



# Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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### **Election of 12 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

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

##### **Addendum**

1. In accordance with article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Secretary-General invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations by 3 September 2008. Information concerning 19 of the persons nominated is contained in CRPD/CSP/2008/1. Five additional nominations have been received, as follows:

Mr. Luis Guillermo Bulit Goñi (Argentina)

Mr. Julio César Fretes Portillo (Paraguay)

Mr. Ismaïla Konate (Mali)

Ms. Edah Wangechi Maina (Kenya)

Mr. Ricardo Tadeu Marques da Fonseca (Brazil)

2. The curricula vitae of the aforementioned candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are contained in the annex to the present document.

3. In a note dated 9 October 2008, the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations informed the Secretariat of the decision of its Government to withdraw the nomination of Ms. Ana María Liévano de Sol as a candidate for election to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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\* CRPD/CSP/2008/2.

## Annex

### Curricula vitae of candidates

#### Luis Guillermo Bulit Goñi (Argentina)

[Original: Spanish]

**Place and date of birth:** Buenos Aires, 1 July 1955

**Working languages:** Spanish, English and Portuguese (oral and written comprehension)

#### Current position/function

Manager of Legal Affairs of the National Social Security Administration (ANSES);

Member of the Technical Committee of the National Commission for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities (CONADIS), on behalf of ANSES;

Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Down Syndrome Association of the Argentine Republic (ASDRA);

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Ibero-American Down 21 Foundation, (headquarters in Spain).

#### Main professional activities

Former General Manager, Internal Auditor and Administrative Manager of ANSES;

Former Manager of Legal Affairs of the Superintendency of Retirement and Pension Funds (SAFJP);

Former Secretary-General of the International Association of Pension Fund Oversight Bodies (AIOS);

Postgraduate Professor, University of Buenos Aires (UBA), Catholic University of Argentina (UCA), Rosario;

Visiting Professor, University of Puerto Rico;

Lecturer on disability and social security issues;

Author of publications;

Co-director of the ASDRA research project on public policies concerning disability (University of San Andrés) funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (currently under way).

#### Educational background

*Magister* (masters degree) in administration and public policy, University of San Andrés, 2001

Postgraduate degree in administrative law, University of Buenos Aires, 1984

Attorney: School of Law, University of Buenos Aires, 1978

Prosecutor: School of Law, University of Buenos Aires, 1978

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

Father of a person with a mental disability;

Founder, current Chairman of the ASDRA Advisory Council and former Chairman of its Steering Committee (ASDRA is a non-governmental organization (NGO));

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Ibero-American Down 21 Foundation (NGO in Spain);

Former member of the Ethics Committee and Steering Committee of the Federation of Argentine Organizations on Mental Disability (FENDIM), an NGO;

Chairman of the first Argentine Congress and the first Ibero-American Congress on Down Syndrome;

University professor on disability (University of Buenos Aires, Catholic University of Argentina, University of Puerto Rico);

Former Director of the System of Basic Loans for Persons with Disabilities.

**Lists of most recent publications in the field**

“La discriminación, aunque se vista de justicia, discriminación queda”, *Revista de Derecho Laboral y Seguridad Social (RDLSS)*, 2008 (in press).

“El proceso judicial de incapacidad y de inhabilitación y los derechos humanos. Deudas pendientes y necesidades urgentes”. For the law journal *El Derecho* (in press).

“El derecho a la salud y la discapacidad. Falta de coherencia ...” *RDLSS*, November 2007, Lexis No. 0003/401661.

*Las campanas de madera: discapacidad, familia y sociedad* (book). Ed. Dunken. ISBN: 987-0219209.

“Algunas reflexiones acerca del diagnóstico genético y la responsabilidad civil del profesional”, in the law journal *La Ley* of 2 March 1993, pp. 1-3, vol. 1993-A, section: “Doctrina”, p. 925 et seq.

Letter to the Editor: “Políticas, responsabilidad empresaria y acciones para un cambio cultural sobre discapacidad”, *La Nación* (Buenos Aires), 15 October 2005.

