**Alessio Bruni (Italy)**

Working languages: Fluent in English and French and working knowledge of Spanish (Italian mother tongue)

 **Most recent position:**

International expert of the United Nations, member of the Committee against Torture from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2017 (two mandates)

 **Some main assignments during his recent position:**

(1) Consultant on behalf of the Committee against Torture in meetings of States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations with regard to the Treaty Strengthening Process launched by the United Nations in 2009;

(2) Drafter and Rapporteur on the Committee’s General Comment No 4 on the principle of “non refoulement” for migrants and asylum seekers at risk of being subjected to torture if they are deported, adopted by the Committee on 6 December 2017;

(3) Rapporteur on issues relating to reprisals against persons addressing the Committee;

(4) Rapporteur on interim measures of protection of complainants to the Committee;

(5) Representative of the Committee in meetings and workshops of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture;

(6) Rapporteur for the consideration of 30 State party’s reports under the Convention against Torture;

(7) Rapporteur for 33 individual communications concerning complaints for violation of the Convention.

 **Previous main professional activities**

(1) From July 2006 to 30 June 2007, Chief ad interim of the Treaties and Human rights Council Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(2) From 2000 to 2006, Treaty Implementation Team Leader supervising the work of the OHCHR relating to four treaty bodies and two working groups of the Commission on Human Rights;

(3) From 1987 to 2000, responsible for the implementation of the treaty based mechanisms to prevent and combat torture within the United Nations Human rights Programme, including the organization of inquiry missions and the coordination with non-conventional United Nations mechanisms to combat torture;

(4) From 1975 to 1987, professional experience in numerous areas of the United Nations Human rights Programme, including the elaboration and implementation of several human rights treaties.

 **Educational background**

Advanced University Degree in Political Science (summa cum laude) with specialization in International Relations and International Law, University of Florence (Italy), 1973.

 **Publications**

(1) Participant in the elaboration of the “Manual on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment” also called the “Istanbul Protocol” which was published by the United Nations in 2004;

(2) “Enhancing visits to places of detention: promoting collaboration” article published in “Human Rights Briefs” by the American University, Washington College of Law, August 2011.