**Annex II**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)**

**Family name and first name:** PYANEANDEE Coomaravel

**Date and place of birth:** 22 June 1968; Mauritius

**Place of residence:** Mauritius

**Nationality:** Mauritian

**Email address:** pcoomara@gmail.com

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

**Current position/function:**

**(Five lines maximum)**

Vice-Chairpersons CRPD Committee

Barrister-at-law

**Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:**

**(Ten lines maximum)**

Assisting States in the implementation of Article 33 CRPD in the monitoring and implementation of the all the provisions of the Convention at the domestic level.

Field of private practice as a lawyer which covers both the violation of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights of persons with disabilities.

Chairman of the Lois Lagesse Trust Fund (the Mauritian National Agency that caters for the welfare of visually-impaired persons) (2011-2014).

Part-time Advisor to the Minister of Social Security (Mauritius) (2006-2014).

General Manager of Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board (Mauritius) (1997-2001).

**Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities**

**(Five lines maximum)**

1999: Qualified as Barrister by the Council of Legal Education

(Mauritius)

1995: LLM in Public Law from Queen Mary and Westfield College,  
(University of London)

1993: LLB University of London, External Degree

**Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.**

**(Three lines maximum)**

I identify myself as a person with disability insofar as I have a visual impairment. I use braille technology to communicate to the outside world. However, I do not suffer from a visual impairment but rather from discrimination; as is the case for most disabled persons.

**Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities**

**Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.**

**(Five lines maximum)**

An Active member of the Working Group on Follow-up to Views and Communications;

Chairperson of the Working Group on Reprisals;

Director of Inquiry on the alleged serious, grave or systematic violations of the right to inclusive education in a European State; and

Country Rapporteur of Luxembourg, Seychelles, Haiti, Malta, Algeria, Senegal and Tunisia.

**List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:**

**(Five lines maximum)**

*International Disability Law: A Practical Approach to the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (Routledge, forthcoming 2018)

*The Government of Mauritius National Policy Paper and Action Plan: Valuing People with Disabilities* (2007)

*Employment Guide on Benefits for Business: Why and How to Employ People with Disabilities in Mauritius* (1997)