1999/2000 Letters on the subject of disability in *Cristo Hoy* (weekly publication with a national circulation).

1988 to present: regular column and editorials in the ASDRA Newsletter.

**Conferences and papers presented at congresses (2007 only)**

4 October. Lecture entitled “Políticas de inclusión para la discapacidad”. (Inclusive policies on disability) Inter-American Metro University — Puerto Rican Down Syndrome Foundation. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

8 September. Lecture entitled “Políticas públicas, responsabilidad social y discapacidad” (Public policy, social responsibility and disability) at International Seminar, School of Education, Universidad Mayor, Santiago.

20 April. Lecture entitled “Empleo, discapacidad y seguridad social” (Employment, disability and social security) at the Second International Symposium on Justice and Disability. Aequitas Foundation of Spanish Notary Publics. Society of Notary Publics in the Province of Buenos Aires, Universidad Notarial Argentina. Mar del Plata, Argentina.

13 April. Lecture entitled “Responsabilidad social, educación y empleo” (Social responsibility, education and employment) at symposium entitled: “El proceso de inclusión escolar de alumnos con necesidades educativas especiales. De la teoría a la práctica” (The process of integrating pupils with special educational needs in schools. From theory to practice.), Department of Educational Sciences, Psychopedagogy and Psychology, School of Sociology and Education, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires.

## **Julio César Fretes Portillo (Paraguay)**

**Date and place of birth:** 1 October 1957, Asunción

**Working languages:** Speaking and reading knowledge: Spanish, Portuguese and Guaraní (native language). Reading knowledge: English.

### **Current position/function**

- In private practice as a lawyer specializing in civil, trade and labour law
- Consultant and adviser on human resource administration and corporate social responsibility
- 2007-2009 Chairman of the National Coordination Body for Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CONAPRODIS)

### **Main professional activities**

- Representative of CONAPRODIS to the Paraguayan Human Rights Coordination Unit (CODEHUPY) and Rapporteur for the annual report on the situation of persons with disabilities in Paraguay.
- Coordinator of the national campaign for ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Spokesperson for the Network Against All Forms of Discrimination

### **Educational background**

- Lawyer, graduate of Asunción National University, 1980
- Postgraduate course in human resource management, Higher Institute of Training and Enterprise Development (INCADE), 1993 — ranked first in my class
- MA in business administration (Master IV), School of Business Administration (EDAN), 1994-1995
- MA in social services leadership and management, Alcalá University (Madrid), 2001
- Postgraduate studies in social project development and management, Office of the Chancellor of Asunción National University, 2003-2004
- Seminar-workshop on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations, New York, January 2006
- Course on human rights and disability, Solidarity-Human Rights-Inclusion-Accessibility (SHIA), Stockholm, 2006

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

- Attended the seventh and eighth sessions of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 2006

- Attended the 7th and 8th Meetings of High-Level Authorities in Human Rights and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)
- Participated in Ibero-American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS) seminars held in Guatemala and Paraguay, 2008
- Workshops on the Convention, Asunción Public Prosecutor’s Office training centre, 2007
- Workshops on the Convention, Asunción metropolitan police, 2007 and 2008
- Workshops on the Convention, Office of the Ombudsman, Asunción, 2007
- Preparation of the draft amendment to Act No. 2.479, which established the obligation to include persons with disabilities in Paraguay’s public institutions; adopted by both houses of Congress, Asunción, 2007 and 2008
- Preparation of draft legislation aimed at removing turnstiles from the public transport system, Asunción, 2000

**Awards received**

2007 — from the daily newspaper, *Última Hora*, received on behalf of the non-governmental organization, CONAPRODIS, which was honoured for its efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities

2008 — from Amnesty International, by which I was honoured for my efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities

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

Available at: <http://discapar.blogspot.com>

Compilation of Paraguayan legislation on disability. CONAPRODIS, 2006

La Convención sobre los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad y los cambios de paradigmas (“The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Paradigm Changes”). *Esperanzaciegos* (online journal). Mexico City, 2007

