**Annex 1**

**Biographical data form of candidate**

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|  | Name and first name: PYANEANDEE COOMARA | | |
|  | Date and Place of Birth: 22 June 1968 | | |
|  | Working languages: English and French | | |
|  | Current position/function: Blind Barrister-at-law and Chairman of the Lois Lagesse Trust Fund for the Blind | | |
|  | Main professional activities: Practising Lawyer in the Courts of Mauritius | | |
|  | Other Main Activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Treaty Body concerned | | |
|  | (i) | Human Rights Lawyer in the field of disability |
|  | (ii) | Assist and advise DPO’s, NGO’s and Government Bodies to implement policies and measures to improve the socio-economic status of persons with disabilities |
|  | (iii) | Advocate for disability representation in Government and Non-Governmental Organisations |
|  | (iv) | Assist DPO’s in campaigning for the implementation of UNCRPD |
|  | (v) | Served as Consultant to the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions in: |
|  |  | 1. The elaboration of the National Policy Paper and Plan of Action on Disability; 2. drafting of the Initial Mauritius State Report on UNCRPD | |
|  | (vi) | Served as Mayor of the Town of Curepipe in 2009 | |
|  | (vii) | Barrister-Counsellor for “Education Mauritius” (2001) | |
|  | (viii) | Was General Manager of Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board  (1996 -2000) | |
|  | (ix) | Was Chairman of Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board (2005-2007) | |
| 7. | **Educational Background** | | |
|  | 1. | LLB University of London 1993 |
|  | 2. | LLM University of London 1995 |
| 8. | **List of most recent publication in the field**  **Author of :**  **“Employment Guide on Benefits for Business: How and Why to recruit Persons with**  **Disabilities”** | | |