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### **Meeting of States parties**

#### **Twenty-ninth meeting**

New York

2 September 2010

### **Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2010**

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

1. In conformity with articles 30, paragraph 4, and 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 29th meeting of States parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 2 September 2010, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Human Rights Committee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (annex I) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2010 (annex II). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2012 appear in annex III.
2. In accordance with article 30, paragraph 2, and article 34 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 1 March 2010, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with article 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within three months, i.e. by 1 June 2010.
3. Annex IV contains the curricula vitae of the persons whose nominations had been received by the secretariat by the end of the day, 1 June 2010. Nominations received after this date will be issued in addenda to the present document.

**Annex I****List of candidates nominated by States parties**

Ghaleb Saeed	<b>Al-Adoofi</b>	Yemen
Saad Hussain Fathallah	<b>Al-Ibrahem</b>	Iraq
Mr. Abdelfattah	<b>Amor</b>	Tunisia
Ms. Christine	<b>Chanet</b>	France
Prof. Cornelis	<b>Flinterman</b>	The Netherlands
Mr. Yuji	<b>Iwasawa</b>	Japan
Mr. Cheikh Saad Bouh	<b>Kamara</b>	Mauritania
Ms. Helen	<b>Keller</b>	Switzerland
Mr. Melhem	<b>Khalaf</b>	Lebanon
Ms. Zonke Zanele	<b>Majodina</b>	South Africa
Mr. Ould Babah	<b>Mohamdy</b>	Mauritania
Ms. Iulia Antoanella	<b>Motoc</b>	Romania
Mohamed Saad Ali	<b>Muhayam</b>	Yemen
Dr. Gerald L.	<b>Neuman</b>	United States of America
Mr. Lucien	<b>Rakotoniaina</b>	Madagascar
Mr. Trilochan	<b>Upreti</b>	Nepal
Mr. Konstantine	<b>Vardzelashvili</b>	Georgia
Ms. Margo	<b>Waterval</b>	Suriname

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## Annex II

### List of the nine members whose terms expire on 31 December 2010

Mr. Abdelfattah	<b>Amor</b>	Tunisia
Mr. Prafullachandra N.	<b>Bhagwati</b>	India
Ms. Christine	<b>Chanet</b>	France
Mr. Yuji	<b>Iwasawa</b>	Japan
Ms. Helen	<b>Keller</b>	Switzerland
Ms. Zonke Zanele	<b>Majodina</b>	South Africa
Ms. Iulia Antoanella	<b>Motoc</b>	Romania
Mr. José Luis	<b>Pérez Sanchez-Cerro</b>	Peru
Ms. Ruth	<b>Wedgwood</b>	United States of America

**Annex III****List of the nine members who will continue to serve on the committee until 31 December 2012**

Mr. Lazhari	<b>Bouzid</b>	Algeria
Mr. Mahjoub	<b>El Haiba</b>	Morocco
Mr. Ahmed Amin	<b>Fathalla</b>	Egypt
Mr. Rajsoomer	<b>Lallah</b>	Mauritius
Mr. Michael	<b>O'Flaherty</b>	Ireland
Mr. Rafael	<b>Rivas Posada</b>	Colombia
Sir Nigel	<b>Rodley</b>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Fabian Omar	<b>Salvioli</b>	Argentina
Mr. Krister	<b>Thelin</b>	Sweden

## Annex IV

### Curricula vitae of candidates\*

#### Ghaleb Saeed Al-Adoofi (Yemen)

**Date and place of birth:** 12 May 1949, Taiz, Yemen

**Working languages:** Arabic, English

#### Current position/function

Retired Ambassador

Private office for legal studies and consultations, especially on matters relating to commercial law, WIPO matters

Member of the board of Yemen Red Crescent and Adviser on international humanitarian law

#### Main professional activities

International law, especially:

- Human Rights law
- International humanitarian law
- International terrorism issues
- Agreements relating to refugees
- Anti-money laundering matters
- Vienna diplomatic convention matters and Vienna consular convention matters law
- The sea agreement of 1982 – Negotiations relating to borders
- All legal matters relating to Yemeni diplomatic and consular law and by-laws

#### Educational background

General Law from University of Baghdad, Iraq

Diploma in International law from University of New York, United States of America

Diploma in International Humanitarian Law, 2009, from St. Stephen University, Budapest, Hungary

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

Dealing with the threats against the Yemeni Jews living in Saada and Amran Governments by some radical and extremist Islamic fractions. Upon a request by the special rapporteur of Human Rights in Geneva forwarded to H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2007

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

N/A

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\* The full curricula vitae of the candidates as submitted by the State party may be consulted on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections29th.htm>.

