**ANNEX III**

**Biographical data of candidates to the Committee against Torture**

**Name and first name**: PROFESSOR ANGWE, BEM

**Date and place of Birth**: 24TH APRIL, 1964 at Gboko, Benue State, Nigeria

**Working languages**: English

**Current position/function:**

* Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and immediate past Executive Secretary/CEO of Nigeria National Human Rights Commission,2012 – 2016
* CEO, Centre for Legal Rights Advancement (with ECOSOC Consultative Status)
* Teaching, research and supervision of students’ research work
* Responsible for the protection and enforcement of Human Rights mandate of the NHRC.

**Main professional activities:**

* Investigation of human rights violations in the capacity of CEO of NHRC,2012-2016
* Promotion and protection of right of vulnerable groups such as prisoners, persons – detention, Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities
* Legal research with 32 publications in human rights and related areas
* Advocacy, sensitization and seeking enforcement of rights of victims of human right violations in the capacity of CEO of Centre for Legal Rights Advancement, 2009 to date
* Participation at several UN Human Rights Conferences and events
* Monitoring and enforcement of Human Rights Violations in the capacity of CEO of NHRC
* Capacity Building and training of Security Agencies, CSOs and NGO’s
* Coordination of NHRIs as 2 year Member of ICC Bureau and Chair of NNHRIs –W/A 2013-16

**Educational background:**

* LL.B Degree: 1990, LL.M Degree: 1996, and PH.D in Law:2005, University of Jos, BL 1991, Lagos
* Cert. IHL, 2003 and Cert. Human Rights Law, 2004 University of Pretoria, S. Africa
* Cert. Terrorism and Human Rights, American University, USA, 2008
* Cert. Law of Internal Displacement Institute For Humanitarian Law, Sanremo Italy, 2014
* Cert. International Justice for Violations of Human Rights, American University, USA, 2008

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

* Participation in activities of the National Committee on Torture as a statutory member of the National Committee in Nigeria, 2012-2016
* Monitoring of Prisons, Police and other Detention Centres to prevent and investigate torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and other human rights violations
* As Human Rights Commissioner, carried out investigations over complaints on Torture
* Advocated for the enactment of the Nigerian Anti-Torture Act, 2017
* Advocacy for the adoption of scientific methods of interrogation rather than Torture
* Initiated proceedings for the enforcement of Rights of Victims of Torture
* Participated at regional consultation on cooperation between UN and Regional Human Rights Mechanism – Prevention of Torture, Addis-Ababa, February, 2012

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

* The Role of the Legislature in the protection of Human Rights In Africa
* The Legal Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts
* Internationality of Human Rights: Issues on access to Justice by Victims in Africa
* The Implementation of the law of Armed Conflicts in it 21st Century: some thoughts
* Readings in Human Rights