Annual report on the situation of the rights of persons with disabilities in Paraguay. CODEHUPY, 2004-2007

La accesibilidad como un derecho (“Accessibility as a right”). *Esperanzaciegos* (online journal). Mexico City, 2007

La Convención y las obligaciones que asumen los Estados (“The Convention and the Rights Assumed by States”). *Esperanzaciegos* (online journal). Mexico City, 2007

**Ismaila Konate (visually impaired) (Mali)**

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 24 April 1937 in Bafoulabé, Republic of Mali, West Africa

**Working languages:** French (very good), English (fair)

**Current position/function**

- Representative of the Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity and Older Persons in the Cabinet;
- Honorary President and founder of the African Union of the Blind;
- Goodwill ambassador for the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities and the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI).

**Main professional activities**

- Handling specific questions from associations;
- Coordinating actions to show solidarity with persons with disabilities;
- Studying cases of cooperation with a view to the advancement of persons with disabilities in society;
- School enrolment and employment of persons with disabilities;
- Prevention of disabilities;
- Microfinance for persons with disabilities;
- Eradication of poverty among persons with disabilities: access to basic social services;
- Design of income-generating project and activity for persons with disabilities;
- Implementation of the Mali Grass-roots Rehabilitation Programme.

**Educational background**

- Studied public law;
- Civil service degree from the École Nationale de l'Administration, Mali;
- Majored in socio-economic integration of persons with disabilities.

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

- Committee to monitor implementation of the Convention between the Government of Mali and the Malian Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities;
- Committee to monitor implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Observatory of rights of persons with disabilities;

- Director of the advocacy publication entitled “Solidarity Magazine”;
- Participation in the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Participation in various seminars/workshops all over the world.

**Lists of most recent publications in the field**

- “Vie associative au Mali”;
- “Mémorandum sur la situation des personnes handicapées au Mali depuis 30 ans”;
- Currently writing autobiography entitled “Le petit mendiant”
- “Itinéraire ou parcours d’un homme” (on CD).



## **Edah Wangechi Maina (Kenya)**

Date and place of birth: 18 October 1972, Nairobi

Working languages: English and Kiswahili

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

- Consultant in areas of intellectual, developmental and psychosocial disabilities.
- Chief Executive Officer, The Kenya Society for the Mentally Handicapped (KSMH), a national organization with a 700,000-parent membership, and an institutional membership of 734 special schools and units and 48 homes that work in service delivery and policy change.
- Member of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, a policy-formulating and policy-implementing body constituted under the Disability Act 2003.
- Chairperson of Public Relations and Advocacy Committee of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, in charge of articulating issues relating to persons with disabilities at the national level.
- Expert Adviser, Pan African Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, a body linked to the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry.
- Member of the National Committee of Mental Health Services, which articulates issues relating to persons with psychosocial disabilities and organizes the annual World Mental Health Day.
- Expert Adviser, HIV/AIDS National Programme for Persons with Intellectual, Developmental and Psychosocial Disabilities in Kenya.
- Adviser on educational needs of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities at the national and institutional levels of the 734 special schools and units in the country.
- Specialist in disability and human rights, Kenyan judiciary, in the area of access to the judicial system by persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.
- Member, Kenyan Secretariat of the African Decade for Persons with Disabilities.
- Adviser to Electoral Commission of Kenya on inclusion of persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in the electoral process.

### **Main Professional Activities:**

Sixteen years' professional experience, as follows:

- (a) Seven years' professional experience in senior management and information technology.
  - Senior Accountant — Mount Kenya Bottlers, a regional manufacturing plant of the Coca-Cola Company, Nairobi (1992-1996).

- Senior Administrator — Kenya School of Professional Studies, a professional training centre for higher learning with international recognition in degree courses by the University of South Africa, the Institute for the Management of Information Systems (IMIS), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, University of London, Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (1996-1998).

(b) Nine years' professional experience in disability, human rights and senior management.