**Saad Hussain Fathallah Al-Ibrahem (Iraq)**

**Date and place of birth:** 8 February 1958, Babylon, Iraq

**Working languages:** Arabic, English

**Current position/function**

Dean of National Institute for Human Rights in Iraq  
General Director of the Directorate of Research and Studies in Ministry of Human Rights of Iraq  
Member of National Organization of Human Rights in Iraq (NGO)  
Member of Iraqi Jurists Union  
Lecturer, University of Baghdad

**Main professional activities**

Member of Arab Experts to Human Rights Committee in Arab League  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for UPR  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for CCPR  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for CESC  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for CEDAW  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for CERD  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for Human Trafficking  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for Iraqi Committee for National Plan of Human Rights  
Head of the Iraqi Committee for Human Rights Education  
Member of Iraqi Committee for Iraqi National Commission for Education, Culture and Science  
Member of Iraqi Committee for CRC

**Educational background**

Diploma in Human Rights and Equality, Lund University, Sweden, 2006  
PhD in Econometrics, Al-Mustansiriyah University, Iraq, 1993  
MSc in Labour Economy, Al-Mustansiriyah University, Iraq, 1986  
BSc in Economics, University of Baghdad, Iraq, 1981

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

Iraqi delegate to many sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva  
Iraqi delegate to Arab League Conference on Human Trafficking  
Supervision of training courses about treaty bodies in Iraq  
Supervision of the Iraqi National Campaign for CEDAW  
Supervision of a number of MSc and PhD theses on Human Rights in Iraq

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

“Challenges for Human Rights in Iraq”  
“The Situation of the Right to Education in Iraq”  
“Women’s Political Contribution in Iraq”  
“The reality of the marshes and the environmental situation in Iraq”  
“Children’s rights in Iraq after 2003”

## **Abdelfattah Amor (Tunisia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 4 April 1943, Ksar Hellal, Tunisia

**Working languages:** French, Arabic

### **Current position/function**

Professor emeritus, Faculty of Law, Tunis; President of the International Academy of Constitutional Law; member and former Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee; Editor in Chief, Collected Courses of the International Academy of Constitutional Law; member of the editorial board of the *Revue Arabe des Droits de l'Homme*.

### **Main professional activities**

Teaching of courses in human rights and political freedoms, international law and international relations, constitutional law and political science. Research in the above fields which has resulted in several books and over 100 research articles. As Rapporteur for the Commission on Human Rights, authored 37 reports and numerous studies. As a member of the Human Rights Committee, authored 16 individual opinions and several articles on various aspects of the Committee's work.

### **Educational background**

Doctorate in public law, awarded the status of *agrégé* (following successful completion of the highest competitive examination for teachers) and a professorship in public law and political science. Postgraduate degree (D.E.S) in public law. Postgraduate degree (D.E.S) in political science. Law degree. Diploma from the National School of Administration. Baccalaureate in Philosophy.

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

Numerous lectures and research on various aspects of the work of the Human Rights Committee on a yearly basis

Former Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (1993–2004)

President of the International Jury for the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education (2000–2008)

Member of the Fundamental Rights Bureau of the International Organization of la Francophonie (OIF) (1993–2003)

Organized the First Conference of Deans of Arab Faculties of Law on Human Rights Education

Organized and chaired the International Consultative Conference on School Education in relation to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-discrimination (Madrid, 2001)

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

*Le procès pénal équitable* (Fair criminal trials)

*Observations sur l'idée de création d'un organe conventionnel unique* (Comments on the idea of establishing a single treaty body)

*Considérations sur le paragraphe 3 de l'article 19 du Pacte* (Reflections on article 19, paragraph 3, of the Covenant)

*Une lacune du Protocole facultatif: le délai de présentation des communications individuelles* (A shortcoming of the Optional Protocol: the deadline for submitting individual communications)

*Interrogations sur la liberté de religion ou de conviction aujourd'hui* (Contemporary reflections on freedom of religion or belief)

**Christine Chanet (France)**

Magistrate (France)

**Working languages:** French, English

**National functions**

Counsellor to the Court of Cassation – Section President and Dean at the criminal division  
Chairperson of the Committee in charge of reviewing criminal law decisions following the delivery of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights  
Member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights  
Officer of the National Order of Merit  
Officer of the Legion of Honour

**Functions linked with candidacy**

Member of the Committee against Torture  
President of the United Nations Human Rights Committee 1997–1998 and 2005–2006  
Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for examining the situation in Cuba  
Member of the Working Group for the application of the Bangalore Principles on judicial independence

