Annex II

**Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies**

**Name and first name:** (dr.) IZSÁK-NDIAYE Rita

**Date and place of birth:** 7 August 1980

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function:** United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues

**Main professional activities**:[[1]](#footnote-1)

During my mandate as a Special Rapporteur, I produced annual thematic reports to the Human Rights Council and General Assembly. I visited eight Member States officially and two countries non-officially. I submitted over 200 communication letters to Member States concerning minority rights violations. I guided the work of the Forum on Minority Issues during 2011-2016, designed its programme of work, prepared the concept notes and draft recommendations, and identified the speakers. I prepared and/or commissioned additional reports, such as research on minority-related recommendations of the UPR process and on the linguistic rights of minorities. I held numerous public speeches and lectures at various universities and conferences.

**Educational background**:

Masters in Law (Péter Pázmány Catholic University)

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

I have been working on racial discrimination and minority rights since my university years. I spent 5 years with the European Roma Rights Center in Budapest where my tasks included desk and field research, preparation of amicus curiae briefs, monitoring of ongoing legal cases and prepare thematic reports. In Somalia, I have been working with a local NGO, the Somaliland National Youth Organization as a Human Rights Officer and I taught law at the Hargeisa University. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, I was a Human Rights Officer in the Srebrenica Field Office of the OSCE where my tasks included the monitoring of all human rights-related violations and ongoing programmes in the context of OSCE’s human dimension work. I had consultancy contracts, including with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Association of Women’s in Development, the Roma Education Fund, and the Centre for European Studies. During 2010-2011, I was a Chief of Staff of the Social Integration Department within the Ministry of Justice and Administration and also held the position of President and CEO of the Budapest-based Tom Lantos Institute.

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

My latest researches and thematic reports focused on the following topics: Minorities in situations of humanitarian crises; Caste-based discrimination; Minorities and criminal justice systems; Hate speech and incitement to hatred against minorities in the media; Violence and atrocity crimes targeted against minorities; Minorities in the SDGs; Rights of religious minorities; Linguistic minority rights. I produced comprehensive minority rights assessment reports of the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nigeria, Cameroon, Ukraine, Brazil, Iraq, R. of Moldova, Sri Lanka.

1. It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination requires participation in three annual sessions (April/May and November/December of three weeks and August of four weeks duration). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)