From 1999 to date, worked for and with persons with disabilities in the Kenya Society for the Mentally Handicapped, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and other local and international disability organizations, with significant input in following areas:

- Active engagement in the local implementation of the standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- Substantial contribution to the formulation of local and international statutes, in particular the Disability Act 2003 and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Lead implementer of the innovative programme on the early identification, assessment and management of intellectual disabilities in Kenya, a model initiative that promotes the identification of the many children with disabilities who are born in poverty and unable to access public health services.
- Lead implementer of the national HIV/AIDS programme for persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, which provides supported access to HIV/AIDS services in rural and urban parts of the country.
- Achieved the successful inclusion of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the electoral process for the first time in Kenya.
- Consultant in the joint comparative study between KSMH and the University of Cambridge on the participation of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities in electoral processes.

**Educational background:**

- Gold Medal Holder in Accounts, IMIS, United Kingdom (1996-1997).
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (IMIS), United Kingdom (1996-1998).
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology, Kenya (1998-1999).
- Diploma in Business Management, Kenya School of Professional Studies (1996-1997).
- Diploma in Special Education, Kenya Institute of Special Education (2000-2002).
- Specialist courses in, inter alia, project management, sustainability, accountability, human rights, HIV/AIDS, special education, rehabilitation, and

visual reality in management systems, offered by Development Partners during the nine years of disability work (1999-2008).

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

- Influenced equal access to human rights by persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities through interventions that demystify stigma, rescue persons with disabilities from dehumanizing conditions, and empower parents.
- Active participation in the formulation of more inclusive policies that address the special needs of persons with disabilities.
- Active advocacy for legal and constitutional change to abolish terminologies and laws that discriminate against persons with disabilities.
- Research in different areas of disabilities and publications on disabilities.
- Initiated a voter education programme and supported access to voter registration for persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities for the first time in Kenya. The programme is now a model programme with respect to the possible implementation of the provisions of article 12 and 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Introduced interventions that enable persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities to access support in exercising their legal capacities.
- Initiated activities that enable persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities to access administrative, law enforcement and judicial processes in Kenya.
- Made significant contributions to and presented papers in various local and international disability forums, including the 13th World Congress for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Cape Town; World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Denmark; European Forum for Development Partners, The Hague, Netherlands; Forum for the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities, United Republic of Tanzania.
- Recognized by leaders and major local media for work done in the field of disability. Major article on my life and work entitled “Achieving Woman”, published by *The Standard* in June 2008.
- A 45-minute documentary recognizing my life and work in the area of disability, aired by national broadcaster Kenya Broadcasting Corporation in August 2008 under the theme “Divas”.

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

- Media articles and publications on key areas of disability in Kenya (1999-2008).
- “Gaps in laws of Kenya affecting persons with intellectual disabilities in the Disability Act 2003” (February 2005).
- “Justice for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities” (November 2005).

- “Medical and social interventions for human rights and fundamental freedoms of children/adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kenya” (August 2008).
- “Participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the electoral process” (July 2008).
- “Persons with intellectual disabilities: experience in the Kenyan judicial process” (May 2006).
- “The future of children with intellectual disabilities” (December 2004).
- “The current state of persons with mental disabilities in Kenya” (July 2005).

## **Ricardo Tadeu Marques da Fonseca (Brazil)**

Date and place of birth: 14 May 1959, São Paulo, Brazil

Working languages: Portuguese, Spanish

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

Member of the Federal Public Ministry of Labour, an independent instance in Brazil. Main activity is supervision of society to ensure that labour legislation is implemented. As regards persons with disabilities, charged with ensuring the implementation of Law No. 8.213/91, which, in its article 93, establishes an affirmative action policy on the hiring of persons with disabilities by companies.

### **Main professional activities:**

1. Nominated by the College of Presidents and Corregidors of the Regional Labour Courts (COLEPROR) as President of the Commission for the implementation of Libras (Brazilian sign language) in the Labour Courts. The norms elaborated by the Commission were approved by COLEPROR at a meeting held on 27 August 2008 at the Superior Labour Court.
2. Nominated observer of the Public Ministry of Labour at the National Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CONADE), 2006-2008, by head promoter Sandra Lia Simón.
3. Recommended for the position of observer of the Public Ministry of Labour at the National Council on the Right of Persons with Disabilities on 11 November 2005.
4. Labour attorney linked to the Public Ministry of the Union.

