



# International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

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## Meeting of the States parties

### Sixth meeting

New York, 14 June 2021

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election, in accordance with article 26 (4) of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2021**

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### Note by the Secretary-General\*

#### Addendum

1. In accordance with article 26 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the sixth meeting of the States parties to the Convention is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 14 June 2021, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances from a list of persons nominated by States parties from among their nationals to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2021.
2. In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 30 November 2020, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of members of the Committee by 1 March 2021. The curricula vitae of the three persons whose nominations were received by 1 March 2021 are contained in document CED/SP/6/2.
3. The annex to the present document contains the curriculum vitae of one additional candidate, whose nomination by Albania was received after 1 March 2021.

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\* The present document was submitted after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.



## Annex

### Curriculum vitae\*

#### Suela Janina (Albania)

**Date and place of birth:** 28 June 1976, Tirana

**United Nations working languages:** English, French

**Current position/function:**

October 2014 to present: Head of the Mission of Albania to the European Union, Ambassador

**Main professional activities:**

Member of the Albanian foreign service, starting in 1999 as international law expert and holding several positions within the system, until the current appointment as ambassador charged with the negotiating process of the accession of Albania to the European Union.

From 2016, Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration

One of the first elected members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance in 2011.

Academic experience in Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, European Law, 1999–2014 lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

2011–2019 Member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances

2011–2017 Vice-Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, Rapporteur for the follow-up procedures

2017–2019 Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Have represented CED as vice-chair and Chair in several events, conferences and workshops related with the thematic of enforced disappearances.

**Educational background:**

2013– Doctor of Sciences Degree (PhD) in international law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana

2001– Master in Democracy and Human Rights in South-Eastern Europe, Diploma awarded by the University of Bologna and University of Sarajevo

1998– Bachelor in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

“Human Rights mechanisms for the protection of women and children from enforced disappearance”, *Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 3, N. 8, 2012

“The special protection of children at the International Convention for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearances”, at *Desapariciones forzadas de niños en Europa y Latinoamérica*, Maria Casado, Juan Jose Lopez Ortega (coords), University of Barcelona, 2014

“Non-refoulement obligations under the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances”, at *Réciprocité et Universalité, Sources et régimes du Droit*

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

International des droits de l'Homme, En l'honneur du professeur Emmanuel Decaux, Pedone, Paris, 2017

“Enforced disappearances” pact reaches 10-year milestone, opinion on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention, by Suela Janina and Emmanuel Decaux, 23 December 2020, at <https://euobserver.com/opinion/150274>

“The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, a Human Rights Instrument of the 21st century: Reflections on its 10th Anniversary of the Entry into Force”, Emmanuel Decaux, Suela Janina, 2021, submitted for publication.

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