



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Meeting of States Parties

### Fourteenth meeting

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda

### Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43

of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155)

## Election of nine members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2013

### Note by the Secretary-General\*

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 December 2012, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2013 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2015 appear in annex II.
2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 6 July 2012, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. All the curricula vitae received by 6 September 2012 are included in the present document.
3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document and its appendix.

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<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ms. Suzanne Aho <b>Assouma</b>	Togo
Ms. Amal <b>Aldoseri</b>	Bahrain
Ms. Fareeda Abdulla <b>Al Obaidly</b>	Qatar
Ms. Sara de Jesús Oviedo <b>Fierro</b>	Ecuador
Mr. Peter <b>Guran</b>	Slovakia
Ms. Olga A. <b>Khazova</b>	Russian Federation
Mr. Benyam Dawit <b>Mezmur</b>	Ethiopia
Ms. Yasmeen Muhamad <b>Shariff</b>	Malaysia
Mr. Wanderlino Nogueira <b>Neto</b>	Brazil
Ms. Maria Rita <b>Parsi</b>	Italy
Mr. Awich <b>Pollar</b>	Uganda
Mr. Edward Bandawe <b>Twea</b>	Malawi
Ms. Kamla Devi <b>Varmah</b>	Mauritius
Ms. Renate <b>Winter</b>	Austria
Ms. Hariguietta <b>Congo/Zongo</b>	Burkina Faso

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## Annexes

### Annex I

#### Members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2013

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Hadeel <b>Al-Asmar</b>	Syrian Arab Republic
Mr. Peter <b>Guran</b>	Slovakia
Mr. Sanphasit <b>Koompraphant</b>	Thailand
Ms. Yanghee <b>Lee</b>	Republic of Korea
Ms. Marta Maurás <b>Pérez</b>	Chile
Ms. Pilar <b>Nores</b>	Peru
Mr. Awich <b>Pollar</b>	Uganda
Ms. Kamla Devi <b>Varmah</b>	Mauritius
Mr. Jean <b>Zermatten</b>	Switzerland

**Annex II****Members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015**

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<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Ms. Agnes Akosua <b>Aidoo</b>	Ghana
Ms. Aseil <b>Al-Shehail</b>	Saudi Arabia
Mr. Jorge Cardona <b>Llorens</b>	Spain
Mr. Bernard <b>Gastaud</b>	Monaco
Ms. Maria <b>Herczog</b>	Hungary
Mr. Hatem <b>Kotrane</b>	Tunisia
Mr. Gehad <b>Madi</b>	Egypt
Ms. Kirsten <b>Sandberg</b>	Norway
Ms. Hiranthi <b>Wijemanne</b>	Sri Lanka

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## Annex III

### Biographical data of nominees

#### Suzanne Aho Assouma (Togo)

**Date and place of birth:** 12 August 1952 in Saigon, Viet Nam

**Working languages:** French/English

**Current position/function:** Deputy Mayor of the City of Lomé

#### Main professional activities

Responsible for women's and children's issues, the issuance of birth and other civil status certificates, cooperation with twin cities, disputes, marriages, awareness campaigns focusing on the rights of children (lost and abandoned children, children in conflict with the law, HIV/AIDS orphans, abused and exploited children). All child-related cases are referred to me. I am also in charge of the sociocultural activities of the Juvenile Division.

Informal discussions about children's rights in schools. I also assist women whose children have been abandoned by their fathers to take court action. In addition, we conduct associative activities and have set up the Girls' Schooling Committee, which also addresses the needs of girls in Vodun convents.

#### Educational background

Awarded a degree in social work in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, following completion of primary school in Benin and Paris and secondary school in Benin, Togo and Corrèze in France. Awarded the baccalaureate A4.

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

I have participated in the struggle to promote and protect the rights of abandoned children for over 30 years. 1979: Staff member of the Division for the Protection and Promotion of Young People of the General Directorate for Social Affairs of Togo. I set up the Social Services Unit of the Court of Lomé and served as its head for 15 years.

1993: Director of the Department for the Protection and Promotion of the Family and Children of the Ministry of Social Affairs. In view of the absence of a Children's Code and the general lack of familiarity with the existing laws on the subject, I embarked on a research project that led to the compilation of those provisions in a volume entitled *De la protection des enfants mineurs dans la législation togolaise* ("On the protection afforded to children under Togolese law"). My approach to the protection of children is an inclusive one which takes into account the situation of families in distress and the particular situations of refugee families and of families who are caring for older adults. Member of the Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child of the African Union.

1997: I presented the initial report of Togo to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.

#### List of most recent publications in the relevant subject area

Author of a number of pamphlets, compendiums and documentaries, including:

- De la protection des enfants mineurs dans la législation togolaise (On the protection afforded to children under Togolese law)

- Le calvaire des petites bonnes au Togo (The dire situation of girls working as domestic servants in Togo)
- La Convention Relative aux droits de l'Enfant racontée aux enfants par les enfants (The Convention on the Rights of the Child as explained to children by children)
- "Aguegue" or "l'Aventure" (The trafficking of children)
- A documentary film on the Trokosi system, under which girls are handed over as slaves to fetish priests

## **Amal Salman Aldoseri (Bahrain)**

**Date and place of birth:** 22 December 1959, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

**Working languages:** Fluent Arabic and English, good command of French and first certificate in German

### **Current position/function**

Adviser to the President, General Organization for Youth and Sport. In charge of strategic planning for young people living in Bahrain in all fields, including human rights and civic participation.

Active member of the National Committee for Childhood, heading the team to draft the first National Child Strategy and plan of action.

### **Main professional activities**

- Headed a professional team to draft the “Child Law” in accordance with the CRC, which has been enforced as of August 2012
- Manager of the first National Youth Strategy 2005–2009 and the update 2011–2015, including young people’s participation and rights
- Manager of National Child Strategy in Bahrain and Action Plan 2012–2016
- Manager of Situation Analysis Report (Sit-An) 2003 and 2011, focusing on the challenges facing children in all fields, most importantly the legal gaps in the Bahraini law
- Project Manager of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey – MICS, in coordination with UNICEF
- Engaged in developing Bahrain’s initial, second and third country report on CRC and delegation member to the discussion of the reports in Geneva
- Participated and lectured in various workshops on CRC, Women and youth

### **Educational background**

- B.A., double major English Literature and translation, Kuwait University, 1979
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Bahrain University 1987
- Master in Education, Sheffield University UK, 1995
- Course in “Innovation in Governance”, School of Government, Harvard University, 2005