**Career**

Junior magistrate at the French National School of the Judiciary (1968–1970)  
Magistrate at the Central Administration of the French Ministry of Justice (1970–1974)  
Technical adviser and subsequently Special Assistant at the Secretariat of State for Women’s Affairs (1974–1976)  
Special Assistant at the Secretariat of State for Culture (1976–1977)  
Special Assistant in the Legal Affairs Directorate at the French Ministry of External Relations (1981–1983)  
Head of International Civil and Criminal Affairs and Human Rights Department at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 1983)  
Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (1987)  
Technical adviser in the Office of Pierre Arpaillange, French Minister of Justice (1988)  
Advocate-General at the Court of Appeal of Paris (1992–1996)

**Education**

Law degree  
Postgraduate diploma in law  
Postgraduate diploma in criminology  
Laureate of the Paris Faculty of Law

**Recent publications**

*La peine de mort au regard du Pacte International sur les droits civils et politiques* (The death penalty from the viewpoint of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), Mélanges Cohen-Jonathan  
*Les libertés d’opinion et d’expression devant le comité des droits de l’Homme de l’O.N.U.* (Freedom of opinion and speech before the UN Human Rights Committee), *Revue des avocats aux conseils* – Dalloz 2006  
“*La destruction des droits*” *article 30 ou la Déclaration Universelle des droits de l’Homme* (“The destruction of rights” Article 30 or the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), *Le Monde* 2008 – édition Folio  
*Les influences croisées des juridictions internationales et des juridictions nationales* (Intersecting influences of national and international courts), Université Laval (Quebec), *Les cahiers du Droit* 2010



## **Cornelis Flinterman (The Netherlands)**

**Date and place of birth:** 3 November 1944, The Hague, the Netherlands

**Working languages:** English, French

### **Current position/function**

Emeritus professor of human rights, Utrecht University, the Netherlands

Honorary professor of human rights, Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs (Netherlands)

Member of the Board of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee

### **Main professional activities**

Lecturer and senior lecturer in law, comparative and constitutional law, Leiden University, 1969–1970, 1971–1974, 1976–1978

Visiting lecturer in law (comparative and constitutional law), University of Ghana, 1974–1976

Research associate of the Ghana Law Reform Commission, 1974–1976

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal and Social Affairs Division, The Hague, 1979–1981

Professor of Law (international and constitutional law), Maastricht University, 1982–1998

Professor of Human Rights and Director of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights (SIM) and the Netherlands Research School of Human Rights, 1998–2007

### **Educational background**

LLM Degree, Leiden University, the Netherlands (1969)

LLM Degree, University of Virginia, United States of America (1971)

Visiting Scholar, Yale Law School, United States of America (1973)

PhD Degree, Leiden University, the Netherlands (1981)

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

Member of the Advisory Board of the Dutch Health Professionals and Human Rights Foundation

Member of the Board of African Legal Aid (AFLA), Maastricht, the Netherlands

Member of the Editorial Board of the Netherlands Human Rights Quarterly

Member of the Advisory Board of the Human Rights Quarterly (USA)

Member of the Advisory Board of the Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law

Member of the Advisory Board of the African Human Rights Law Journal

### **Previously**

Alternate member of the United Nations Sub-Commission for the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities (1986–1991)

Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Human Rights and Foreign Policy, subsequently the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs, the Netherlands (1992–2002)

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

Publications in the field of (comparative) constitutional and administrative law, international law, law of international organizations and national, European and international human rights law. Publications include: H.B. Schoepp-Schilling and C.

Flinterman, eds., *The Circle of Empowerment. Twenty-five Years of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women* (New York, 2007)  
Baehr, P.R., Senders M. and Flinterman, C., eds., *Innovation and Inspiration. Fifty Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, Amsterdam, 1999

**Yuji Iwasawa (Japan)**

**Date and place of birth:** 4 June 1954, Tokyo, Japan

**Working languages:** Japanese, English, French, German, Chinese

**Current position/function**

Chairperson, Human Rights Committee

Chair of International Law, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law

Vice-President, Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal

Chairperson, Executive Committee for ILA 2014 Kyoto

General Editor, "International Law from Japanese Perspectives" Series (Nijhoff)

**Main professional activities**

Member, Human Rights Committee, 2007 – present

Professor of International Law, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, 2005 – present

Rapporteur, Committee on International Human Rights Law, International Law Association, 1995–2004; presented reports at biennial conferences of the Association, 1996 (Helsinki), 1998 (Taipei), 2000 (London), 2002 (New Delhi), 2004 (Berlin)

Member (State-Nominated), United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2002–2004

Lecturer, Hague Academy of International Law, 2002

Member, Permanent Group of Experts under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Subsidies, 2003–2008

Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law, Cambridge, 1991–1993, 1997, 2000–2001

Overseas Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge, 2000–2001

Arbitrator, Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, 1997–2006

Refugee Examination Counsellor for the Japanese Minister of Justice, 2005–2007

**Educational background**

1984–1986: University of Virginia School of Law (S.J.D.)

