendszerbántalmazás (Institutional and System Abuse)”. In: Borbíró Andrea – Kerecsi Klára (eds.): *A Kriminálpolitika és a társadalmi bűnmegelőzés kézikönyve*. Budapest, 2009, pp. 347-359.

“Hungary”. In: Mike Stein and Emily R. Munro (eds.): *Young People’s Transitions from Care to Adulthood*. International Research and Practice. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London, 2008, pp. 79-89.

“Romani Children and the Hungarian Child Protection System” (co-author: Mária Neményi) In: *Roma Rights Quarterly*, European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest, Issue 4/ 2007, pp. 3-14.

“Gyermekebántalmazás”, (Child Abuse and Neglect ), Complex kiadó, 2007.

“Ártatlanságra ítélve – Gyermekkorú elkövetők az igazságszolgáltatás és a gyermekvédelem határán” (Sentenced for Innocence: Children on the edge of the criminal justice and Child Protection System) (co-author: Szilvia Gyurkó) In: *Kriminológiai Tanulmányok* 44. (ed.: Virág György), Országos Kriminológiai Intézet, Budapest, 2007, pp. 134-153.

“Randevű erőszak” (Dating Violence) (co-author: Gyurkó Szilvia), in: *Kriminológiai Tanulmányok* (ed.: Virág György), Országos Kriminológiai Intézet, Budapest, 2006, pp. 136-156.

Child Abuse in the Family in Hungary, Dziecko krzydzone, Warsaw, 2006, pp.71-85.

Rendszerbántalmazás (System Abuse), Belügyi Szemle, Budapest, Issue 4/2005.

## Hatem Kotrane (Tunisia)

**Date and place of birth:** 25 juillet 1954, Tunis, Tunisie

**Working languages:** Arabe, français, anglais

### Current position/function:

Membre, Comité des droits de l'enfant, depuis 2003

Professeur à la Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales, Université Tunis, depuis 1988

Maître de conférences en droit privé depuis 1984 (Lauréat du concours d'agrégation en droit privé, session de 1984);

Membre du Comité supérieur des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales (depuis 1991)

Médiateur (médiations dans des affaires se rapportant à des cas d'enlèvement international d'enfants)

### Main professional activities:

Directeur de l'Exécutive Master en droits de l'enfant pour les pays arabes- Université Libanaise, 2005- 2008

Directeur de l'Institut National du Travail et des Études Sociales (INTES), Université 7 novembre à Carthage, Tunis, 1991-1997

Professeur invité à l'Université Montesquieu Bordeaux IV (1989), à l'Université de Nice (1990), à l'Université de Paris 7 (1992), à l'Université Aix-Marseille 2 (1997), à l'École Nationale d'Administration, Strasbourg, France (2006) et à l'Université Libanaise (2005-2008);

### Educational background:

Doctorat d'État en droit social, 1982, Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Thèse intitulée: « L'ordre public en droit social international »

Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.), 1981, en droit international privé et commerce internationale: Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne

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

Rapporteur général de la Conférence des pays francophones, préparatoire à la Conférence mondiale sur les droits de l'homme, Libreville (Gabon), 1993

Président de la Conférence des États arabes concernant le programme MOST (Management of Social Transformations), UNESCO, Tunis 1996

Membre du Groupe d'experts arabes, chargé de la révision de la Charte arabe des droits de l'homme (OHCHR- Ligue des États Arabes), Le Caire 2004

Rapporteur général de la Conférence régionale pour les pays du Moyen Orient et de l'Afrique du Nord concernant l'étude des Nations Unies sur la violence à l'égard des enfants, Le Caire, 27- 30 juin 2005

Rapporteur du Thème N°1 « Dignité » lors de la célébration du 20<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire de l'adoption de la Convention des droits de l'enfant (CDE), journées organisées par le Comité des droits de l'enfant et le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'Homme, Genève, 8-9 octobre 2009

Rapporteur général du séminaire international organisé à l'occasion du 20<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire de l'adoption de la CDE par la Délégation à la paix, à la démocratie et aux droits de l'homme de l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie avec le Ministère de la justice et des droits de l'homme (Tunisie), les 24 et 25 novembre 2009 à Tunis;