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

- Initiated dialogue and lobbied to incorporate the CRC in the school curricula with Ministry of Education
- Founder and manager of Bahrain Youth Parliament (age group 14–19 years)
- Founder of Y-PEER Education – Bahrain, the first and only in the region, in coordinating with UNFPA to educate and train young trainers on sexual and reproductive health
- Recognized trainer on capacity-building and development of youth, children and women (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, League of Arab States (LAS))
- Lead organizer of the Arab Child Festival

- Founder and president of Short Story for Children Competition to encourage writers and new young writers to produce storybooks for children
- Lead organizer of the first Child Theatre Festival
- Vice-President of International Council on National Youth Policy (ICNYP), Vienna
- Board member of World Leisure Organization (WLO), USA
- Member of non-profit Bahrain Society for Child Development, and member of Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Centre for speech and hearing, helping children with hearing disabilities

**List of most recent publications**

- “Child and Law in Bahrain”, 2003
- “Children’s Books in Public Libraries”, survey, 2003
- “Children’s Programmes in G.C.C. Television Channels”, survey, 2002

## **Fareeda Abdulla Al Obaidly (Qatar)**

<b>Date and place of birth:</b>	Doha – 1956
<b>Working languages:</b>	Arabic – English
<b>Current position/function:</b>	General Director, Qatar Foundation for Child and Women Protection

### **Main professional activities**

- Supervise and follow-up of all cases handled by the organization with regards to child and woman and ensure each case is dealt with appropriately
- Direct the preparation of the necessary studies and researches related to the functions of the child and woman protection
- Represent the organization in conferences, symposiums and meetings related to the functions of the child and woman protection, in order to raise the awareness about the child and woman rights within the society
- Propose and initiate the formation of committees and specialized work teams related to study of cases aimed to protect the child and woman
- Review existing legislation to ensure their compliance with constitutional mandates, national policies and international standards, and monitoring the full, adequate and effective implementation of laws criminalizing violence against women and children and protecting victims of violence, exploitation and abuse
- Raising public awareness and outreach about the dangers of domestic and social violence through different types of media for sharing society
- Training and Capacities Building for government officials and non-government, especially police officers, health-care providers, social workers on how to interview, interact, and engage with target groups
- Publishing guidelines and booklets on various issues related to rights of women and children especially their rights in accordance with international law, violence against women and children causes and responses, the vulnerable populations, best practices and comparative models
- Establishment of an anonymous helping service for victims of violence of different services including legal services, psychological services, counselling, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration
- Coordination with local authorities, government agencies, and international organizations rights for the purpose of training programmes, mutual projects and exchange of information for the common goal of creating a more secure society for women and children

### **Educational background**

- Master's degree in Educational Leadership – Georges Mayson University – USA Year 1996
- Bachelors of Art in History – Literature Faculty – Beirut Arab University 1976

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

- Member of the State of Qatar Committee to prepare the report on the execution of the child rights convention 2012

- Member in the National Committee of the State of Qatar to prepare and present its national report to the Human Rights Council in Geneva, February 2010
- Member of the Qatari national committee to prepare a report on the execution of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Supreme Council for Family Affairs – 2009
- Member in a committee to discuss Qatar first report submitted under article 44 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Geneva – 2009.
- Member in the Committee against Violence – Supreme Council of Family Affairs – 2007
- Member in a committee on the involvement of children in armed conflicts, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2007 – Qatar
- Member of Qatar delegation to discuss the Optional Protocol on Child Rights – Geneva 2006
- Member of committee to prepare the Qatari response on the Committee on the Rights of the Child observations, to be discussed during the forty-second session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva 2006
- Member in a Committee on the (Law violating parents who prevent their children from education and the means to prevent the society from its negative impact)
- Member in a team on establishing the social protection strategy – Ministry of Social Affairs

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

Regularly writing articles that are related to the child and women's rights in the local newspapers.

## Sara de Jesús Oviedo Fierro (Ecuador)

**Place and date of birth:** Chambo-Chimborazo, Ecuador, 28 July 1952

**Working languages:** English

### Current position/function

- Executive Secretary of the National Council for Children and Adolescents
- Lead Representative of Ecuador before the Inter-American Institute for Children and Adolescents

### Main professional activities

- Input for the National Indigenous Movement
- Input for the National Women's Movement
- Organization and strengthening of child development services in Ecuador
- Formation of the decentralized National System for the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents
- Input for the initiative to strengthen the Inter-American Institute for Children and Adolescents
- Participation in national and international meetings focusing on means of strengthening the national child protection system

### Academic degrees

University studies: Universidad Central del Ecuador  
Licenciatura in Sociology and Political Science  
Doctorado in Sociology and Political Science

Postgraduate studies: 1990 Course in social project design, evaluation and management organized by CONADE-UNICEF-UNDP-UNESCO-ILPES

1994 Postgraduate course in economic and social policy organized by ILDIS-UNICEF-Universidad Católica

2002 Course on logical frameworks and the associated evaluation system

2012 Advanced in-service training course on youth and society in Latin America organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO)

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

- Community children's programmes (MBS-UNICEF), General Coordinator, July 1984–April 1986
- Child Development Programme, INNFA, National Technical Coordinator, January 1989–April 1991
- Child Development Programme, INNFA (coverage: 120,000 children), National Technical Coordinator, 1989–1991
- National Alternative Preschool Education Programme, Adviser

- Nuestros Niños (“our children”) Programme, Consultant, January–December 2002
- Child Rescue Operation, Consultant, April–December 2003
- Institutional consolidation of the National Council for Children and Adolescents, including the approval of its budget and by-laws, as the lead public policy agency in the field
- Consolidation of the Central Authority of Ecuador and its role in the implementation of international instruments
- Building bridges with other agencies within the National System for the Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents: National Council of the Judiciary, National Directorate of Special Police for Children and Adolescents, Ombudsman’s Office, Public Prosecution Service of Ecuador

**Most recent publications in the field:**

- Article entitled “Los grandes aprendizajes y retos del movimiento de defensa de los derechos humanos de la niñez y adolescencia en el Ecuador 1990–2008” (Major lessons learned and challenges for the children’s human rights movement in Ecuador, 1990–2008) which was published in the book entitled “Derechos y garantías de la niñez y adolescencia: Hacia la consolidación de la doctrina de protección integral” (Children’s rights and safeguards: Towards the consolidation of the doctrine of comprehensive protection)
- Derechos Humanos de Niñez y Adolescencia para Docentes. Experiencia en Pichincha (Children’s human rights for teachers. An experience in Pichincha)
- Código de la Niñez y Adolescencia (Code on Children and Adolescents)
- Operations manual for mobile units: training, procedures, technical assistance, financial management, health and nutrition workbook, learn-by-playing workbook, student projects, national preschool education programme

