



Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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Meeting of States parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Fifteenth meeting

Geneva, 8 October 2015

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In accordance with article 17 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fifteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention is to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 8 October 2015 for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee against Torture from a list of persons nominated by States parties to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2015 (see CAT/SP/15/2).
2. The curricula vitae of the 13 persons whose nominations were received by 16 June 2015 are contained in document CAT/SP/15/2, annex.
3. The curriculum vitae of an additional person, nominated after 16 June 2015, is contained in document CAT/SP/15/2/Add.1, annex.
4. The annex to the present document contains the curriculum vitae of one additional person who was nominated by Tunisia on 21 September 2015.



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Date and place of birth: 18 January 1965, Sfax, Tunisia

Working languages: Arabic (mother tongue), French (fluent), English (working knowledge), Spanish (reading)

Current position/function

Consultant for the international NGO “Association for the Prevention of Torture” (APT), providing advice, support and follow-up to the process of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and implementation of the national preventive mechanism (NPM) in Tunisia.

Permanent Representative of the Arab Commission for Human Rights (ACHR) (a regional NGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council) to the United Nations Office at Geneva, in particular the Human Rights Council.

Founder and Honorary President, ALMAJD Foundation for Strategic Studies, think tank, Tunisia.

Main professional activities

Project manager, scientific and technical translation, Paris.

Project manager, research & development, biotechnology, Compiègne, France.

Translator-reviser, scientific and technical literature, French-Arabic, Paris.

Journalist, editor and presenter of television programmes on human rights, Paris-Diaspora.

Part-time lecturer, teaching theoretical and practical courses in applied biochemistry, France.

Educational background

2000-2002: Masters, Humanitarian Action, University of Geneva.

1999: Certificate in research and technology evaluation and forecasting, National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (CNAM), Paris.

1998: Certificate in the application of biological and medical research, University of Paris.

1993-1997: Research diploma in molecular and cellular biology, (*École Pratique des Hautes Études* (EPHE), Paris, and Compiègne University of Technology (UTC)).

1987-1991: Preparation of diploma in food technology, (National School of Nutrition and Food Technology (ENNTA), Tunis).

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Advice and training on human rights protection mechanisms; target audience: human rights defenders, journalists and civil society organizations in the Arab world.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Technical assistance to States in the Arab region, under the auspices of the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

Follow-up of periodic reports submitted to the treaty bodies by Middle Eastern and North African States.

Follow-up of individual complaints to the Committee against Torture.

Referral of cases to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for violation of the right to education as a form of post-prison punishment.

Criminal proceedings for torture under universal jurisdiction and awareness-raising concerning impunity.

Coordination of civil society involvement in international conferences and drafting of final declarations.

Founding member and Secretary-General (in exile) of the *Association tunisienne des victimes de la torture* (Tunisian Association of Victims of Torture).

Founding member of the Association for Research and Technology Strategy, Forecasting and Evaluation.

Leading member of the *Alliance démocratique des maghrébins* (Democratic Alliance of North Africans).

List of most recent publications in the field

Hundreds of awareness-raising and educational articles dealing in particular with torture prevention; the fight against impunity; integrity and human dignity; international, regional and thematic protection mechanisms; and diversity and its contribution to the universality of human rights.
