**Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Name (Family name, first name):** MANALO G., Rosario

**Nationality:** Filipino

**Date and place of Birth:** 2 October 1935, Manila, Philippines

**Working Languages:** Filipino, English, Spanish, and French

**Current positions/functions (5 lines):**

* Philippine Expert, CEDAW
* Foreign Affairs Senior Adviser, Department of Foreign Affairs serving from 2002-present
* Chairperson, Independent Commission of Enquiry (COE)
* Examiner for Foreign Service Promotional Examinations from Counsellor to Chiefs of Mission

**Main professional activities (5 lines):**

Ambassador Manalo is currently engaged in gender equality and women empowerment issues, through her work as: (1) Director, Center for Gender Equality and People Empowerment, Philippine Women’s University (PWU); (2) Dean and Lecturer, Helena Z. Benitez School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Philippine Women’s University; and (3) Professional Lecturer in various universities in the Philippines.

**Educational Background (5 lines):**

* Ph.D. Graduate in Social Development, Philippine Women’s University
* MA in International Relations and Diplomacy, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York and MA in Public Administration, University of the Philippines
* Bachelor of Laws, University of the Philippines
* Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and in Jurisprudence, University of the Philippines

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (10 lines):**

* She has established a one semestral course on gender and development in the PWU.
* She has brought to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) a manual to train Filipino diplomats to pursue gender mainstreaming and to help overseas Filipino workers to understand CEDAW and how to access it to protect their human rights.
* She worked with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of the Philippines to promote gender equality in all the higher education institutions which are to be components of the ASEAN integration.
* She chaired, among others, the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) during the UNESCAP Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: Beijing + 20 Review in 2014.

**List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights (5 lines):**

Ambassador Manalo wrote a paper on the human rights mechanism in ASEAN focusing on the protection of women and the girl child based on CEDAW. In 2017 and 2018, she was the General Rapporteur of the Committee of CEDAW in Geneva. In 2020, she will host the Consultative Experts’ Group in Asia Pacific on the drafting of the General Recommendation entitled “Trafficking of Women and the Girl Child in the Context of Migration.”