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ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF  
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES  
(RESOLUTION 1334 (XLIV) OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL)

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Since 31 January 1975 the Secretary-General has received further nominations relating to the membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities from the Governments of Dahomey, Gabon, Mexico and Nigeria.
2. The further nominations received from the above-mentioned nominating Governments are listed below, and biographical data relating to them submitted by the nominating Governments are included in the annex to this document.

Mr. Gerard Marcel Agboton (Dahomey)  
Mr. I.D.J. Durlong (Nigeria)  
Mr. Gregoire Gbenou (Dahomey)  
Mr. Antonio Martínez Baez (Mexico)  
Mr. Alexis Obame (Gabon)  
Mr. Alexandre Paraiso (Dahomey)

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Mr. GERARD MARCEL AGBOTON

(Nominated by the Government of Dahomey)

Date and place of birth: 19 February 1934, at Porto-Novo

Education

Primary education: Porto-Novo Catholic Boys' School: primary education certificate: 1947

Secondary education:

1947 - 1949: Lycée Béhanzin

1949 - 1952: Collège Stanislas, Nice: Baccalaureate (secondary education certificate), part 1.

1952 - 1953: Lycée de Garçons, Nice: Baccalaureate, part 2 (Philosophy)

Higher education:

1953 - 1954: Lycée des Garçons, Nice: Advanced arts class

1955 - 1957: Department of Law and Economic Science, Toulouse: Baccalaureate (first degree) in Law

1957 - 1960: Department of Law and Economic Science, Paris: Licence (bachelor's degree) in Public Law and Political Science.

1958 - 1968: Institut des Hautes Etudes d'Outre-Mer (IHEOM): IHEOM Diploma, Social Section.

Posts held

(A) In the service of the Government of Dahomey

Labour and Social Legislation Inspector, in November 1960.

Deputy Director of Labour and Social Security, by decree of 20 January 1961.

Director of Labour and Social Security, by decree of 11 August 1961.

Director-General of Labour and Manpower, by decree of 21 February 1963.

Directeur de Cabinet of the Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice and Law, by order of 28 January 1964.

Director of Labour and Social Legislation and, at the same time, Technical Adviser to the Minister of the Public Service in February 1966.

(B) On secondment to the United Nations

October 1966 - October 1971: Specialist on social matters, Division of Narcotic Drugs, United Nations, Geneva.

October 1971 - September 1973: Seconded from the United Nations to the United Nations Development Programme as Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP at Bangui (Central African Republic).

(C) In the service of the Government of Dahomey

Once more at the disposal of the Minister of the Public Service and Labour, on 1 November 1973 (end of secondment).

Nominated Counsellor to the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court by decree No. 74-7 of 22 January 1974.

Modern languages spoken and written

European languages: French, English and Spanish<sup>\*/</sup>

Mr. Agboton speaks and writes French and English correctly. He has a good knowledge of Spanish, a language which he writes correctly but which he has little opportunity of speaking.

African languages: Fon: A language of Lower Dahomey

Yoruba: A language of Dahomey and Nigeria

Mina: A language of Togo.

Mr. I. D. J. DURLONG

(Nominated by the Government of Nigeria)

Date of birth: 1 November 1930

Place of birth: Namu, Shendam, Benue Plateau State

Education: Primary education - Plateau Central School, Pankshin.  
Kaduna College.  
Katsina High Teachers' College (1949-1950)  
St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Qualifications: Diploma in Education of the University of London Institute of Education

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<sup>\*/</sup> As regards English and Spanish, Mr. Agboton passed the language examinations when he was an official of the United Nations at Geneva.

Career:

Teaching:

- (i) Plateau Central School, Pankshin.
- (ii) Plateau Middle School, Kuru (1951-1953)
- (iii) Education Officer - Vice Principal, Government Teacher College, Keffi (September 1953 - December 1957)

Students Officer at the Office of the Commissioner for Northern Nigeria in London (1958-1961).

Acting Secretary to the Northern Nigeria Executive Council (November 1961)

Senior Assistant Secretary (Training) Ministry of Establishments and Training.