1977–1978: Harvard Law School (LLM)

1973–1977: University of Tokyo Faculty of Law (LLB)

1983, 1990, 1990: Summer Session, Hague Academy of International Law

1983: Study Session, International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg)

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

Member, Committee on International Human Rights Law, International Law Association, 1995–present; participated in special conferences of the Committee, 1999 (Bellagio), 2003 (Turku), 2006 (Maastricht)

Member, Executive Council, Japanese Society of International Human Rights Law, 2003–present

Lecturer on International Human Rights Law to Japanese judges, Tokyo, 2005–2008

Lecturer on International Human Rights Law, Asia-America Institute of Transnational Law, Hong Kong, 1996

Read a paper at an international conference on the "Enforcement of International Human Rights by Domestic Courts", Siena, 1993

Read a paper at an international conference on the "Future of the UN Human Rights Treaty System", Cambridge, 1997

Participated in the Expert Group Meeting on Disability organized by the United Nations, Berkeley, 1998

Academic Adviser for the Japanese Member of the United Nations International Law Commission, Geneva, 1997

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

*International Law, Human Rights, and Japanese Law: The Impact of International Law on Japanese Law* (Oxford, O.U.P. 1998)

*Domestic applicability of treaties: what are “self-executing” treaties?* (Tokyo, 1985)

*Lectures on International Law* (co-edited, Tokyo, 2004)

“Dispute Settlement in the WTO” (Tokyo, 1995)

“Trilateral Perspectives on International Legal Issues: Conflict and Coherence” (co-edited, Washington, D.C.: Am. Soc’y Int’l L., 2003)

**Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara (Mauritania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 30 May 1944, Fdérick, Mauritania

**Working languages:** French, English, German

**Current position/function**

Honorary University Professor of Sociology; expert; international consultant

**Main professional activities**

Teaching of courses in sociology and human rights; consultancy work in civics and in the organization of civil society in Mauritania and West Africa

**Educational background**

Doctorate in Sociology, Paul Valéry University, Montpellier, France, October 1976.  
Doctoral thesis: *Les travailleurs mauritaniens en France* (Mauritanian workers in France)

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

Former President of Mauritania's Independent National Electoral Commission: April–June 2009

Former member and later President (1993–2007) of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Former member of Mauritania's Independent National Electoral Commission (2005–2007) and Chairperson of the Committee for Communication and Civics

Former President and founding member of the Association Mauritanienne des Droits Humains (1991–2003)

Former Vice-President of the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (IFHR) (2001–2004)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) since 2007

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

2009: White paper on decentralization in Mauritania

2008: Civics, Traditional forms of social solidarity in Mauritania

2007: Media and civil society, Public perception of parliament in Mauritania

**Helen Keller (Switzerland)**

**Date and place of birth:** 1 June 1964, Zurich

**Professional experience**

Jan–June 2010: Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Advanced Studies, Oslo, Norway

Since Jan 2010: Counsel in the “*Lindt*” law firm ([www.lindtlaw.ch](http://www.lindtlaw.ch)), Zurich, Switzerland

Jan–Aug 2009: Visiting Researcher at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Since July 2008: Member of the Human Rights Committee (monitoring body of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)

2005–2008: Management of the research project “Reception of the ECHR in Europe”

Since 2004: Professor (ordinaria) at the University of Zurich (Switzerland) for Constitutional, European and Public International Law (<http://www.rwi.uzh.ch/lehreforschung/alphabetisch/keller.html>)

2002: Habilitation, University of Zurich, degree: Private Dozentin (PD)

Since 2001: Professor (ordinaria) at the University of Lucerne, Switzerland, for Constitutional, European and Public International Law ([www.unilu.ch](http://www.unilu.ch))

2001: Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany

1996–2003: Management of the research project “Commentary to Swiss Environmental Protection Law”

1996–2009: Counsel in the “*Umbricht*” law firm, Zurich

1996: Research Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, Supervisor Prof. Renaud Dehousse

1995: Research Fellow at Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, MA, United States, Supervisors Prof. Joseph H.H. Weiler and Prof. Anne-Marie Slaughter

1994: Master’s Degree in European Law, Bruges, Belgium

1994: Awarded “*Walther-Hug-Preis*” for one of the best doctoral theses in public law in Switzerland

1993: Doctorate, University of Zurich (Degree: Dr. iur.); Doctor’s Diploma, Dissertation

1989: Graduation from Law School (degree: lic. iur.)

1983–1989: Studies at the University of Zurich, Faculty of Law, Switzerland

## **Melhem Khalaf (Lebanon)**

**Date and place of birth:** 20 January 1962, Beirut, Lebanon

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

### **Current position/function**

Law firm: Member of the Bar of Beirut

Teaching of courses in law at various faculties (Faculty of Law and Political Science), Saint Joseph University, Beirut

Member of the Committee for Legislation Reform of the Ministry of Justice

Member of several other legal committees within the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Social Affairs (rights of the child, prison rights, etc.)