**Peter Guran (Slovakia)**

**Date of birth:** 11 May 1957  
**Nationality:** Slovak  
**Language skills:** English, Italian, German, Russian

**Education**

1976–1980 Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia – Master degree in Sociology  
 1981–1983 Comenius University, Department of Sociology, Bratislava, Slovakia – PhD (Philosophiae Doctor)  
 2002–2009 Comenius University, Department of Politology, Bratislava, Slovakia – PhD

**Professional experience record**

1983–1989 Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Member of a research team for family policy (family policy issues: family life, family problems, divorces, social and regional differences, modern and traditional families in relation with social structure, regions)

1990–1994 Institute of Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Deputy Director (research on family structure, children, intergenerational problems in a family)

1994–1999 Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Deputy Director (coordination of research: UN Project “Possibilities and barriers of family in contemporary Europe” – supported by Family Unit, New York, family policy in countries in transition, women in politics)

1999–2005 Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Director General of the Family Policy Division (coordination of issues: State family policy, child protection, gender equality, anti-discrimination)

2005–2011 Slovak National Centre for Human Rights Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Head of Monitoring and Research Department (2005–2008)  
 Head of International Relations and Children Rights Department (since April 2008) Coordination: monitoring activities on human rights, especially children rights, empirical research on human rights, child advocacy, international projects coordination

Since 2008: Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child United Nations Organization, Geneva

Family mediator, Mediation Centre Respekt Bratislava, Slovakia

#### **Membership of professional bodies**

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| 1998–2004  | Member of the European Population Committee, Council of Europe Strasbourg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2001–2006  | Member of the Programme Committee of the Community Action Programme to combat discrimination and President of the Anti-discrimination data-collection Working Group (2004–2006), Brussels                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Since 2004 | Associated member of ChildONEurope, Florence (European Network of National Observatories on Childhood) – cooperation in preparing the European comparative studies “Unaccompanied children”, “Violence against children”, Member of the team preparing the study “Post-adoption services”, Member of the team preparing a comparative study for the EU on intercountry adoptions |
| Since 2005 | Observer in the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Since 2007 | Member of the Forum for Children’s Rights of the European Commission, DG Justice and Home Affairs<br><br>Member of “l’Europe de l’Enfance” – Permanent Intergovernmental Group established in the framework of the European Union<br><br>Member of the European Older people’s Platform (AGE), Vice-President of the Anti-discrimination Expert Group                            |

#### **Specific country experience**

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| 2009–2011 | Lithuania (EU project) – leaving care and aftercare for children in institutions |
| 2008–2009 | Italy – child participation                                                      |
| 2007–2010 | Italy – intercountry adoptions                                                   |
| 2005–2006 | Luxembourg – gender equality                                                     |
| 2004–2005 | Luxembourg – gender equality                                                     |
| 1993–1998 | Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic – SOCO project on family life                    |

#### **Other relevant professional experience**

Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for Youth and Children (subsidiary body of the Council of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality)

Member of expert groups and committees of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and Slovak Parliament specialized in the field of human rights and children’s rights

Long-term cooperation with UNICEF Slovakia (co-author of reports, expert statements, active participation at UNICEF meetings and seminars)

Member of administrative boards of Slovak NGOs working in the field of human rights and rights of the child

Active cooperation with Agenzia regionale per le adozioni internazionali (A.R.A.I.), Torino, Italy – preparing and coordination of bilateral projects (e. g. the project of A.R.A.I.

and Bratislava University of Social work of St. Elisabeth “Best interest of the child in judicial procedures” in 2012)

**Key qualifications**

Rights of the child, human rights, equal opportunities policy, anti-discrimination policy, family research, family policy, family mediation

**Publications**

A list of the candidate’s publications can be found in the appendix.

**Olga A. Khazova (Russian Federation)**

Associate Professor

**Languages:** English (fluent), Russian (native)

**Education**

**Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y., USA**

LL.M. degree, May 30, 2004

**Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia**

Doctor of Law Degree (Ph.D. in Law), 1982

**Moscow State Academy of Law (All-Union Law Institute), Moscow, Russia**

Law Degree (J.D. equivalent), 1975

**Professional experience**

Russian leading specialist in Russian and comparative family law.

Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences (Znamenka Str. 10, 119991 Moscow, Russia), 1983–present.

Associate Professor, Senior Research Fellow: conducted scholar research projects on comparative family law, matrimonial property matters, children’s rights, and legal issues in human reproduction; writing scholarly works, analytical reports, legal opinions; providing commentaries on and assessments of draft laws and current legislation; developed and taught course on Family Law; assisted in drafting of the new Russian Family Code (member of the Parliamentary Working Group of the State Duma of RF Federal Assembly, 1994–1995); member of the Working Group of RF Ministry of Health and Social Development on Legal Acts on Assisted Reproduction (2004–2005).

The EU and RF joint cooperation (TACIS) Project “Application of the Hague Conventions on the Protection of Rights of Child in the Russian Federation” – Key Senior Expert, 2011–present.

Committee on Women, Family and Youth Matters of the State Duma of RF Federal Assembly – member of Expert Commission, May 2008–present.

Methodological Council at the RF Ministry of Justice – member of the Council, February 2010–present.

Vienna University, Juridical (Law) Faculty – taught a course on Introduction to Russian Law, March 2009.

Law Reform Department (Directorate General on Human Rights and Legal Affairs), Council of Europe (CJ-S-CH) – member of the Group of Specialists on Child-Friendly Justice, 2009 – present (work in progress).

Preparation of a Draft of the European Guidelines for Child-Friendly Justice.

**Committee of Experts on Family Law, CJ-FA-GT1 (Directorate General on Human Rights and Legal Affairs), Council of Europe** – member of the Working Group on Missing Persons, 2007–2009

Preparation of Draft-Recommendations on Principles concerning Missing Persons and the Presumption of Death and Its Explanatory Memorandum.

**American Bar Association Central-East European Law Initiative (ABA CEELI), Moscow office**, September 2004–June 2005

Staff attorney: conducted legal research; planned and designed workshops; developed and edited training materials and manuals; monitored legal developments in specified areas; participated in conferences as an expert and as a moderator.

**Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences**, Faculty of Law, Moscow, Russia (the programmes are validated by the **University of Manchester**, Great Britain), 1999–2002

Reader in Law (equivalent): developed and taught a one-semester course on **Comparative Family Law** to LL.M. students.

**New Humanitarian University, Faculty of Law**, Moscow; **National Institute of Business, Faculty of Law**, Moscow, Russia, 1995–1996

Reader in Law (equivalent): developed and taught a course on Private International Law.

**Independent Legal Consultant/Advisor**, 1996–present

Provided consultations and legal opinions on matrimonial and family matters and on legal issues in human reproduction for governmental and non-governmental bodies, Russian and foreign courts, law firms and private clients. In particular, during the last year I provided legal/expert opinions with regard to the case pending at the London High Court (divorce proceedings in Russia) and with regards to adoption issues and surrogacy arrangements for two Embassies (Western countries) in Moscow. I also spoke at the European Embassies Consular meeting in Moscow (Check Embassy, April 2009) on Cross-Border Child Abduction/Custody Disputes.

