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**ELECTION OF 10 MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION
OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7
OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT
OR PUNISHMENT**

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment received after 18 October 2006, which was the date referred to by the Secretary-General in his note verbale dated 18 July 2006 in which he invited the States parties to the Optional Protocol to submit their nominations. All nominations submitted before 18 October 2006 are contained in document CAT/OP/SP/1. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.
2. In compliance with the provisions of article 6, paragraph 3 of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated after 18 October and the States parties which have nominated them:

Names of candidates

Mr. Heriberto ALEGRE
Mr. Juan ALMENDARES BONILLA
Ms. Marie-Gisèle ZINKPE

Nominated by

Paraguay
Honduras
Benin

ANNEX I

Biographical data on candidates for election to the Subcommittee on Prevention

Heriberto ALEGRE

Nationality: Paraguayan

Profession: Lawyer

Current activities

2005: Member of the Paraguayan Truth and Justice Commission, set up in 2004

Preparation of surveys to collect data on the victims of the dictatorship of former President Alfredo Stroessner

Interviews with Paraguayan leaders and preparation of drafts related to torture in Paraguay between 1993 and 2003

Adviser to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate; presentation of draft legislation

Various research projects, including research into the use and cultivation of marijuana in Paraguay, and preparation of the draft legislation and reports listed below

Draft legislation and reports

1994: Report on the reasons behind the murder of Deputy Julio César Riquelme, concluding that it was connected to arms-traffickers

1994: Anti-corruption bill (in collaboration with the then Deputy and current Governor of Concepción, Luis Modesto Guggiari)

1994: Draft amendment to regulations (in collaboration with the then Deputy and current Governor of Concepción, Luis Modesto Guggiari)

1995: Report on arms-trafficking

1999: Report on public safety and the production and distribution of marijuana in the department of San Pedro

July 1999: Draft legislation on alternative forms of compensation for victims of the dictatorship of General Stroessner

1999: Draft legislation on controlling reserved expenditure, which has now been adopted by committee and recommended for adoption by the Chamber of Deputies at its next plenary session

1999: Special witness protection bill (protection for individuals involved in corruption who wish to cooperate with the court in exchange for special treatment by the prosecutor)

1999: Suggestions for the civil service statutes

1999: Suggestions for the bill to regulate the constitutional guarantee of habeas corpus

1999: Contribution to the draft code of conduct for deputies

1970-1990

Lawyer representing political prisoners and peasant farmers, hired by the Committee of Churches for Emergency Aid and the Christian Aid Programme set up by the Committee of Churches for peasant farmers from Alto Paraná, Itapúa and Caaguazú

Contributed to the drafting of the new Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure, now in force, which are rights-based, in contrast to the Criminal Code and repressive laws in force during the Stroessner dictatorship

Imprisoned three times in Tacumbú for defending political prisoners

Legalization of approximately 40,000 hectares of land for the benefit of peasant farmers previously occupying it illegally

1970-2002

Lawyer for workers from the Central de Trabajadores and the Sindicato de Trabajadores de Itaipú, builders of the Itaipú dam, and one of the lawyers representing the trade unions of the builders of the Yacyreta dam

Contributed to the drafting of the Labour Code

Postgraduate studies

1966: Social Development, course organized by the Organization of American States (OAS), Buenos Aires

Social Issues and Methodology, one-year postgraduate course organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Asunción

Currently following a two-year course leading to a master's degree in rural sociology, Asunción

On the basis of his knowledge of research methods, received a research scholarship at the Catholic University and FLACSO to study the latest developments in agrarian organization in Paraguay

Advanced human rights course at the University of Strasbourg, France, 1987

Human rights course organized by the Central de Trabajadores de los Estados Unidos in 1989 at the George Meany Center, Virginia, United States

Books published

La Sociedad Cautiva (“The Captive Society”), Human Rights Commission (single copy in the library of the Chamber of Deputies), 1998

La Situación de los Derechos Humanos en Paraguay (“The Human Rights Situation in Paraguay”), Comisión de la Universidad Católica, 1987

Research papers

“Los últimos cambios en la estructura agraria en el Paraguay” (“Latest developments in agrarian organization in Paraguay”), Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO)

“Las ocupaciones de tierras en el Paraguay” (“Squatting land in Paraguay”), Catholic University of Asunción

“Colonización en el eje este” (“Colonization in the east”), *Revista Paraguaya de Estudios Sociológicos*, No. 38, 1997