### **Main professional activities**

*Legal profession:* Trial lawyer, legal adviser, analyst of draft legislation

*Teaching profession:* In charge of tutorials; member of PhD examining board

*Expert legal opinions*

### **Educational background**

Doctorate in law, University of Montpellier I, France

Postgraduate degree (D.E.A) in information technology for law and information technology law, University of Montpellier I, France

Master's degree in law, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon

Collège Notre Dame de Jamhour (Jesuit secondary school) Beirut, Lebanon

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

Founder of the OffreJoie association, Lebanon and France

Founding member of the Islamo-Christian initiative "Autour de Marie", which the Lebanese Government acknowledged by declaring 25 March (Annunciation Day) an Islamo-Christian public holiday in Lebanon

Member of Human Rights Watch, Lebanon

Involved in various EUROMED (Euro-Mediterranean Partnership) youth programmes

### **Launched numerous peace initiatives**

Common prayer sessions for representatives of all religious communities in Lebanon

Peace demonstrations in the midst of the political crisis

Civil society collective "Our unity is our salvation"

Holiday camps for children from war-torn villages or regions

International reconstruction sites

Former national official, Mouvement Eucharistique des Jeunes (MEJ)

Former first-aid volunteer, Lebanese Red Cross

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

Courses on human rights and humanitarian law

Assessment of Lebanese legal instruments in the area of the rights of the child

Living together: contribution of civil society associations – managing religious diversity (Lebanon-Quebec)

Decentralization and the risk of a return to local feudalism (University of Notre Dame)

Debate to promote dialogue in universities: a culture of citizenship (Saint-Esprit de Kaslik University)

**Zonke Zanele Majodina (South Africa)**

**Date and place of birth:** 13 September 1944, Cape Town

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function**

Research Associate, Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

**Main professional activities**

Member, The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration, Netherlands

Member of Board of Directors, Human Rights Institute of South Africa

Member of Board of Directors, Centre for Policy Studies, South Africa

**Educational background**

BSc Hons, University of South Africa (Psychology)

M.Phil, University of London (Clinical Psychology)

PhD, University of Cape Town (Clinical Psychology)

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

Member of Organization of Women for a better World, Spain

Advisor on Human Rights, Congolese Women in the Diaspora, South Africa

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

A South African perspective on the Right to Equality, *Journal of the South African Human Rights Commission*, Vol. 1, (2008)

*The Long Road Ahead*, Hans Boehl, Cape Town (2009)



**Ould Babah Mohamdy (Mauritania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 1953, Rkîz, Mauritania

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

**Current position/function**

Attorney at law before the Mauritanian Supreme Court since 1989

Human rights activist, Secretary-General of the Mauritanian League for Human Rights

**Main professional activities**

Lawyer: Handling human rights cases, particularly those concerning vulnerable minority groups (minors, women, persons with disabilities, children in trouble with the law)

**Studies**

Study on the rights of women in the Mauritanian Constitution

Study on trade union freedoms in Mauritania

Study on the requirements for a fair trial

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

Secretary-General of the Mauritanian League for Human Rights

Member of the Bar of Mauritania, specialization in human rights

Human rights consultant to Mauritania's National Human Rights Commission

Former consultant to the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation and Integration

Trial attorney in Mauritania since 1987

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

A paper on the independence of lawyers in the discharge of their professional duties

**Iulia Antoanella Motoc (Romania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 20 August 1967, Timisoara, Romania

**Working languages:** French, Romanian (native speaker), English, Spanish, Russian, Italian, German

**Current position/function**

Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania  
Professor of International Law, University of Bucharest  
Director, European Master Human Rights, Venice  
Member, United Nations Human Rights Committee  
Member of the Bureau of the United Nations Human Rights Committee  
Lawyer, Bucharest Bar – position reserved

**Main professional activities**

Judge, Bucharest Court, 1990–1996  
Member and alternate member of the United Nations Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1996–2007)  
President of the United Nations Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2000–2001)  
Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2001–2004)  
Special Rapporteur of the United Nations on human rights and the human genome (2003–2007)  
President of the United Nations Working Group on the Administration of Justice (2002–2007)  
Member, United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, (2000–2004)  
Member, United Nations Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, (1999–2000, 2003)  
Member, United Nations Social Forum, (2005)  
Member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (1998–2004), (2008–present)