Rapporteur général du 18<sup>ème</sup> congrès de l'Association internationale des magistrats de la jeunesse et de la famille organisé du 21 au 24 avril 2010 à Tunis en partenariat avec l'Association tunisienne des droits de l'enfant, sous le thème général : « *Unis dans la diversité. Protection des enfants en justice juvénile dans les principaux systèmes juridiques* »

Rapporteur général de la 7e rencontre Ville amie des enfants « Droits des enfants, un pari à tenir », organisée par l'UNICEF et l'Association des maires de France, Paris, Palais du Luxembourg, 3 mai 2010

#### **List of most recent publications in the field:**

1. Ouvrages et manuels
  - 1993: « *La Tunisie et les droits de l'enfant* », Tunis, Ed. UNICEF.
  - 1999: « *Le code de protection de l'enfant* », Tunis, Ed. UNICEF.
  - 2004: « *Guide des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels* », Tunis, Ed. Arab Institute for Human Rights.
  - 2008: *Manuel d'initiation à l'étude des droits de l'homme*, Centre de Publication universitaire (CPU), Tunis (à paraître).
  - 2009: *The Rights of the Child in Arabic Countries, 20 years After!* (à paraître).
2. Autres contributions dans le domaine des droits de l'homme et des droits de l'enfant
  - 1993: « *La protection de l'enfant contre les mauvais traitements* », conférence donnée au séminaire organisé par Nord-Sud 21 et l'Université de Genève.
  - 1995: « *Protection of the child in Tunisian labor law: current situation and prospects* » dans « *Public hearings on international child labor* », U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, 1995.
  - 1996: « *Le Code de protection de l'enfant: Principes généraux et mécanismes de protection* » dans *Arab Revue on Human Rights*, 1996.
  - 1997: « *Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels, entre les espaces de la famille, de l'école et de l'entreprise* » conférence donnée le 10 décembre devant Monsieur le Président de la République tunisienne à l'occasion de la célébration de la journée mondiale des droits de l'homme, publiée à la *Revue tunisienne de droit*.
  - 1999: « *Le droit à l'éducation des catégories vulnérables dans le respect de leur identité: le cas des enfants immigrés* » conférence donnée à Messine (Italie), dans le cadre du Séminaire international organisé par l'Institut international de recherches et d'études sociologiques, pénales et pénitentiaires et l'UNESCO (Messine-Italie).
  - 2000 : « *Stratégie de promotion de l'intégration nationale et de l'harmonie sociale : éducation aux droits de l'homme, rôle des média et rôle de la société civile* » Etude élaborée pour le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Séminaire d'experts sur le thème : « *La prévention des conflits ethniques et raciaux en Afrique* », 4-6 octobre (Addis-Abeba, Éthiopie).

2002: « *La justiciabilité des droits culturels* », conférence donnée au « Table ronde » sur le thème « Diversity et cultural rights », organisé par Organisation internationale de la Francophonie avec la collaboration de l'Arab Institute for Human Rights, septembre 21-23 (Tunis).

2005: « *Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels dans la Charte arabe des droits de l'homme* », dans « *La Charte arabe des droits de l'homme* » ouvrage collectif sous l'égide de l'Institut de science politique de Messine (Italie).

2005: « *La question de la justiciabilité des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels* », dans « Mondialisation, travail et droits fondamentaux », publication du BRUYLANT (Bruxelles) et LGDJ (Paris).

2005: « *Les migrations des mineurs non accompagnés et l'approche holistique fondée sur les droits de l'enfant* », dans « Migration of separated children », Conférence régionale sous l'égide du Conseil de l'Europe, Malaga, 27-28 octobre.

2008: « *L'applicabilité directe de la Convention internationale des droits de l'enfant dans le droit interne: étude comparative à partir de l'évolution récente de la jurisprudence en droit tunisien et en droit français* », dans « Mélanges offerts à la mémoire du Professeur Dali JAZI », publication du Centre de publication universitaire (CPU), Tunis.

2008 : « *Étude sur les réserves des États arabes sur la Convention pour l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l'égard des femmes : le cas l'égalité en matière de nationalité* », dans « Mélanges offerts à la Doyenne Kalthoum MEZIOU », à paraître, Centre de publication universitaire (CPU), Tunis.