**Selected professional activities**

Served as consultant and co-author for Lawyers for Constitutional Rights and Freedoms (JURIX) Foundation, participating in a funded project on protection of an individual against discrimination: developed part of a course on gender equality and sexual equality issues; developed and edited training materials and a textbook/reader for a “discrimination” course; wrote an introductory chapter to a respective part of the textbook/reader.

Served as a consultant/advisor for the Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium (RAROLC); participated in the RAROLC Conferences on juvenile justice, child protection and domestic violence in Boston, USA (April, 2005) and Pskov, Russia (May 2005).

Participated as an expert in the meetings of a Group of Scientific Experts on Medical Liability of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CJ-S-MED), Council of Europe (June 2006) and of the Steering Committee on Bioethics CDBI-CO-GT3, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2000.

Served as a consultant/advisor for the CEDPA/Policy project (USAID), providing consultations on reproductive health/rights matters and training in policy and legislative analysis for regional Russian networks, Moscow, Russia, 2002–2004.

Served as consultant and co-author for the Institute of Law and Public Policy, participating in a funded project on analysis of the standards of the Council of Europe in the field of human rights as applied to RF Constitution: analysis of decisions of European Court of Human Rights and European conventions and other legal documents with regard to marriage and family life issues; writing the parts of the book on family life and children issues, Moscow, 2001–2002.

Served as a consultant/advisor for the Committee on Women, Family and Youth Matters of the State Duma of RF Federal Assembly, providing expert opinions on family law matters,

gender equality problems, reproductive rights issues, and on legal issues in human reproduction, Moscow, Russia, 1996–2006.

Received a Fulbright Scholar Award, worked on a funded project on legal framework of surrogate motherhood at the Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden, CT, USA, 1998–1999. Invited as the British Academy Visiting Scholar in 1993 and 1999, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, London, Great Britain. Received two research grants from the Soros Foundation Open Society Institute (on alternative dispute resolution in family matters and legal issues in human reproduction). Invited as a visiting scholar to the University College of London, Faculty of Laws, Great Britain, 1990 (research project on family mediation).

Served as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the International Journal of Children's Rights, Kluwer Law International, 1998–present.

Presented papers at numerous international meetings, conferences, symposia, and workshops.

Author of Marriage and Divorce in Western Family Law and of numerous articles on family law and human reproduction matters published in Russia and abroad.

#### **Membership of professional bodies**

International Society of Family Law (Executive Council Member)

Association of Lawyers of Russia

Commission on Legal Status of Family at the Russian Union of Lawyers

#### **Selected lectures and panel presentations**

*Presentation* at the Seminar of the Project “Legal Regulation of Family Relations in RF with regard to the Hague Convention on Abduction 1980 and the Hague Convention on Protection of Children's Rights 1996” (Moscow, 12 April 2011);

*Legal issues of cross-border disputes between parents concerning the upbringing of their children* at the Conference on International Family Law and Child's Rights (Helsinki, Finland, 22–23 March 2011);

*Russian Family Law and European Court on Human Rights* at the International Conference of the Information Office of the Council of Europe together with the Law Faculty of Moscow Humanitarian University and Department on human rights of the Institute of State and Law RAS “European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms: Results and Perspectives” (Moscow, 20–21 October 2010);

*Russian Matrimonial Law* – The British-Russian Law Association & Withers LLP Seminar on Matrimonial Law in England and Wales and Russia (17 June 2010, London, UK);

*Making National Adoption Easier – the View from Russia* – Joint Council of Europe and European Commission Conference “Challenges in Adoption Procedures in Europe: Ensuring the Best Interests of the Child” (30 November–1 December 2009, Strasbourg, France);

*Cross-Border Child Abduction/Custody Disputes* – European Embassies Consular meeting (Moscow, Check Embassy, 21 April 2009);

*Prospects of International Family Mediation in Russia* – 7th European Conference on Family Law “International Family Mediation” (Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 16 March 2009);

*Property, Maintenance, and Post-Soviet European Family Law* – 13th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law “Family and Finances” (Vienna, 16–20 September 2008);

*Russia and the Baltics: Overview of Recent Changes in Family Law* – A Conference on the Baltics, Russia and Sweden “Family, Marriage and Parenthood” (Stockholm, Sweden, 11–12 September);

*Post-Soviet European Family Law: Some Trends* – interdisciplinary Conference “Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change” (Sussex Law School, University of Sussex, UK, 10–12 July 2008);

*Non-marital relations in the European Post-Soviet Countries: Overview of Legal Regulation* – Colloquium “La séparation des couples non mariés” (Lyon University, France, 28 March 2008);

*Legal Framework for Adoption: Putting Children’s Interests First*, International Workshop “Legal Framework of international adoption in the countries – members of the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation” organized by the Legal Department of the Administration of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (RF Parliament) and Council of Europe, Moscow, Russia, October 2006;

*Family Law in the Former Soviet Union: More Differences or More in Common*, International Conference “Convergence and Divergence of Family Law in Europe”, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 2006;

*Russian Family Code and Legal Issues in Assisted Reproduction*, RF State Duma Parliamentary Hearings – Conference “10 Years of RF Family Code”, Moscow, 5–6 December 2005;

*Child Protection by Means of Mandatory Interventions in Russian Family Law*, 100 Years of Child Protection: a National and International Perspective, Amsterdam, November 2005;

*Protection of Children’s Rights and European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms*, Seminar of “Memorial” and the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC), Moscow-Golitsyno, September 2005;

*Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities after Separation and Divorce under Russian Law*, 12th World ISFL Conference “Family Law – Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities”, Utah, USA, July 2005;

*Russian Child Welfare Law*, Fourth Annual Russian Law Educational Seminar of Russian American Rule of Law Consortium (RAROLC), Boston, USA, March 2005;

*Russian Family Code and Legal Issues in Assisted Reproduction*, RF State Duma Parliamentary Hearings – Conference “10 Years of RF Family Code”, Moscow, December 2005.

### **Publications**

A list of the candidate’s publications can be found in the appendix.

**Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 22 May 1980, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Working languages:** English, Amharic

**Current position/function**

Research Fellow, Community Law Centre, Children's Rights Project, and Lecturer on a part-time basis at the post-graduate level at the Faculty of Law, University of Western Cape  
Assistant Professor (part-time), Addis Ababa University (lecturing child rights, among other courses)

Vice-Chairperson (2nd) of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (also responsible for the theme "violence against children"); and consult/advise on an ad hoc basis

**Main professional activities**

Mr. Mezmur lectures and supervises post-graduate students in modules such as children's rights, human rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities; serves as a guest lecturer in a number of universities such as University of Pretoria, University of Antwerp/Ghent, Tilburg University on child rights related issues; and undertakes many academic activities such as conducting research projects, and serving in fellowships (served at Utrecht University, University of Groningen, and Abo Akademi).