Juan ALMENDARES BONILLA

Nationality: Honduran

Date and place of birth: 14 August 1939, Barrio Medina, San Pedro Sula, Cortés

Profession: Doctor of medicine and surgery (National Autonomous University of Honduras, 1958-1965)

Postgraduate studies

Diploma from the University of California Cardiovascular Research Institute, USA, for studies in biochemistry and physiology, 1966-1967

Diploma from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine, USA, for studies in physiology, 1967-1968

Diploma and credits for attendance at the Second International Course on Membrane Biophysics, organized by the Radiation Biophysics Department of the University of Rochester and sponsored by the International Cell Research Organization and the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics, August 1969

Master of Science degree, University of Pennsylvania, USA, 1970

Currently studying for a doctorate in ecology, health and development at the National Autonomous University of Honduras, 2003

Other professional activities

Intern, El Carmen health centre, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1962

Intern, San Felipe general hospital, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1963

Emergency room doctor (night-duty), San Felipe general hospital, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1966

Assistant doctor, Department of Internal Medicine, San Felipe general hospital, honorary position, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Head, Internal Medicine Ward, San Felipe general hospital, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Coordinator, Scientific Committee, Department of Internal Medicine

Assistant secretary to the executive board of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1970

Secretary to the executive board of the Medical School of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1971

Organizer of the Second Congress of Students and Professionals of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1974

Member of the Programme Coordination Commission, University Centre for General Studies and Faculty of Medical Sciences, National Autonomous University of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, 1971

Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, National Autonomous University of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, 1973-1976

Member of the Evaluation Commission, Faculty of Medical Sciences, National Autonomous University of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, 1978

President of the Honduran Society of Internal Medicine, 1978-1979

Chancellor, National Autonomous University of Honduras, 1979 to date

Organizer of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Day, held on the university campus, Aldea Suyapa, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 11-15 August 1980

President of the World Peace Congress, Honduras section, 1981

Organizer of the National Conference on Food and Development, on the occasion of World Food Day, sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Ministry of Natural Resources and the National Autonomous University of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1981

Executive Director, Centre for the Prevention of Torture and the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (CPTRT), 1995-1998

Visiting professor, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, September-December 1997

Books, articles, papers

Lucha por la Paz y la Cultura ("The Struggle for Peace and Culture"), Editorial Universitaria Centroamericana, San José, Costa Rica

Co-author of several books in English on tobacco and the environment, including one for the World Health Organization (WHO), numerous articles in English-language scientific journals, and papers delivered at international conferences and events (full list available at the Secretariat)

International lectures in Europe, the United States, Latin America and Asia on various health, human rights and environmental issues

Some of his poems, stories and literary writings have been translated into French, German, English and Danish. Over 80 unpublished poems, over 20 stories and over 300 articles published in Honduras and the United States. Much of his work can be found on the Internet using Google.

Awards

Annual prize of the School of Medicine, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964

Numerous awards (full list available at the Secretariat)

Marie-Gisèle ZINKPE

Date and place of birth: 25 January 1956, Abomey

Marital status: Mother of two children

Nationality: Beninese

Profession: Judge

Level: A1-10

Military status: Fourth class of students

Qualifications

1985: Diploma upon completion of A1 manager's course (option: National School of Administration, level II)

1980: Master's degree in legal sciences (option: Business Law and Judicial Careers)

1975: Baccalaureate, A4 option

1972: *Brevet d'Études* (basic general qualification)

Other training

Advanced course, National School of the Judiciary, Paris, and Regional Court, Marseille

Training in the CIMA Code

Training in standardized legal documents of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA)

Training in arbitration law

Training in the programme budget

Attended various seminars organized by the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Department of Human Rights and various non-governmental organizations active in the field of human rights

Course on gender and sustainable development in Belgium

Work experience with Amnesty International, French-speaking section, Belgium

Attended a United Nations conference on anti-corruption measures

Professional experience

2006 to date: Head of the Department for the Promotion and Popularization of Human Rights

2003: Head of the Department for the Protection and Defence of Human Rights

1997-2001: President of the Ouidah trial court

1995-1997: First investigating judge, Porto Novo trial court

1990-1995: First deputy public prosecutor, Porto Novo trial court

1988-1990: Investigating judge, Bohicon district people's court

1988: Children's judge, Porto Novo trial court

1986-1988: Auxiliary judge, Supreme Court (Administrative Chamber)

Language skills

National languages spoken: Fon, Mina, Nagot

Foreign languages, spoken and written: French, English, Spanish