2009 : « *Bilan de la mise en œuvre de la Convention internationale relative aux droits de l'enfant : Construire une place pour chaque enfant, une place pour tous nos enfants !* », Rapport introductif du Séminaire international organisé par la Délégation à la paix, à la démocratie et aux droits de l'Homme (DDHDP) de l'Organisation internationale de la francophonie avec le Ministère de la Justice et des Droits de l'Homme (Tunisie), les 24 et 25 novembre, Tunis.

2009 : « *Regards croisés sur l'application de la Convention internationale des droits de l'enfant dans le droit interne, notamment le droit français* », Contribution dans le cadre du Colloque organisé par UNICEF et Sciences PO Paris, France, 18 novembre.

2010 : « *Étude sur le droit à l'éducation dans l'État du Qatar* », Étude méthodologique réalisée dans le cadre du programme de coopération entre la Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme au Qatar et l'Institut Arabe des Droits de l'Homme.

**Nino MAKHASHVILI (Georgia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 21 February 1960, Tbilisi, Georgia

**Working languages:** English and Russian (fluent), Georgian (native)

**Current position/function:**

2005 - Director, Foundation "Global Initiative on Psychiatry-Tbilisi"; assisting Governments, international agencies, NGOs and universities in the Caucasus and Central Asia to execute projects across the whole spectrum of mental health care.

2008 - Chair, Alliance for Addressing Child and Adolescent Violence and Delinquency; studying the phenomenon, initiating new services, supporting networking.

**Main professional activities:**

2010 - National Mental Health Expert; member of NPM under OPCAT

2009 - Member of National Inter-Agency Council on Criminal Justice Reform, Working Group on Juvenile Justice

2009 - Board member of the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS)

2008 - Council Member of International Society on Health and Human Rights

2008 - Expert of the Consultative Council on Mental Health to Healthcare and Social Affairs Committee, Parliament of Georgia

2007 - President of the Georgian Society on Psychotrauma (affiliated with ESTSS)

2004 - Member of Public Advisory Council of the Ministry of Justice (established by a decree of the President of Georgia)

**Educational background:**

2000 Oslo University; high-level courses on special needs education

1992 Moscow Institute of Postgraduate Education for Doctors; Certificate of psychotherapist

1989-90 Tbilisi Chavchavadze Institute of Foreign Languages; Diploma in English language

1983-84 Tbilisi Institute of Psychiatry; Diploma of psychiatrist

1977-83 Tbilisi State Medical Institute; Diploma of medical doctor

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

2010- Setting up pilot services for child and juvenile delinquency prevention in Tbilisi, Georgia (strategy, methodology, supervision)

2010- Setting up the Child and Family Care Center for IDPs in Gori, Georgia

2009-10 Leading Programme Group for Upgrading the Juvenile Detention Institution with evaluation instruments and programs for re-socialization.

2008-09 Expert with the Task Force on amendments of Law on Psychiatric Care

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2007-08-	Expert with the Task Force on Developing the Mental Health Policy of Georgia
2000 -present	Trainings in Human Rights and Child Rights for different target groups.
2000 -	Setting up the service dealing with family violence survivors “Saphari” and Center for Psychosocial and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims - GCRT.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Makhashvili, N (2009) (editor) *Mental Health and Psychosocial Needs of War Affected Population of Georgia*. Tbilisi

Durglishvili N., Makhasvili, N. and Kartoza, M. (2009) *Study on Juvenile Violence in Georgia*. Tbilisi Javakhishvili State University Press. Tbilisi

Makhashvili, N., Zavrashvili, N., and Tsiskarishvili, L. (2007) *Towards the New Mental Health Policy: Human Rights Perspective* (N C06-4103)

“Lost in the Desert – from Despair to Meaningful Existence” (2007) in Drozdek & Wilson (ed.) *Voices of Trauma: Treating Survivors across Cultures*, Springer Publishers, New York

*A Way to Rights - Handbook in Human Rights for the Secondary Schools* (2002), Tbilisi (translated and published in Russian and Azerbaijan)

## **Adolphe Minkoa She (Cameroon)**

**Date and place of birth:** 18 avril 1955, Elon, Cameroun

**Working languages:** Français, anglais

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

Professeur de droit à l'Université de Yaoundé II, vice-Recteur, Chef de Département

Directeur de l'École doctorale droit

Directeur du Centre d'études judiciaires

### **Main professional activities:**

Enseignement de droit doctoral à l'Université de Yaoundé II et dans diverses universités camerounaises et étrangères, principaux enseignements : droit pénal, droit international, droits de l'homme

