**Annex III**

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form, i.e. 38 lines maximum)**

Name and first name: Mari Amos

Date and place of birth: 27.02.1977, Tallinn (Estonia)

Working languages: Estonian, English, Finnish (some level of German and Russian)

Professional background: I am lawyer by training, having completed my first master’s in European Affairs (European Union law). In addition I have completed studies at master level in the medical faculty being specialized on public mental health issues.

 I have been public official since 2005 working in the Office of the Estonian Chancellor of Justice as well as in the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Current position/function: Maternity leave until January 2015

Main professional activities:

In the course of my work I have concentrated on health-related issues. I have been undertaking tasks on the level of coordination national policies, implementing European legislation as well as providing supervision regarding protection of basic human rights in the field of health.

Additionally I have been dealing actively with building up Estonian National Preventive Mechanism under the UN OPCAT instrument. Within the framework of NPM I have carried out numerous inspections to health establishments like psychiatric hospitals and centres for infectious diseases where people are kept against their will. I have participated as specialist on basic right to health also in inspections to prisons, expulsion centres etc.

In the field of prevention I have given lectures to the personnel of the places of detention as well as published several articles in media.

Educational background: 1995-1999 Institute of Law, Tallinn, Estonia – BA (Law)

2002-2003 Lund University, Lund, Sweden – MA (European Affairs)

2007-2009 University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia – MPH (Public Health with the specialization on mental health)

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

Since 2010 I am member of the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture. In the committee I am the head of the European Regional Team as well as contact point for Europe. Additionally I participate in the work of the medical working group, as well as in the working group responsible for reviewing SPT NPM self assessment tool.

Previously I have participated also in the work of several other working groups, having drafted for example SPT policy regarding the relations with NPMs.

In my capacity as the member of SPT as well as a recognized expert on the field of prevention of torture I have participated as speaker or trainer in various events in different OPCAT state parties and regions.

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