As a Vice-Chairperson (2nd) of the African Committee, Mezmur undertakes work on State party Reports, Communications/Individual complaints, general comments, investigative missions; takes part in providing training, and advocacy efforts for children's rights in collaboration with CSOs; etc.

Mr. Mezmur has been involved/contributed to law/policy reform efforts in some countries; done work to research, advise, and/or train on children's rights issues for governments, and organizations such as UNICEF, the SRSG VAC, Hague Conference on Private International Law, African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), Plan International, Save the Children, Sexual Rights Initiative, and World Vision.

**Educational background**

Doctorate in Law (LLD), University of Western Cape (thesis on child rights in intercountry adoption).

Masters in Law (LLM) in Human Rights and Democratization (CHR), University of Pretoria, South Africa; Postgraduate Diploma in international protection of human rights, Abo Akademi, Finland.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; and Certificates in mental disability law (CEU, Budapest); development law; international criminal and humanitarian law; ESC rights; etc.

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

While Mr. Mezmur's main professional activities mentioned above are directly relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned, he has also taken part in the negotiations to draft and adopt the 3rd Optional Protocol of the CRC; participated (since 2007) in the contribution of submissions to the CRC Committee in its Days of General Discussion; and made submissions to the Human Rights Council, and participated in its Day of the Rights of the Child; served as a panellist in a side event during the UNHCR Executive Committee Session (2011), etc. Formerly Mezmur was a Legal Officer (2003–2005) at the African

Child Policy Forum (ACPF), and continues to be a research associate with the organization. Mr. Mezmur also serves/served in Expert Groups/Meetings/Advisory Councils/Task Forces such as on juvenile justice (UNODC); financial aspects of intercountry adoption (HCCH); harmful practices (SRSG VAC); Way Forward Project (CCAI); on violence against children (ACPF); and on education. Mr. Mezmur serves in child rights organizations' boards (for instance, in "Beyond the Orphanage"); is a member of ANPPCAN, the Africa Wide Movement for Children, etc. Mr. Mezmur has also been invited as a speaker in many international and regional conferences/workshops.

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

Mr. Mezmur has more than 50 published academic and lay publications/reports/ etc on child rights in the last seven years including:

- (1) **"Madonna, Mercy, Malawi, and international children's rights law in adoption"** (2012) 20 *International Journal of Children's Rights*;
- (2) **"Corporal punishment and the African Children's Charter"** (2012) (Save the Children);
- (3) **"Listen to us': Arguing for child participation in NEPAD"** (2009) 17 *AJICL*\*;
- (4) **"The right to education in Africa: Taking stock"** (Chapter in book) (2009)\*;
- (5) **"Children at both ends of the gun: Child soldiers in Africa"** (Chapter in book) (2008);
- (6) **"From Angelina (to Madonna) to Zoe's Ark: What are the 'A-Z' lessons for intercountry adoptions in Africa"** (2009) 23 *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family*;
- (7) **"2 + 2 = 5? Exploring the domestication of the CRC in the South African courts (2002–2006)"** (2008) 16 *IJCR*\*

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**Yasmeen Muhamad Shariff (Malaysia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 13 August 1957/Selangor

**Working languages:** English, Bahasa Malaysia, Fair Command of Punjabi and Urdu

**Current position/function**

Advocate and Solicitor, Principal and managing partner of law offices of Yasmeen Hajar and Hairudin; Council member of Malaysian Bar; Council Member of National Advisory and Consultative Council on Children; Council member of National Coordinating Council for the Protection of Children; National Women's Advisory Council member, Member of the Bar Council's Human Rights Committee; Executive Council member of the Malaysian Council for Child Welfare.

**Main professional activities**

Managing law office; interviewing clients; drafting cause papers; attending court and litigating cases in the area of Family law (maintenance, custody, guardianship, access) as well as other areas; attending to NGO work in the area of women and children; conducting training on the UNCRC for NGOs, students, teachers, schools and government personnel; working on improving the Juvenile Justice system by introducing alternatives to custody; conducting Legal Aid clinics for children in conflict with the law at prisons and remand centres; reviewing the Child Act 2001, Domestic Violence Act 1996, Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 and other legislation which is discriminatory to women and children; lobbying for amendments and better laws; conducting general advocacy work on women and children's issues; empowering women and children and defending the rights of children.

**Educational background**

LLB (Hons), University of Buckingham, UK 1985; Masters In Comparative Law, International Islamic University, Malaysia, 1992; Mediation Course, University of Florida, USA in 2000 and 2007; Post Degree Executive Diploma in Islamic Law (Islamic Banking and Finance) 2009; two Post Degree Diploma's in Islamic law; Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights 2009–2010, completed eight modules (pending finalization of thesis).

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

**Working with Malaysian Women Lawyer's Collective:** Reviewing of the Child Act 200; providing legal aid for children in conflict with the law and lobbying for change to the Juvenile Justice system by introducing alternatives such as diversion and restorative justice to the current Juvenile Justice System; presenting papers on children's issues; rescued kidnapped children and secured their safe return. **Working with Association of Women Lawyers:** Reviewing laws that were discriminatory towards women and children; initiated the child friendly court process for the Children's Court; actively involved in the Collaborative Action Towards the Preparation of Children for Court Proceedings; trained volunteers for the Vulnerable Witness Programme; lobbied the government to remove and relocate juveniles from prisons to government run homes; presented papers on Children and Child Rights to various different groups; drafted and lobbied for the Domestic Violence Act with the government; introduced the UNCRC to children; trained and still training children on the UNCRC. **Working with the National Council of Child Welfare:** Making cities child friendly and safe and creating awareness on Trafficking of Children; promoting the UNCRC; working with children with disabilities. **Working with Malaysian Children's Aid Society:** Providing monthly financial and medical assistance to children. **Working with the Malaysian Government:** Advising the government on children's policies and assisting in the plan of action for children.

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

Article on Child and Family: A Children's Rights Approach; Manual on Establishing a Child Friendly Court Process; Comments on article "A global Journal of Child Research - Special Issue: Childhood Rights in International Development"; Book review entitled "Child's competence: Special reference to Education and Welfare"; Training Booklet on Women and the law, know your rights; Manual for Court Advisors for Children's Court; numerous articles on Domestic Violence, the Role of the Shariah Family Support Unit, role of the Shariah Lawyers, Children's Rights in Islam and custody of children in both civil and sharia law.