Consultations

### **Educational background:**

Professeur agrégé des facultés de droit français

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

1992-2006 : Membre de la commission nationale des droits de l'homme et des libertés (secrétaire général de la commission)

Membre de la commission préparatoire pour la mise en œuvre de la Cour pénale internationale (Prepcom)

2006 : Élaboration, à la demande du PNUD, du plan d'action pour les droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Depuis 2008 : Membre de la délégation camerounaise au conseil des droits de l'homme

### **List of most recent publications in the field:**

La protection du droit à la différence au Cameroun (article, 1999)

L'Afrique face aux défis de l'état de droit et des droits de l'homme à l'ère de la mondialisation (article, 2000)

Droit pénal et droits de l'homme au Cameroun (ouvrage, Paris, economica, 1999)

La protection des droits de l'homme dans un contexte pluriethnique (article, 2010)



## **Bibata Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso)**

**Date and place of birth:** 29 mars 1973, Ouahigouya, Burkina Faso

**Working languages:** Français

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

Directrice de l'éducation aux droits humains au Ministère de la Promotion des droits humains.

### **Main professional activities:**

Responsabilités en tant que Directrice de l'éducation aux droits humains:

Former, informer et sensibiliser les citoyens sur leurs droits et devoirs;

Vulgariser les textes et documents relatifs aux droits humains;

Assurer le suivi des dossiers et activités de la société civile;

Organiser l'appui du Ministère de la promotion des droits humains à la société civile concernant les actions de promotion et de protection des droits humains;

Susciter la mise en œuvre de mesures spécifiques tendant à promouvoir, à consolider et protéger les droits catégoriels;

Introduire l'éducation aux droits humains dans le système d'éducation formelle et non formelle en relation avec les départements ministériels concernés;

Renforcer l'état civil en relation avec les départements ministériels concernés.

### **Educational background:**

École nationale d'administration et de magistrature (ENAM), d'octobre 1997 à mai 1999, diplôme de l'ENAM, option Magistrature

Faculté de droit et de sciences politiques de l'Université de Ouagadougou, année universitaire 1996-1997, diplôme obtenu : Maîtrise en droit, Option droits des affaires

Faculté de droit et de sciences politiques de l'Université de Ouagadougou, année universitaire 1995-1996, diplôme obtenu : Licence en droit

Faculté de droit et de sciences politiques de l'Université de Ouagadougou année universitaire 1994-1995 : diplôme obtenu : DEUG (Diplôme d'études universitaires générales)

Lycée Provincial de Koudougou, 1993, diplôme obtenu : Baccalauréat, série 4

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

J'ai fait partie du groupe d'experts qui a rédigé le rapport du Burkina Faso sur la mise en œuvre des Protocoles facultatifs à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant se rapportant à la vente d'enfants, à la prostitution des enfants et à la pornographie mettant en scène les enfants, et à l'implication des enfants dans les conflits armés.

J'ai également conduit les travaux du groupe d'experts ayant eu la charge de mener l'étude sur la détermination des travaux dangereux interdits aux enfants, commanditée par le Ministère du travail et de la Sécurité Sociale du Burkina Faso.

En tant que membre du bureau de l'ONG Women Law And Development in Africa (WILDAF/Burkina) où je suis la secrétaire adjointe à la formation, j'ai participé aux activités suivantes :

Animation de session de formation, de conférence sur les droits de la femme et de l'enfant ;

Elaboration de supports de sensibilisation, élaboration de d'outils de formation en droits de la femme et de l'enfant

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Néant.

## **Dainius Puras (Lithuania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 7 February 1958, Vilnius, Lithuania

**Working languages:** Lithuanian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), German (fair)

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

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, elected for the period of 2007-2011. An independent expert in the field of human rights, health policy, public health, developmental disabilities and child mental health and well-being. Head and Associate Professor of the Centre of Child Psychiatry and Social Paediatrics at Vilnius University, Lithuania; also Head of Clinic, Child Development Center, Vilnius University Children's Hospital.