Acting Under-Secretary (Recruitment and Training)

Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs (May 1963 - 31 December 1963)

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs (1 January 1964 - 18 February 1964)

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education (February 1964 - 31 March 1968).

Miscellaneous: Served as Chairman of the Committee of Enquiries **which** investigated the Affairs of the Northern Nigeria Development Corporation

Observed the relationship and Civil Service Procedure of both the United States Federal Government and that of the State of Ministers under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Corporation of New York (April - June 1961)

Attended (in Lagos) the Ford Foundation Workshop on the Staff Management and Technique (November 1961).

Northern Nigeria Secretary of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Additional: Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (July 1968 - July 1973).

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Japan (30 October 1973 to date).

Alternate Delegate of the Nigerian Delegation to the 24th Session of the United Nations (1969).

Nigerian Delegate on Human Rights Sub-Committee for the Prevention of the Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1969-1974).

Marital status: Married with 3 children.

Hobbies: Current Affairs; travels; poultry keeping; gardening; farming; horse-riding; shooting and golfing.

Mr. GREGOIRE GBENOU

(Nominated by the Government of Dahomey)

Born on 13 February 1926 at Adjohoun (Ouémé Department)

Elementary primary education: Central Urban School, Porto-Novo.

Higher primary education: Victor Ballot Higher Primary School, Porto-Novo.  
Teachers Training College, Dabou, Ivory Coast.

Having left this school as a qualified primary-school teacher in 1947, Mr. Gbenou enrolled at the Lycée Michel Montaigne at Bordeaux, where he obtained his full baccalaureate (secondary education certificate) (Philosophy) in 1950.

Having entered the Law School at Bordeaux, he obtained his Licence (bachelor's degree) in Law in 1953. He is also a holder of the Diploma of Advanced Studies in Private Law and the Diploma of Advanced Studies in Sociology.

From December 1953 to December 1956, he was enrolled on the probationary list of the Bordeaux Bar as a trainee lawyer.

Having returned to Dahomey in 1957, he served as Directeur de Cabinet of the President of the Government Council until 1959.

In 1959, he was appointed to the Parquet général of Cotonou and, was nominated Deputy Procureur de la République in 1960.

Having been appointed Technical Adviser to the Keeper of the Seals in 1961, Mr. Gbenou then held, in succession, the post of Government Commissioner to the Special Criminal Court and Government Commissioner to the State Court.

Having been appointed Acting Procureur Général in the Cotonou Appeals Court in March 1962, he carried out these functions until December 1966, the date of his nomination as Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice and Law. In January 1968 Mr. Gbenou was nominated Counsellor of the Judicial Chamber of the Supreme Court.

Since 17 August 1970, Mr. Gbenou has been acting as Procureur Général in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gbenou is married and is the father of six children.

He is an Officer of the National Order of Dahomey and Officer of the French National Order of Merit.

Mr. ANTONIO MARTINEZ BAEZ  
(Nominated by the Government of Mexico)

Biographical data will be supplied later.

Mr. ALEXIS OBAME  
(Nominated by the Government of Gabon)

Biographical data will be supplied later.

Mr. ALEXANDRE PARAISO  
(Nominated by the Government of Dahomey)

Place and date of birth: Porto-Novo, 3 May 1933

Academic qualifications: Licence (bachelor's degree) in Private Law (Paris)

Certificate of Financial Administrative Studies (Paris)

Diploma for the Legal Profession (Paris)

Diploma of the Ecole de Magistrature (Paris)

Posts:

1963 Judge of the Court of First Instance, Cotonou

1968 President of the Court of First Instance, Cotonou

1970 Procureur Général in the Cotonou Court of Appeal and in Court of State Security

1974 President of the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court of Dahomey

Extra-professional activities:

United Nations expert to the first Pan-African Criminology Congress (Abidjan) 1966

Lecturer in Charge of the Penal Law and Criminology Course, University of Dahomey

Legal Adviser to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, (London)

Publications:

L'Energie, Facteur de Développement Economique (United Nations publication, 1968)

Les Aspects Législatifs du Planning Familial (Communication on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, October 1973)

Droit et Evolution Démographique (United Nations publication, Seminar on Law and Population, Tunis, June 1974).