**Wanderlino Nogueira Neto (Brazil)**

**Place and date of birth:** 21/03/1945, Ciudad de Salvador, State of Bahia, Brazil

**Working languages:** Spanish

**Current position/function**

- Member of the thematic group responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – Brazilian Section of Defence for Children International (DCI), National Association of Child and Youth Protection Centres (ANCED), São Paulo, Brazil (NGO)
- Special consultant for a number of public agencies and bodies

**Main professional activities**

- State Attorney (retired) of the Public Legal Service of the State of Bahia
- State Attorney General of the State of Bahia
- Director-General of the Court of Justice of the State of Bahia
- Secretary-General of the Public Legal Service of the State of Bahia
- Secretary of the Judicial Administrative Department of the State of Bahia
- Legal Adviser to the Chief Justice of the Court of Justice of the State of Bahia
- Professor of international public law at the Universidad Federal de Bahia
- State Attorney of the Civil Chamber of the Court of Justice of Bahia
- District Attorney of the First People's Court of the Region of Salvador, Bahia
- District Attorney of the Court of the Exchequer of the Region of Salvador, Bahia
- District Attorney of the Consolidated Courts of the Rio de Contas, Caravelas, Serrinha and Cachoeira Regions, Bahia

**Academic degrees**

- Bachelarelado at law – Universidad Federal de Bahia
- Mestria in economic law – Universidad Federal de Bahia
- Postgraduate degree in juvenile justice – Universidad de Maccerrata, Marche, Italy
- Internship at the Judicial Youth Protection Training and Research Centre, Ministry of Justice, Vaucresson I Paris, France

**Other main activities in the field**

- National Secretary for the Children's and Adolescents' Defence Forum (FORUM DCA), Brasilia, 1993
- Special Consultant to the offices of the UNICEF Representative in Brasilia, Brazil; Cidade de Praia, Cape Verde; Luanda, Angola; and Asunción, Paraguay; 1996/1999
- Human Rights Consultant to UNESCO, Brasilia, Brazil
- Member of the delegation of the civil society coalition that prepared the alternative report for Brazil and submitted that report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva in June 2004

- Coordinator of the 19 seminars on juvenile justice sponsored by the Brazilian Association of Magistrates, District Attorneys and Public Defenders of the Juvenile Justice System in 2008–2009. These seminars, which were held throughout Brazil, focused on the subject of socio-educational services for adolescents in conflict with the law as viewed from a human rights perspective within the framework of the National Socio-Educational Services System (SINASE)

**Most recent publications in the field**

1. Direitos Humanos Geracionais (Generational human rights). 2004. SEDH-CEDA/CEARÁ. Fortaleza.
2. Guia Metodológico para Implementação de Conselhos Tutelares (Methodological manual on the establishment of guardianship boards). 2003. SEDH-CEDA/CEARÁ. Fortaleza.
3. Ciranda dos Direitos (A “ciranda” [a dance in Brazil] of rights). 2002. SEDH-CEDA/CEARÁ. Fortaleza.
4. Guia Estratégico para elaboração de Planos de Erradicação de Trabalho Infantil (Strategic manual on the development of plans for eradicating child labour). 2007. ILO and the Fórum PETI. Brasília.
5. Sistema de Garantia de Direitos (A system of safeguards for the protection of human rights). Revista Serviço Social e Sociedade. vol. 83. 2006. São Paulo. Cortes.
6. Sistema de Garantia de Direitos (A system of safeguards for the protection of human rights). 1999. Inter-American Development Bank – IBRD & CENDHEC/PE. Recife.
7. O novo Ministério Público na Constituição de 1988 (The new Public Legal Service in the 1988 Constitution). Empresa Gráfica da Bahia and UNBA. 1987. Salvador.
8. Conselho paritários deliberativos numa visão gramsciana do Estado (Parity-focused deliberations based on a Gramscian view of the State). 1989. PUC-RS. Porto Alegre.

**Maria Rita Parsi (Italy)****Date and place of birth:** 5 August 1947**Working languages:** English, Spanish**Current position/function**

- Educational Psychologist
- Psychotherapist
- University Teacher and Director
- Court appointed expert
- Author of books for adults and children

**Main professional activities**

- Inventor, teacher and therapist of the psychological methodology defined “Psycho-animation”
- Head of the Psychology Faculty at the online University e-Campus (since 2011)
- Chairperson of the Region of Lazio’s Permanent Observatory on the family (since 2011)
- On the register as expert witnesses at the civil court of Rome
- Registered journalist
- Registered professional psychologist and psychotherapist (since 1990)

**Professional background**

- Jungian-oriented analytical supervision under Prof. Francesca Morino Abbele (1992–2009)
- Analytical supervision and neo-Freudian analysis with Prof. Fabrizio Di Giulio (1989–1992)
- Course of Endocrine Sexology Taught by Prof. Jole Baldaro Verde (1988–1989)
- Riza Institute of psychosomatic medicine: training in Psychosomatic-oriented psychotherapist (1980–1984)
- Hospital Training Course (“Scuola Medica Ospedaliera”) run in Rome by the Region of Lazio, 1980–1982
- Specialization courses in Dynamic Psychotherapy and Bio-energetic Analysis

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

- Documentaries Author (field: child and families psychopathology background)
- Paedophilia expert therapist and therapy teacher
- Professor – Lecturer in Developmental and Educational Psychology
- Professor – Lecture in “Adolescent psychology-paediatric Department Florence University (Fi-Italy)
- Teacher at the course in Investigative Psychology and Psychopathology in criminal behaviour – Crotona University (Kr-Italy)

- Professor – Lecture on “Interpersonal communications” at “Roma3” University of Rome
- Children Literature Author
- Professor – Lecturer for the course on General and specialist paediatrics in Neonatology and Neonatal intensive care (Paediatrics Department University of Florence (FI-Italy))
- Professor – Lecturer on Literature for childhood, Calabria University (Italy)

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

- “Little girl’s exercise books” (Mondadori, 1990)
- “Hands off the children” (Mondadori, 1998)
- “Monster’s heart” (Mondadori, 2002)
- “The creative mind: Animating the anima-humanistic models of Psychotherapy – with Francesca Morino Abbele (Franco Angeli, 2006)
- “The Ungrateful – The resentment syndrome in people who are helped” (Mondadori, February 2011)

## **Awich Pollar (Uganda)**

**Date/Place of birth:** 08/10/1970 – Uganda

**Working language:** English

### **Current position**

- An incumbent member of the United Nations committee of experts (Geneva)
- Focal point coordinator/expert, writing a general comment on the child rights to play (UN Committee on the Rights of the Child)
- A member on the expert team writing the rules of procedure for complaints procedures under the third optional protocol (UN Committee on the Rights of the Child)
- A member of the global science for peace
- A member of the East African Professionals for the rights of the child
- A member of the focal group which liaises the UN CRC experts and the African committee of experts on the rights and welfare of the child
- Legal adviser to Government on matters of child rights