### **Main professional activities:**

Experience in academic, clinical, managerial and policy-making activities and leadership in the following fields: health policy, medical education, development of child and adolescent mental health services; parental training, prevention of violence against children and suicidal behaviour among children and youth; transition from institutional care to community-based and family-focused services for children with disabilities and other groups of children and families at risk. Leadership in development of modern policies and services for children and families at risk in Lithuania and in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. Dainius Puras is a founder (1989) and honorary chairman of the Lithuanian Society of Families with Children with Intellectual Disabilities. He initiated a helpline for children and a network of early intervention services for children with disabilities in Lithuania.

### **Educational background:**

Graduate of Vilnius University, 1981, with the diploma of physician (medical doctor). Specialization in child and adolescent psychiatry (1981-1983). Doctoral thesis "Moderate and severe mental disability among children in urban population" (1988). Postgraduate training courses and study visits in the areas of health policy, public health, mental health, human rights and special education (1990-2009).

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

As a member and expert of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Mr. Puras attended the Committee sessions, starting from the 45th session in 2007, Mr. Puras represented the Committee in the Day on the Rights of the Child of the United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva, March 11, 2009), the ninth (June 30-July 2, 2009) and tenth inter-committee meetings November 30 –December 2, 2009) of United Nations treaty bodies, French-Russian Round Table meeting on Juvenile Justice (Moscow, September 11, 2009).

Mr. Puras is Chairman of the Board of Human Rights Monitoring Institute (NGO based in Vilnius, Lithuania); Chairman of the Board of the Global Initiative on Psychiatry (NGO based in Vilnius, Lithuania). He was a scientific leader of an EU-funded public health project "Child and adolescent mental health in enlarged European Union (CAMHEE)" (2007-2009); President of the International Conference of the European Academy of Childhood Disability (Vilnius, June 2009); Rapporteur for a conference "Mental health in

youth and education“ organised by Sweden during its EU presidency (Stockholm, September 2009); keynote speaker in several international conferences on human rights, child rights, children with disabilities, child mental health; temporary expert and consultant for WHO, UNICEF and other organizations on related issues. He has consulted governmental, nongovernmental and intergovernmental organisations in 12 countries.

In 2008 Dainius Puras received an award from the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) and was appointed IACAPAP Ambassador for the region of Central and Eastern Europe. Mr. Puras had previously served as President of Lithuanian Psychiatric Association (1990-1992), President of Baltic Association for Rehabilitation (1995-1997), Dean of Medical Faculty of Vilnius University (2000-2002).

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Puras D., Povilaitis R. “Development of child mental health services in Central and Eastern Europe”. In: *Increasing Awareness of Child and Adolescent Mental Health*. Eds.: Garralda M., Raynaud J-P., Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, inc. 2010: p. 253-279.

Puras D. “Developmental disabilities: challenges for research practices and policies in the 21st century”, *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 2009, 51, 6, p. 415.

Khandeval S., Avode G., Bagnana F., Puras D. et al. “Mental and neurological health research priorities setting in developing countries”, *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, published online: 10 July, 2009.

Tomov T., van Voren R., Keukens R., Puras D. “Mental health policy in former Eastern bloc countries”. In: *Mental Health Policy and Practice across Europe*. Eds.: Knapp M., McDauid M., Mossialos E., Thornicroft G. Open University Press, 2007, p.397-425.

Puras D., Germanavicius A., Povilaitis R., Veniute M., Janulionis D. “Lithuania mental health country profile”, *International Review of Psychiatry*, 2004, vol.16, N.1-2, p.117-125.

Puras D. “Psychiatry and learning disabilities in post-communist countries – Experience from Lithuania”, *Learning Disability Psychiatry*, 2004, vol. 6, No. 1, p.4-5.

Puras D. Changing the system of services for children at risk – the Lithuanian experience. In: *Advocating for Children and Families in an Emerging Democracy*. Eds.: Kugelmass J.W., Ritchie D.J. Information Age Publishing inc. 2003: p.43-62.

## **Bakolalao Ramanandraibe (Madagascar)**

**Date and place of birth:** 4 septembre 1948, Ambatolampy, Madagascar

**Working languages:** Français

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

Président de Chambre à la Cour de Cassation de la Cour Suprême et Président du Comité pour la Sauvegarde de l'Intégrité (CSI).

### **Main professional activities:**

Au sein de la Cour suprême, elle préside les Chambres civiles et d'immatriculation, commerciales et sociales de la Cour de cassation. La Cour de cassation statue sur les pourvois formés pour violation de la loi et des coutumes, en toute matière, contre les décisions définitives rendues en dernier ressort par les juridictions de l'ordre judiciaire.

