

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Name and first name: PROSPER, Pierre-Richard

Date and place of birth: September 19, 1963; Denver, Colorado, **United States of America**

Working languages: English and French; working knowledge of Italian and Spanish

Current position/function:

Partner at the law firm Arent Fox, LLP, headquartered Washington D.C. USA; Arbitrator, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Washington, D.C.; Among his clients, he represents, advises and assists foreign governments on a range of issues, including developing countries in building and strengthening domestic institutional capacity and infrastructure development.

Main professional activities:

As **U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues** from July 2001 until October 2005, Ambassador Prosper formulated and coordinated U.S. policy responses to atrocities and attacks against civilians in conflicts throughout the world; served as chief negotiator responsible for engaging nations regarding their nationals captured in combat; and conducted diplomatic negotiations and consultations with heads of state, ministers, and senior government officials from over 60 countries throughout the world. He engaged foreign parliaments and multilateral and international organizations. He regularly visited conflict zones in an effort to secure peace, stability, and respect for the rule of law. From 1999-2001, as a **career attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice** (Criminal Division) he advised on development of international justice initiatives and, on assignment to the Department of State, traveled to conflict areas to build coalitions in response to serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Educational background:

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Malibu, California
Juris Doctor, May 1989

BOSTON COLLEGE, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts, May 1985, College of Arts and Science (Major: Romance Languages)
Serves as a trustee on the Boston College Board of Trustees

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

Member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), February 2007-December 2012, serving as Vice-Chair the last two years of his term

Head of Delegation, International Republican Institute Election Observation Mission to Nigeria, November 2006-April 2007

War Crimes Prosecutor, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1996-98); appointed lead trial attorney and successfully prosecuted the matter of *The Prosecutor v.*

Jean-Paul Akayesu under the Genocide Convention; successfully persuaded the UN Tribunal to recognize rape as an act of genocide and a crime against humanity

Special Legal Consultant, U.S. Government Mission to Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda, 1995, assessing post-war Rwandan justice system and assisting in developing a U.S. action plan, in consultation and coordination with Rwanda, the United Nations, and donor countries

Most recent recognition in the field:

Prominently featured in the film *The Uncondemned* by Film @ Eleven that tells the story of the obstacles that prosecutors faced in Akayesu case before the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
