Annex III

**Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**Family name and first name:** LUMINA, Cephas

**Date and place of birth:** 13 June 1962, Kabwe, ZAMBIA

**Place of residence:** East London,South Africa

**Nationality:** Zambian

**Email address:**

**United Nations working languages:** English

**Current position/function:**

### Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (since March 2017)

* Visiting Professor of Law, University of Lusaka (since 2015, lecturing postgraduate modules on Human Rights Law and Constitutional and Human Rights Litigation, among others)

### Advocate of the High Court of Zambia (admitted 1986)

### Human Rights Consultant (since 2002)

**Other main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:**

### Full Professor of Law, conducting research and supervising postgraduate student research mainly in the field of human rights (including children’s rights) at the Universities of Fort Hare and Lusaka.

* Conducting human rights training (including on children’s rights) in both academic and non-academic contexts, giving invited lectures on human rights at various universities and presenting papers at international conferences on human rights.
* Consulting for international organisations, governments and non-governmental organisations (including the African Child Policy Forum; UNDP; International Development Law Organisation; Canadian International Development Agency; Swedish International Development Agency; Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs [Zimbabwe]; Legal Resources Centre [South Africa]; and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law [Sweden], to mention a few).
* Visiting Professor, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (2007-2008); and Extra-Ordinary Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2010-2018).
* UN Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights (2008-2014). In that context, contributed to the development of international human rights standards (including the Guiding Principles on foreign debt and human rights and the Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty).
* Member: International Institute of Human Rights, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Extra-Territorial Human Rights Obligations Consortium, African Network of Constitutional Lawyers and Law Association of Zambia.

**Educational background:**

* Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Human Rights Law (Griffith University, Australia, 1999)
* Master of Laws (LLM) in International Human Rights Law (University of Essex, United Kingdom, 1993)
* Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (with Merit) (University of Zambia, Zambia, 1985)
* Postgraduate Diploma in International Human Rights Law (Abo Akademi University, Finland, 2003)
* Certificate of Admission to Practice as an Advocate of the High Court of Zambia (1986)
* Certificate in International Humanitarian Law (ICRC/University of Pretoria, 2001)

**Relevant expertise on children’s rights:**

### Currently, a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (since March 2017) and its Working Groups on Individual Communications, Working Methods, Rules of Procedure (Joint Coordinator) and the SDGs. Also serve as the Committee’s focal person on climate change and corruption and human rights, and have represented the Committee at various meetings, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union 141st Assembly Workshop on the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, October 2019 (Presentation: ‘Role of parliaments in implementing the Convention’); OHCHR/UNDP Senior Level Expert Consultation on the International Guidelines on Human Rights & Drug Policy, June 2019; Geneva Academy/OHCHR Meeting of UN treaty bodies on ‘corruption and human rights’, October 2018; COP23 side events on ‘Children’s Rights, Climate Change and Climate Action’ (organized by UNICEF, Plan International, Save the Children, ChildFund Alliance and World Vision) and ‘Dreaming Big in Climate Education,’ (organized by One UN), November 2017; and Sub-Saharan Regional Workshop on Freedom of Religion or Belief, November 2019 (Presentation: ‘Religion and child marriage’).

### Conducted a ‘Continental Study on the Status of Harmonization of Laws on Children in Africa with International and Regional Child Rights Instruments’ for the African Child Policy Forum (2019).

### Have conducted and published academic research as well as training for non-governmental organizations and in an academic context on, inter alia, children’s rights.

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

Professor Lumina has numerous publications including official reports prepared as UN Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights and the following scholarly work:

* ‘The Normative Complementary of the African Children’s Charter and the African Women’s Protocol in the Context of Efforts to Combat Child Marriage’ (2017) 31(1) *Speculum Juris* 41 (with A Olaborede)
* ‘The Protection of Children in Armed Conflict,’ in F Viljoen and D Kuwali (eds), *“All Means Necessary”: Protecting Civilians and Preventing Atrocities in Africa* (Pretoria University Law Press 2017)
* ‘Child Soldiers: War Criminals or Pawns in a Deadly Game?’ (2007) *African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law* 76.
* ‘Counting the Cost: The Impact of Corporate Warfare on the Human Rights of Women and Children in Africa’ in S Gumedze (ed), *Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa: The Need for a New Continental Approach*. Monograph No. 147 (Institute for Security Studies 2007).