Les activités du CSI portent sur la promotion de l'intégrité, sur l'appui à la mise en œuvre de la politique nationale en matière d'intégrité, notamment dans le domaine de la réforme de la Justice et de la Police Judiciaire, et aussi sur l'assistance des piliers du Système national d'intégrité (Justice, Exécutif, Parlement, Société Civile, Secteur Privé, Partis Politiques, Corps de Contrôle, medias, etc.). Sa mission porte sur le respect des droits humains, le renforcement de l'État de droit et la création d'un environnement favorable à la réduction de la corruption.

### **Educational background:**

Formations cycles longs : Licence en droit, régime de 4 ans, section droit privé et Diplôme de l'Institut d'études judiciaires.

Formations cycles courts : sur le droit d'auteur – sur la conciliation et l'arbitrage en matière commerciale et l'arbitrage commercial international – sur la protection juridique de l'enfant – sur la justice militaire et les droits de l'homme – sur les contentieux individuels du travail – sur l'éthique et déontologie, et les infractions économiques et financières – sur les droits de l'homme et de la femme – formation de formateurs (fonctions juge des enfants).

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

La Cour suprême veille au respect de l'application de la loi et contribue ainsi largement à la mise en place d'un État de droit et au respect des droits fondamentaux des personnes.

Pour le respect des droits humains, le CSI apporte un appui méthodologique et technique aux piliers d'intégrité. Dans le cadre de la réforme de la Justice et de la Police Judiciaire, les actions ont porté : sur l'amélioration des conditions sanitaires, alimentaires et carcérales des détenus, dont les femmes et surtout les enfants placés dans des Centre de rééducation ou de réinsertion sociale ; sur la réforme du Conseil supérieur de la magistrature pour assurer l'indépendance et l'impartialité des magistrats.

Au niveau associatif, le postulant travaille sur les formations en matière des droits de l'homme et de l'enfant, et sur la mise en œuvre des lois internationales sur les droits de la femme et de l'enfant. Le postulant a dirigé plusieurs sessions de formation sur ces thèmes, au sein de l'École Nationale de la Magistrature et des Greffes.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

« *Guide juridique de la femme malgache* », ouvrage collectif de vulgarisation du droit, UNICEF (1994)

« Soratako ny taniko », guide sur le droit foncier, à l'intention des femmes rurales, ouvrage collectif, Fondation Friedrich Ebert (2002)

« *Réformes judiciaires pour la promotion de la Bonne Gouvernance en Afrique Francophone* », World Bank Institute et IDLO (2005)

« *Intégration de la Convention des Nations Unies Contre la Corruption dans l'ordre juridique interne de Madagascar* »: contribution à la 1<sup>ère</sup> Conférence des NU Contre la Corruption, Amman – Jordanie (2006).

## **Kirsten Sandberg (Norway)**

**Date and place of birth:** 1 April 1954, Norway

**Working languages:** English, Norwegian

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

Professor, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo: Specializing in Child Law.

### **Main professional activities:**

- Since 2004: Professor, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo
- Sept.-Dec. 2009: Visiting fellow at the Law Department, European University Institute, Florence
- 1991 – 2003: Assistant Professor, University of Oslo. Teaching child law, women’s law, public administration law and social security law.
- Jan.-March 1988: Acting Judge in the Court of Appeal, Northern District. Civil law cases.
- April-May 1986: Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago Law School
- 1985-1990: Research Fellow/Lecturer, Institute of Women’s Law, Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.
- 1982-1984: Deputy Judge in the County Court of Tromsø.
- 1980-1982: Executive Officer in the Ministry of Justice, Legal Department, Oslo: Public administration law, private law, child law, maritime law

### **Educational background:**

- 2003: Dr.juris, University of Oslo
- 1980: Law degree (Cand.Jur.), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

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

- 2006 – 2011: Project leader of the research project “Children’s rights: The significance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in administrative and court practice”, financed by the Norwegian Research Council.
- Since 2009: Participating in research cooperation between the Law Faculty in Oslo and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, on the Implementation of Treaties on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in China and Norway
- Since 2009: Member of the steering committee of KIS (Kunnskap i skolen - Knowledge in School), an interdisciplinary research area of the University of Oslo
- Since 2003: Member of the editorial board of the Norwegian Journal of family law, inheritance law and child protection law
- Deputy member of the Council of the Norwegian Centre for Child Research at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology

- 1988: Part of a formal delegation to Costa Rica to discuss equal status law, under the Norwegian Ministry of Development Co-operation
- 1987-89 in Oslo and 1990 in Harare: Lectures in women's law and child law at the NORAD Diploma Course for female lawyers from Southern and Eastern Africa
- 1981-1982: Norway's representative in the Council of Europe Expert Committee against terrorism

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

**Books:**

Høstmælingen, N, Kjørholt E.S., Sandberg, K. (ed.): The Convention on the Rights of the Child – Children's Rights in Norway (*Barnekonvensjonen – barns rettigheter i Norge*), Oslo: Universitetsforlaget 2008

Sandberg, K: *The question of returning children after foster placement (Tilbakeføring av barn etter omsorgsovertakelse)*. Oslo: Gyldendal Akademisk 2003. 452 p. (doctoral thesis)

**Articles:**

Norway: "The Long and Winding Road towards Prohibiting Physical Punishment" (forthcoming 2010), in Durrant, J. and Smith, A., *Realizing the Rights of Children: Global Progress towards Ending Physical Punishment*, London: Routledge

"Children's right to take part in decisions" (Barns rett til medbestemmelse - et juridisk perspektiv) (forthcoming 2010), in Kjørholt, A.T., *Children as new citizens – in the best interest of the child? (Barn som nye samfunnsborgere – til barnets beste?)* Oslo: Universitetsforlaget

"Children's right to participate in health care decisions", in Sinding Aasen, H. and Halvorsen, R, *Human rights, dignity and autonomy in health care and social services: Nordic perspectives*, Intersentia, Belgium 2009

"Children's rights and possibilities: An overview of legal and practical consequences of the CRC and human rights" (Barns rettigheter og muligheter – en oversikt over juridiske og praktiske konsekvenser av barnekonvensjonen og menneskerettighetene), in Barneombudet (the Children's Ombudsman) (ed.) *Children (Barn)*, Oslo: Universitetsforlaget 2009, p. 92-11



## Hiranthi Wijemanne (Sri Lanka)

**Date and place of birth:** 10 May 1943, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Working languages:** English, Sinhalese

### **Current position/function: (assignments, 2007 to date)**

Consultant to the office of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation and Ministry of Justice, with specific responsibilities in relation to the rehabilitation of former child soldiers, administration of juvenile justice and trafficking of women and children, implementation of rehabilitation programmes and preparation of the special gazette in relation to such children which was issued in December 2008.

Advisor, National Child Protection Authority (NCPA).

Policy guidelines were developed in relation to the Rehabilitation of Child Combatants.

NCPA nominee on the UNSC 1612 Sri Lanka Task Force on children affected by armed conflict from July 2006 up to date. Responsibilities included strengthening mechanisms within government institutions particularly the National Human Rights Commission and the National Child Protection Authority to enable the monitoring of the child rights violations in relation to the conflict in Sri Lanka.

Advisor to the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Development. This included the technical support for the preparation of Sri Lanka's report on the UNCRC. Other areas included technical support on the functioning of the Task Force on Children affected by the conflict and another on Trafficking.

Initiated the establishment of protection centres for children in camps for Internally Displaced Persons during the aftermath of the escalation of violence and the final stages of the conflict in May 2009. The programme was undertaken by the NCPA in collaboration with UNICEF and the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians.

Technical insights provided to the National Planning Division on the protection angles of the National Plan of Action for Children 2010 – 2015.

### **Main professional activities:**

Ms. Hiranthi Wijemanne has been in the forefront of child rights in Sri Lanka for over three decades. She has spearheaded action in relation to child survival, growth and development in the latter part of the 1970s and 1980s, and the protection of children from abuse and exploitation in the 1990s up to date. She has also been closely associated with the protection of children due to the armed conflict which prevailed in Sri Lanka for most of this period with special emphasis on the prevention of child recruitment and the rehabilitation of child "surrendeers".

Ms. Wijemanne worked as a National Professional Officer for the UNICEF, Colombo office from 1977 to 2003. Thereafter, she continued her services to children, working as consultant to key government institutions with direct responsibilities to women and children. These included the ministries of Health, Education, Social Welfare, the National Child Protection Authority, Child Development and Women's Empowerment, Justice, Human Rights and the Office of the Commission General of Rehabilitation. She has worked with both INGOs and NGOs in the delivery of services to children.