**Educational background**

PhD in Philosophy (Moral Philosophy), University of Bucharest, Department of Philosophy  
Habilitation in Law, University Paris XI, “Jean Monnet” Department  
S.J.D. (Doctorat) in International Public Law University Aix-Marseille III, School of Law (*mention très bien avec les félicitations du jury*)  
LL.B, University of Bucharest, School of Law (9.91/10)

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

Judge ad hoc at the European Court of Human Rights  
Director, (Romania), European Master of Human Rights and Democratization, European Interdisciplinary Center for Human Rights and Democratization, Venice  
Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Comparative Law (1998–2004), (2008–present)  
Member, Editorial Board, East European and Russian Yearbook of International and  
Member, Scientific Board, European Yearbook of Human Rights  
Member, International Commission of Jurists  
President, *Association pour le Prix Femmes d’Europe*, Romania (2000–2002)  
Member, European Agency for Human Rights (2008–present)  
Yale University Law School (2004–2007), Senior Schell Fellow

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European University Institute, Florence (2006), Special Invited Professor, Academy of European Law  
Deputy Dean, Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest, 1998

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

“The International Law of Genetic Discrimination” in T. Murphy (ed.) *New Technologies and Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, 2009

“Conceptions of pluralism and international law” in E. Jouannet, H.R. Fabri, V. Tomkiewitz

“A quoi ça sert le droit international”, Proceedings of the European Society of International Law (ESIL) Hart, Oxford, 2008

Plaidoyer pour les droits de l’homme, Centre de droit de l’homme, Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II, Université de Bucarest, 2008

Women’s rights as human rights from universal to regional, essays in honour of Justice Bhagwati, (ed.), University of Bucharest, EMA Venice, Afras Academy, India

**Mohamed Saad Ali Muhayam (Yemen)**

**Date and place of birth:** 13 July 1949

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

**Current position/function**

Director General of Political Planning and Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sana`a, Yemen

**Main professional activities**

International relations and politics, Inter-Law, Research and Studies, Yemeni Foreign Political Policies and Activities

**Educational background**

Doctorate in Law (International Law) from University of Paris (Panthéon-Sorbonne) Paris, France (1988)

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

“International Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines” (2000 Pol. Aff. Mag./Yemen)

“Foreign Policy Making” (2005 Seminar – Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

“International in a changing world” (*Atthawabet Magazine* 2009)

Israeli War against Gaza (2009 – *Algaish Magazine*)

**Gerald L. Neuman (United States of America)**

**Date and place of birth:** 22 May 1952, Mineola, New York

**Working languages:** English, German and French; Spanish (reading knowledge); Russian (elementary)

**Current position/function**

J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign, and Comparative Law, Harvard Law School (teaching and research in Human Rights, United States Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, and Immigration and Nationality Law)

**Main professional activities**

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Member, American Society of International Law (Executive Council Member 2001–2003)

**International teaching positions**

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg (2010, 2007)  
University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) (2009)  
Tokyo University (2000, 1996)  
University of Leiden (1996, 1994, 1992)  
Raising Rights Consciousness Programme, Budapest (1993)  
Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main (1989)

**Prior faculty positions**

Columbia University School of Law (1992–2006)  
University of Pennsylvania Law School (1984–1992)

**Educational background**

J.D. 1980, Harvard Law School  
PhD 1977, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Mathematics)  
A.B. 1973, Harvard College

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

Frequent author of amicus briefs in United States human rights litigation, including:

*Boumediene v. Bush* (S. Ct. 2008) (re: rights of Guantánamo detainees)  
*Rasul v. Bush* (S. Ct. 2004) (re: rights of Guantánamo detainees)  
*INS v. St. Cyr* (S. Ct. 2001) (re: habeas corpus in deportation)  
*Alvarez-Machain v. United States* (9th Cir. 1996) (re: extraterritorial physical abuse)  
*Sale v. Haitian Centers Council* (S. Ct. 1993) (high seas interdiction of refugees)

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

*Human Rights* (casebook) (with Louis Henkin et al.) (1999); and 2nd edition (2009)  
*Strangers to the Constitution: Immigrants, Borders, and Fundamental Law* (1996)

**Articles**

*Understanding Global Due Process*, 23 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 365–401 (2009)  
*Habeas Corpus Suspension Clause after Boumediene v. Bush*, 110 Colum. L. Rev. 537 (2010)  
*The External Reception of Inter-American Human Rights Law* (forthcoming Quebec J. Int'l L.)