### **Main professional activities**

- Practising law, defending children and family rights
- Offering legal advice to Government
- Taking up litigation in areas of juvenile justice
- Running child rights civil society organization (ANPPACN)
- Lecturing at Universities in child rights

### **Education background**

- Bachelor of laws – Makerere University – 1999
- Certificate in parliamentary legal procedures and draftsmanship
- Diploma in HIV/AIDS counselling
- Was out of school, became a child soldier and was later rehabilitated through formal education from primary, secondary, high school up to joining/graduating from university with Bachelors in law

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

- Director of African network for the prevention and protection against child abuse and neglect (ANPPCAN)
- Researching with other NGOs on child rights
- Helping in the resettlement of the rescued children who were abducted by rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)
- As a former child soldier carrying out advocacy against the involvement of children in the armed conflict
- Offering of lecturers/tutorials to higher institutions on child rights
- Training of counsellors for traumatized children

- Advocacy for the compliance to the UN optional protocol on armed conflict
- Key speaker to children rights organization in Netherlands, Germany and Austria
- Actively involved in the UN study on violence against children Johannesburg, Eastern and Southern African Conclusion

**List of publications in the field**

- A critique on the juvenile justice system in Uganda
- Defilement as a form of abuse against children in Africa. Conflict of norms and culture with municipal and international laws
- A simplified guide to the convention to the rights of a child
- The human rights of prisoners – special look at children in conflict with the law

## **Edward Bandawe Twea (Malawi)**

**Date and place of birth:** 9 April 1956, Nkhata Bay, Malawi

**Working language:** English

### **Current position/function**

Justice Appeal, Malawi Supreme Court of Appeal

Chairman: Board of Visitors

Chairman: National Child Justice Forum

### **Main professional activities**

I sit on civil, criminal and constitutional appeal cases as a member of the final appellate Court. I confirm all courts decisions in respect of children. I am actively involved in Child Justice Training within the public and private sectors including NGOs. I also chaired the Special Task Force on the review of the constitution in respect of child rights.

### **Educational background**

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) University of Malawi

Master of Laws (LLM) University of Hull (UK)

Certificates: Judicial Administration: (RIPA) (UK)

Advance Judicial Trainer: (CJEI) Halifax, Canada and Comparative Law:  
(IDLI) Rome

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

Been a regular presenter at the Annual Family Law Conference, Cape Town, South Africa. I have been involved in Child Justice orientation in Rwanda under the auspices of ABA (Africa Division), and Nepal under the auspices of DANIDA. Under the National Child Justice Forum, we continue to improve the child justice and protection systems in Malawi by introducing child friendly services. I am also involved in the NGOs review of “concluding observations” of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

### **Papers presented**

- The Role of Courts in Promoting Good Practice in International Adoptions, February, 2012
- Emerging Family Law Issues (in Malawi) and how they will impact on children: March, 2009, Cape Town, South Africa
- Child Rights and Their Importance: June, 2012

## **Kamla Devi Varmah (Mauritius)**

**Date and place of birth:** 14 March 1960, Mauritius

**Working languages:** English and French

### **Current position/function**

Attorney at law (Bachelor in law).

Part-time legal adviser for the Municipal Council of Curepipe; The State Trading Corporation (A Para-Statal Body working on Trade and Commerce); Mauritius Telecoms Ltd (The National Telecommunication Company Ltd).

Member of the Environment Appeal Tribunal.

Member of the Human Rights Committee at the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS).

Member of the United Nations on the Committee of the Convention on the Rights of the Child since 2009.

Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child since May 2011.

### **Main professional activities**

- As Attorney attending to cases at the level of the Supreme Court and other lower courts in Mauritius
- Sitting as Member of The Environment Appeal Tribunal during sessions

### **Educational background**

Bachelor in law (LLB) – University of Mauritius.

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

- In September 2006, attended an International Conference on Preventing, Combating and Trafficking in Women and Children in Commercial Sexual Exploitation in New Delhi, India
- In November 2008, attended the Third World Congress of ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) in Brazil
- Member of the Human Rights Committee at the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS), an NGO dedicated to social services and sustainable social development

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

A Child Friendly Version of the various articles on the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the National Children's Council (in French).

**Renate Winter (Austria)**

**Date and place of birth:** 8 March 1944, Vienna

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

**Current position/function**

Member of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court of Sierra Leone (appointed by the UN Secretary-General in June 2002). Elected President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2008 to 2010.

**Main professional activities:**

Since June 2002 Judge to the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

2000–2002: International Judge with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) at the Mitrovica Regional District Court and Justice at the Supreme Court of Kosovo

1996–2000: UN Centre for International Crime Prevention, Vienna, expert consultant on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on four continents

1981–1996 Judge at the Vienna Youth Court

**Educational background**

The candidate holds a Law Degree as well as a Master Degree in Interpretation from the University of Vienna.

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

Throughout her career, Justice Winter has worked for child-friendly juvenile justice and the protection of children. She has worked with State parties from diverse legal cultures on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As an international judge in post-conflict situations, Justice Winter acquired first-hand experience in tackling challenges in the protection of women and children, including the rehabilitation and reintegration of children affected by armed conflict.

Renate Winter has contributed to a number of United Nations draft model laws and manuals in the area of juvenile justice. She has long-standing expertise in the prevention of child abuse and the protection of children against organized crime, including trafficking.

- Founding member of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant – IDE)
- Contributor to the Draft Model Law on Juvenile Justice, the UN Manual on Juvenile Justice, and the Draft Model Law on Child Victims & Witness Protection
- Rapporteur of the Council of Europe on Family Mediation
- Chair of the Scientific Committee for European Master Studies in Mediation
- Cross-regional field experience in juvenile justice projects

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

- Children as victims and witnesses – a question of law and of rights, 2009
- Les Droits de l'Enfant: Douze récits pour ne pas s'endormir, 2004

- Bringing medical evidence of torture to international tribunals, in: Shedding light on a dark practice, 2009
- Der Special Court for Sierra Leone. Ein Erfahrungsbericht, in: Vom Recht der Macht zur Macht des Rechts, 2006

**Hariguetta Congo/Zongo (Burkina Faso)**

**Date and place of birth:** 17 September 1961 at Tanghin-Dassouri, Burkina Faso

**Working language:** French

**Current position/function**

Administrator of Social Affairs

Permanent Secretary of the National Council for the Survival, Protection and Development of Children

Instructor in children's rights and actions for combating trafficking in children

Independent consultant on children's rights

**Main professional activities**

- Organization of the sessions of the National Council for the Survival, Protection and Development of Children
- Centralization and dissemination of information on the situation of children in the country
- Development of programmes and preparation of annual activities and follow-up reports on the National Plan of Action for Children, 2010–2012
- Organization of coordination meetings on the promotion and protection of children
- Preparation of reports on the implementation of the conventions on children's rights ratified by Burkina Faso
- Organization and implementation of training activities and lectures on children's rights

**Educational background**

1999–2002: Collège Coopératif Alpes Méditerranée – France: Diplôme Supérieur en Travail Social International

1981–1984: Université d'Abidjan: Institut de Formation Sociale: Diplôme d'Etat des Assistants Sociaux (D.E.A.S.)