During 1977 to 2003 she was responsible for significant programme initiatives that directly contributed to Sri Lanka's sustained declines in under-five mortality in spite of the

protracted conflict. The most significant of these were the launch of a Universal Child Immunization Campaign in collaboration with the Ministry of Health through which Sri Lanka achieved universal coverage in 1989. She was also responsible for the introduction of the oral re-hydration therapy, in connection with a local plant was set up in the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation to produce the local oral re-hydration salt, 'Jeevani'. This also led to the dramatic declines in deaths of young children due to diarrhoea.

**Educational background:**

MBBS, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo – 1969

Masters in Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA. – 1975

Fellow of the College of Community Physicians, Sri Lanka. - 2007

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

Other significant health activities introduced through the Ministry of Health included the promotion of breast feeding and the control of the marketing of infant formulae, as well as proper infant and young child feeding practices, 'The Baby Friendly Hospital' initiative and the production and universal distribution of a Growth Chart to all infants and pre-school children. Another significant achievement in the 1990s was the launch of a collaborative effort between the Government, the Rotary and UNICEF to eradicate polio from Sri Lanka. This called for unique strategies particularly in the conflict affected areas such as the 'Declaration of Days of Peace' and 'Corridors of Tranquility'. Such activities were successful, leading to the eradication of Polio from Sri Lanka in 1993.

Ms. Wijemanne has been associated in the 1980s and 1990s with the initial use of mass media for the social marketing of key messages in relation to the child survival, growth and development. This included immunization particularly eliminating measles and eradicating polio, oral re-hydration therapy, proper infant and young children feeding practices including breast feeding. Later such initiatives included the prevention of child domestic labour and the protection of children from abuse and exploitation, especially sexual abuse which had hitherto been unaddressed as a "taboo" topic.

Ms. Wijemanne was appointed a member of the Presidential Task Force on the Protection of Children in November 1997 which led to the establishment of the National Child Protection Authority as an Act of Parliament in 1998. She continues to provide technical support to the NCPA.

Ms. Wijemanne has also worked in the Education sector, particularly on initiatives in relation to improving the quality of education, EFA programme initiatives, improving education in small schools, promotion of 'Child Friendly Schools', strengthening non-formal education as a preventative tool against child labour and early childhood development, particularly home based initiatives. This also included education initiatives in conflict affected areas such as "catch up education" and education in IDPs.

Ms. Wijemanne has also been associated with the implementation of women's rights as articulated in CEDAW and has been a member of the National Women's Committee. She has been associated with programmes to prevent and control gender based violence particularly domestic violence, incest and rape.

Ms. Wijemanne was involved in developing and implementing strategies both in relation to protection as well as access to maternal and child health services to women and children affected by the conflict. During 1983 to 2003, although there was no United Nations presence in conflict affected areas, she worked closely with local health officials as well as the Ministry of Health and professional bodies such as the College of Gynaecologists &

Obstetricians to facilitate the delivery of such essential services. Children in conflict affected areas were reached through mobile clinics and the participation of volunteer medical personnel. There was support from the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians as well as the Ministry of Health and the support of armed forces personnel. Community-based psycho-social interventions were undertaken in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, University of Colombo and the Family Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health.

She has been a strong advocate against child recruitment together with the development of rehabilitation services for such children who had the courage to ‘surrender’ and reject terrorism. She continues to work on such issues with the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Commission General of Rehabilitation. She was appointed a member of the Sri Lanka Task Force on United Nations Security Council resolution 1612 in July 2006 until 2009.

Ms. Wijemanne has worked closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the processes which led to the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and all the subsequent protocols. She was also appointed a member of the first CRC National Implementing Committee. She has continued her expertise to the preparation of the first and second CRC reports as well as the third and fourth consolidated report, which is the last one submitted by Sri Lanka. She has been a member of the National Committee on Women and contributed to the preparation of CEDAW reports, mostly in relation to Women’s Health.

Ms. Wijemanne was appointed Chair to the Drafting Committee on Children in relation to the preparation of the children component of the National Action Plan for the Promotion of Human Rights 2010-2015.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

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