**Lucien Rakotoniaina (Madagascar)**

**Date and place of birth:** 29 September 1949, Antananarivo, Madagascar

**Working languages:** French

**Current position/function**

Member of the judiciary (*magistrat*), Director of Human Rights and International Relations at the Ministry of Justice

President of the inter-ministerial drafting committee in charge of preparing human rights reports

National Director of the Human Rights Promotion and Protection Project in Madagascar, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Main professional activities**

Participates in the formulation of policies to promote and protect human rights

Assists with procedures for ratifying human rights treaties, incorporating them into domestic legislation and ensuring their application in the courts

Fosters cooperation with national and international human rights organizations

Teaches courses in criminal law at the Catholic University of Madagascar

Teaches courses in criminal law at the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Legal Service Training College), Madagascar

**Educational background**

1979–1980: Diplôme d'Etudes Judiciaires (diploma in legal studies) with honours; First in Year

1980: Master's degree in public law and political science

1980: First in Year when entered the judiciary. Teacher training course at the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Legal Service Training College), France. Certificates awarded by University of South Florida, United States, for specialized studies on organized transnational crime and by the Institute of International Legal Studies, United States, for specialized studies on military law and the law of the sea

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

Founded and oversees the work of human rights centres, which support disadvantaged victims of human rights violations

Supervises studies to combat harmful traditional practices that adversely affect women and children

Produces films to raise awareness about the need to combat torture, arbitrary detention, violence against women and trafficking in women

Drafts national human rights reports and serves as a member of the delegation of Madagascar present during consideration of State party reports submitted with regard to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the universal periodic review process

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

Guide (drafted in the national language) for officials in charge of the implementation of legislation to ensure compliance with universal rules on combating torture and arbitrary arrest or detention and to restrict the use of firearms

Films to raise awareness about trafficking in persons, domestic violence, corruption and human rights

**Trilochan Upreti (Nepal)**

**Date and place of birth:** 05/03/1959, Terrathum, Nepal

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function**

Working as Secretary at the Office of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers of the Government of Nepal (GoN), where my main responsibilities are:

- Liaise with UNHCHR Nepal, Nepal Human Rights Commission, civil society and other stakeholders
- Coordinate and work on human rights issues on behalf of GoN
- Prepare, submit and defend human rights reports to the treaty bodies
- Formulate, oversee and implement human rights policy, laws and curriculum

**Main professional activities**

Involved in policy formulation in areas of Rule of Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, inter alia

Implement the annual action plan for GoN's celebration of 2010 as the year against Gender-Based Violence

Ensure the compliance of domestic and international human rights instruments for protection, promotion and enjoyment of human rights by the Nepalese people

Coordinate in updating the improvement of the human rights standards by incorporating them in the training curriculum of the Nepal Police, the Nepalese Army and administrative organs

Responsible for addressing the abuses and violation of human rights during the 11-year conflict between the Government and the Maoist Party, pursuant to the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) and Interim Constitution by enacting the Truth and Reconciliation Bill and Disappearance Bill and constituting the Commissions

Overall responsibility is to implement and comply with national and international HR standards, monitor violations and make recommendations to the Cabinet on prosecutions in the case of breaches by the administrative and security apparatus

**Educational background**

Obtained LLB and MA academic degrees from Tribhuvan University, LLM degree from the University of Hull, United Kingdom, in Public International Law and PhD from the University of Reading, United Kingdom

Practised as Government Attorney in six districts, worked as legal officer in different ministries and worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in drafting legal instruments and in the areas of human rights for seven months

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

Responsible for preparing the State's periodic report, holding public consultations with stakeholders, updating the report, submitting it to the Cabinet for its approval, submitting it to the treaty bodies and defending the report on behalf of the Government

Currently coordinating and preparing periodic report to be submitted to the Committee on ESC Rights, assisting the relevant ministries to prepare reports to be submitted to ICCPR, CEDAW and CRC Committees and preparing the National Report for the UPR, conducting research and studies on concluding remarks, recommendations and observations made by treaty bodies in preparation of pertinent reports, chairing the committee meetings in preparation of these reports, organizing regional seminars to obtain comments and

suggestions from civil society, human rights communities, government ministries and relevant stakeholders

Making recommendations as needed to the Government to make laws, policies and programmes in order to implement the provisions of HR treaties

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

*International Watercourses Law and its Application in South Asia* (Pairavi Publication, Kathmandu, 2006)

*Transitional Justice and Human Rights: Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Revealing the Truth* (co-author) (Kathmandu, May 2007)

*Right to Self Determination in International Law*, Pairavi Book Publishers (Kathmandu, 2009)

*Nepal at Crossroads* (a book on analysis of conflict, human rights and peace process in Nepal) (Sajha Pub, Kathmandu, 2010)

“Equitable Utilization of International Watercourses: Bilateral and Multilateral Perspectives” (in *International Watercourses Law of 21st Century*, Surya P. Subedi (ed.), (Ashgate, United Kingdom, 2005)



## **Konstantine Vardzelashvili (Georgia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 26 July 1972

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

### **Current position/function**

Since 2006, October – elected as a Justice and Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia

### **Main functions**

As a Chairman of the First Collegium of the Constitutional Court presides over court hearings

