**Biographical data form of candidates to Committee against torture**

**Name and first name : HANI Abdelwahab**

Human Rights Defender

**Place and date of birth :** 18th January 1965, Sfax - TUNISIA

**Working languages:** Arabic (native) - French (excellent) - English (practical) - Spanish (reading)

**Current position and duties :**

-Consultant, « *Association for the Prevention of torture* » (APT), International NGO, adviser, support and monitoring of the process of the ratification OPCACT and the implementation of MNP, Tunisia ;

-Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, specially the UN Human Rights Council, of the « Arab Commission for Human Rights », a regional NGO in a consultative status with ECOSOC;

-Founder and Honorary President « *ALMAJD Foundation for Strategic Studies*», Think Tank, Tunisia;

**Main professional activities :**

Project-Manager, Translation, Scientific and Technical Translation, Paris

Project-Manager, Research & Development, Biotechnology, Compiègne, France

Translator-Reviser, Scientific and Technical literature, french-arabic, Paris

Journalist, Editor, Producer TV programs dedicated to Human Rights, Paris-Diaspora

Teacher vacation, in charge of Theoretical and Practical courses: *"Applied Biochemistry"*, France

**Educational background :**

2000-2002: Master « *Humanitarian  Action »,* University of Geneva

1999: Certificate *« Evaluation and Forecasting of Research and Technology »*, (CNAM, Paris)

1998: Certificate « *Valorisation of the Biological and et Medical  Research»*, University of Paris

1993-1997: Research Diploma « *Molecular and Cellular Biology»,* (EPHE, Paris & UTC, Compiègne)

1987-1991: Preparation of Degree Diploma « *Food Technology*», (ENNTA, Tunis)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee against torture :**

**-**Consulting and Training on Human Rights protection mechanisms; target audience: Human Rights defenders, journalists, organizations of civil society in the Arab world;

-Technical assistance to States in the Arab region, « *Danish Institute for Human Rights* »;

-Follow-up of the periodic reports of the MENA region countries with Treaty Bodies;

-Monitoring of Individual complaints (communications) to the UN "Committee against Torture" (CAT);

-Referral to UNESCO for violation of the Right to Education, as a form of post-prison punishment;

-Criminal actions against torture, under Universal Jurisdiction and awareness against impunity;

-Coordination of Civil Society in International Conferences and Drafting of final Declarations;

-Founding member and Secretary-General "Tunisian Association of Victims of Torture" in exile;

-Founding member *« Association Strategy, Forecasting and Evaluation of Research and Technology »;*

-Leading member *« Maghreb Democratic Alliance »;*

**Publication in the field of Human Rights:**

Hundreds papers on awareness, advocacy and education, including access to the Prevention of Torture, the fight against Impunity, integrity and Human Dignity, International, Regional and thematic Mechanisms of protection, contributions of Diversity at the confluence of the Universality of Human Rights;