1981: Baccalauréat série D

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

- Preparation of reports on the "A World Fit for Children" Plan of Action and on the "An Africa Fit for Children" Platform
- Organization of workshops on the preparation of reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Committee's recommendations
- Preparation of periodic reports for the Committee on the Rights of the Child and participation in their presentation
- Preparation of supplementary replies to questions posed by the Committee
- Coordination of the preparation of reports under the various optional protocols; development and dissemination of materials on children's rights in French and national languages
- Participation in the development of the ECOWAS policy on child development

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

- Training curriculum on actions for combating trafficking and other worst forms of child labour (in cooperation with two other trainers), 2006
- Preparation of a methodological manual on the incorporation of children's rights into German cooperation programmes, 2010
- A study on issues relating to child welfare planning and budgeting in Burkina Faso: analysis of the progress made, the main outcomes and constraints on the implementation of children's rights, June 2010

## Appendix

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### Additional information on publications of candidates

#### Peter Guran (Slovakia)

##### Books

- Guráň, P. – Filadelfiová, J.: People, Life and the Family. YFSF. Bratislava, 1995 (Slovak/English)
- Guráň, P. – Filadelfiová, J., – Ritomský, A.: Atlas of Communities in Slovakia according the Family and Demographic Characteristics. Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies, Bratislava, 1997 (Slovak/English)
- Filadelfiová, J. – Guráň, P.: Demographic Trends and Family in European Postcommunitic countries. Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies. Bratislava, 1997 (Slovak/English)
- Filadelfiová, J. – Guráň, P.: (ed): Rodina a dedina. Esprima. Bratislava, 1998 (Slovak)
- Guráň, P. – Šebová, N.: Intercountry Adoptions. Experiences and knowledge gained from intercountry adoptions of children from Slovakia to other countries. Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. 2007 (Slovak/English)
- Guráň, P. – Rusňáková, E.: Children of foreigners living in Slovakia. Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. 2007 (Slovak)
- Guráň, P. (ed): Report on the current state of observance of children's rights in the Slovak Republic. Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. Bratislava 2009 (Slovak/English)
- International adoption in the European Union, European Parliament, Policy Department C, Brussels, 2009

##### Chapters in books

1. Divorces as a Social Problem. In: Aktuálne problémy sociológie rodiny. Veda. Bratislava, 1988 (Slovak).
2. Territorial Differentiation of Divorce Rates in Slovakia. In: Sňatečnosť a rodina (Z. Pavlík) Akademie. Praha, 1992 (Czech).
3. Contemporary Family – Problems and Paradoxes, Elderly People (2 Chapters). In: The UN and the Family. Bratislava International Centre for family studies. Bratislava, 1995 (Slovak/English).
4. Familie und Lebensverhältnisse in der Slowakei. In.: Lebensverhältnisse in Osteuropa (W. Glatzer (Hg)) Campus Verlag. Frankfurt/New York, 1996 (German).
5. Demografický vývoj (Demographic Development). In.: Slovensko 1996. M. Bútora (ed.) IVO, Bratislava 1997 (Slovak/English).
6. Obyvateľstvo a rodina (Population and Family), In: Slovensko 1997. M. Bútora – T. Skladony (ed.) IVO. Bratislava, 1998 (Slovak).

7. Vidiecka rodina 90. rokov: Hodnoty a stratégie. (Country Family in the 90's), In: Vieme čo odmietame, vieme čo chceme? I. Radičová (ed.) S.P.A.C.E. Bratislava, 1997 (Slovak).
8. Guráň, P. – Poláková, A.: Ľudské práva (Human Rights). In.: Slovensko 2006. Súhrnná správa o spoločnosti. Bútorá, M. – Kollár, M. – Mesežnikov, G. (ed.) IVO. Bratislava, 2007 (Slovak).
9. Guidelines on Post-adoption services. ChildONEurope. Firenze, 2007 (English, Italian, Spain, French).

## Olga A. Khazova (Russian Federation)

### Book

*Marriage and Divorce in Western Family Law. Comparative and Legal Analysis* (in Russian). Moscow. Nauka. 1988. – 171 P;

*The Art of Legal Writing*. M.:YURAIT, 2011.

### Articles and chapters in books:

1. Post-Soviet European Family Law: the Main Novels of Marriage and Divorce Legislation // *State and Law*. 2011. No. 4. Pp. 31–41;
2. Russian Family Law and European Court on Human Rights // *European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms: Results and Perspectives: Proceedings of the International Conference, 20–21 October 2010*. M.: Publishing House of Moscow Humanitarian University, 2010. Pp. 198–203;
3. International Child Abduction: Legal Issues // ‘Zakon’, 2010, No. 1; (in Russian);
4. Parental Custody in Family Law of Western Countries // ‘Zakon’, 2010, No. 2; (in Russian);
5. Family Law on Post-Soviet European Territory: A Comparative Overview of Some Recent Trends // *Electronic Journal of Comparative Law*. Vol. 14.1, May 2010 <<http://www.ejcl.org/141/art141-3.pdf>> (1,3 п.л.);
6. Property, Maintenance, and Post-Soviet European Family Law // *International Family Law* (E. Walsh ed.) 2009. No. 3. Pp. 160–164;
7. Spousal Property Relations and Post-Soviet Family Law // *International Law and Protection of Women’s Rights. 30th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: Past, Present and Future* (Proceedings of the Round Table of the Institute of State and Law, RAS, 5 June 2009) / ed. S.V. Polenina. M.; IGP RAS, 2009;
8. Rodinné právo v bývalém Sovětském svazu: více odlišností nebo více společného? // *Právník. Teoretický časopis pro otázky státu a práva*. 2009. No. 8. P. 846–865 (translation into Czech of ‘Family Law in the Former Soviet Union: More differences or more in common?’ // *Convergence and Divergence of Family Law in Europe*. / ed. by M. Antokolskaia. Publisher Intersentia, Antwerp-Oxford, 2007. Pp. 97–117 (an updated version);
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