### **Educational background:**

1. Doctorate: Doctor of Laws, Federal University of Paraná. Thesis was on the theme “The work of persons with disabilities and improvement of human rights: the right to work and affirmative action”, unanimously approved by the Evaluation Commission, having received a mark of 10.0, concept A, on 26 September 2005.
2. Master’s degree: Master’s in Right to Work and Processual Right to Work, University of São Paulo School of Law. During master’s course, obtained a research scholarship granted by the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), at the recommendation of the School of Law. Dissertation was on the theme “The child and the adolescent — right to professionalization” and was approved with honours with a mark of 9.5 on 20 October 1995.

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

1. Participation in the preparation of the manual “A Inclusão das Pessoas com Deficiência no Mercado de Trabalho” (Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Labour Market”) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, 2007.

2. Contributor to the Brazilian delegation in the elaboration of the international convention on the rights of persons with disabilities at the United Nations in the ad hoc committee of the General Assembly, 8 to 28 August 2008, New York.
3. Contributor to the wording of Provisional Measure No. 251, June 2005, which modifies articles 428 and 433 of the Consolidation of Labour Laws, increasing the age limit for education from 18 to 24 years, lifting the age ceiling so that persons with disabilities are linked to professional abilities (Law No. 11 180/2005).
4. Contributor to the wording of the report on “Activities of the Public Ministry of Labour for the integration of persons with disabilities in the labour market — 2000” as a member of the Joint Commission on Studies established by a governmental ruling from the Attorney General on Labour.
5. Substitute member of CONADE, nominated by the State Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice.
6. Substitute member of CONADE, nominated by the Attorney-General of the Republic as substitute representative of the Public Ministry of Labour.
7. Participation in the wording of Federal Government decree No. 3.298 of 20 December 1999, which deals with the integration of persons with disabilities into the labour market.
8. Consultant counsellor, the Brazilian Association for the Blind (LARAMARA).

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

1. “Trabalho e emprego — comentário ao artigo 27 da convenção sobre os direitos das pessoas com deficiência” (Work and employment: comments on article 27 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities):
  - In the collective work entitled “A Convenção sobre os Direitos das Pessoas com Deficiência Comentada” (Commented Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities), formulated by the Special Secretary on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, National Coordination Office for the Integration of People with Disabilities (CORDE), Brasilia, 2008, pp. 92 to 94.
2. “A ONU e o seu conceito revolucionário de pessoa com deficiência” (The United Nations and its revolutionary concept of persons with disabilities):
  - In the Associação Amigos Metroviários dos Excepcionais (AME) newsletter, year XII, No. 69, May/June 2008, p. 5.
  - In *Revista LTr — legislação do trabalho* (Revista LTr — labour legislation), year 72, March 2008, pp. 263 to 270.
3. “Os efeitos da 8ª. convenção internacional da ONU e o acesso ao mercado de trabalho para as pessoas com deficiência” (“Outcome of the eighth session of the Ad Hoc Committee on an international United Nations convention on the right of persons with disabilities and access to the labour market by persons with disabilities”):
  - In the collective work entitled “Pedagogical essays: inclusive education programme, right to diversity”, formulated by the Special Education Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Brasilia 2007, pp. 109 to 116.

4. “A convenção internacional da ONU e o acesso ao mercado de trabalho” (United Nations international convention and access to the labour market):
    - In the AME newsletter, of year XI, No. 65, September/October 2007, p. 7.
  5. “A Convenção dos Direitos da pessoa com Deficiência” (“Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”):
    - In the AME newsletter, year IX, No. 59, September/October 2006.
  6. “Os direitos humanos e a pessoa com deficiência no mercado de trabalho” (“Human rights and the person with disabilities in the labour market”).
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