Supervises research, analysis and strategy development for the reform of court procedures

Coordinates international relations and public education activities

### **Main professional activities**

2009 – Appointed as an Ad Hoc Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

Since 2007 – Substitute Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

2004–2006 – Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia. Among several issues supervised the implementation of the Free Legal Aid Service System in Georgia, development of mechanisms for protection of personal data and overseeing issues related to citizenship and migration

### **Educational background**

2002 – Graduated from Tbilisi Institute of Law, Tbilisi, Georgia (Diploma in Law)

1997 – University of Edinburgh, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Economic and Social History, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (PhD Research Programme)

1995 – Central European University, History Department, Budapest, Hungary (MA in Modern History)

1994 – Tbilisi State University, History Department, Tbilisi, Georgia

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

Since April 2010 – Head of the Centre for Constitutional Studies at Ilia State University (Georgia), supervising research on constitutional justice, legal reform, society development and democratic transformation

2008–2010 – Designed and delivered short courses on *Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Freedom of Expression and Religion, Property Rights*

2004–2006 – As a Deputy Minister was in charge of drafting of laws: on non-profit organizations; restitution and rehabilitation of victims of the conflict in the former South Ossetia Autonomous Region; was part of a group working on the law on repatriation of persons deported in the 1940s from the territory of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic

2001–2004 – British Council, Georgia, Manager of projects on legal and human rights education, voters' education, reform of the criminal procedure and prosecution in Georgia, elaborating and proposing amendments to strengthen defence rights in the criminal process

2002–2003 – Member of the Task Force on Communications and Broadcasting Law, developing strategy and framework legislation for establishment of Public Service Broadcasting in Georgia

2000–2002 – Independent Council of Public Oversight, monitoring human rights conditions in penitentiaries, drafting recommendations, appeals and requests to the Ministry of Justice of Georgia

2000–2001 – Member of the Analytical Team, Reform Support Agency (RSA) – MegaProject operated by the Open Society Georgia Foundation in cooperation with Research Triangle Institute (USA) in Support of the Education Reform in Georgia  
2001 – Liberty Institute NGO (Georgia), in charge of monitoring and reporting human rights violations, with a special focus on freedom of expression and religion

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

Co-author and editor of the *Guide to Constitution*, to be published in 2010  
Editor for the Georgian edition of the *Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings* by Stefan Trechsel, first published in 2005 by Oxford University Press Inc., published in 2009  
Member of editorial board, *Constitutions of the Foreign States* (2006)  
Editor of *Human Rights: Freedom of Expression Manual* (2003)  
*Non-Orthodox Christian Sects – Trail of Christian Evangelists* (Media Caucasica, 1999)

## **Margo Waterval (Suriname)**

**Date and place of birth:** 18 March 1948, Paramaribo, Suriname

**Working languages:** Dutch, English

### **Current position/function**

Lecturer at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname

Lecturer in Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law. On behalf of the University, participation in the National Commission on the Elimination of Child Labour. Advising the Board of the University on matters regarding human rights and exams Acting Chair of the Institute of Children's Rights. Chair of an NGO working with Indigenous and Maroons

### **Main professional activities**

Lecturing at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname and as a consultant writing and presenting country reports to U.N. Human Rights Committee in New York and Geneva, Switzerland

Advising the Government on human rights cases and with other lawyers participating in human rights cases before the inter-American Human Rights Commission in Washington, D.C. and before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica

Training students of the university to participate in moot court competitions in The Hague (The European International Model United Nations – TEIMUN), Washington, D.C. (on the Inter-American Human Rights System), Trinidad and Tobago (before the Caribbean Court of Justice – CCJ) and at present for the World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in South Africa.

### **Educational background**

Starting as a teacher at the elementary school, continued as a teacher of English and Dutch at a secondary school for more than 25 years. Studied law and graduated from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (1998) and graduated in 2001 at the Law School of the American University in Washington, D.C. in the International Legal Program. Training in Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law in San José, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados

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

Preparing to participate in the writing and presentation of the universal periodic review in Geneva, Switzerland. As chair of the board of directors of Amazon Conservation Team-Suriname (NGO), the office is participating with the Government in mapping the areas of the Indigenous Peoples and the Maroons to fulfil the obligation by the Samaaka Lo and the Moiwana judgement issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In July 2010, will participate in the training of lawyers who are becoming judges, in Human Rights Law, at the Foundation for legal cooperation of Suriname-Netherlands. The counterpart is a judge.

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

The role of NGOs in defending human rights (2005)

The principle of complementarity of the Rome Statute (ICC) (2007)

Relation of articles 28, 32 and 37 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with regard to the homicide in Nickerie (2008)

Human rights in Suriname (2010)