

Annex III

Fact sheet on candidate applying to the Subcommittee for the prevention of Torture

Name and Last Name:

Suzanne Jabbour

Date and place of Birth:

01/02/1960 in Ardé, Zghorta, North Lebanon

Working Languages:

Arabic, English and French

Professional experiences:

- President of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) Copenhagen, Denmark from 2012 – 2016.
- Member and Vice president of the United Nations Subcommittee on prevention of torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) from 2010 till 2016
- Manager of projects of different areas of focus including the Rehabilitation for Torture and trauma Survivors, psychosocial intervention for prisoners and capacity building for law enforcement personnel.
- Key expert in the MENA region in lobbying and training on the *UNCAT, OPCAT, the Istanbul Protocol and the Mandela rules as well as the Bangkok rules.*
- Clinical psychologist in direct contact with torture survivors, refugees and prisoners.

Studies (5 lines)

1985 – 1987: Master's degree in Psychology

1981 – 1985: Clinical Psychology

Lebanese University Faculty of Letters and human sciences Beirut – Lebanon

Position / Current Occupation (5 lines)

Chief Executive Officer of Restart center for rehabilitation of victims of violence and Torture – Lebanon

Restart is a prominent local Non Governmental organization working on torture prevention and accountability, monitoring places of detention and the provision of rehabilitation and redress for torture and trauma survivors.

Main professional activities (10 lines)

- Designed a strategic program aiming at restructuring the forensic unit at the Lebanese Ministry of Justice.
- Developed the code of conduct for the forensic doctors associated with the Lebanese Ministry of Justice.
- Incorporated an innovative "*Prison Management*" training program for the Lebanese internal security forces
- Drafting expert of a Medical Unified Protocol for medical centers in Lebanese prisons.
- Created an innovative torture preventive mechanism at the Police custody context in 2015. The Pioneer pilot creation consists of an *Independent Forensic & Psychological Examination Unit* in Tripoli Justice Palace, which guarantees the right of a comprehensive medical screening to each person under investigation
- Consulting expert in the drafting and final revision of the *Bill on Criminalization of Torture* adopted in 2017 and the law creating the *National Human rights institution NHRI and National preventive mechanism NPM* in Lebanon adopted in 2016;

Other key activities relevant to the mandate of the subcommittee for the prevention of torture (10 lines)

- Expert appointed by the UNDP to provide awareness sessions on the *Lebanese law creating Lebanon's NHRI, which includes the NPM* to ISF members including Company commanders, ISF regional leaders, Judicial detachment commanders and officers, Information branch, and Prison company commanders in the respective governorates in Lebanon.
- Trainer of tailored programs on *Prisons Management, Human Rights Instruments and conventions related to persons deprived of their liberty provided to the Lebanese Internal and General Security Forces and Lebanese army,*
- Trainer on the Istanbul protocol, Code of Ethics and Dual loyalty for forensic doctors, affiliated to the Lebanese Ministry of Justice.
- Trainer on thematic focused programs for the Judicial Police in Lebanon on *how to investigate with women and children in conflict with the law*

List of the candidate's most recent publications in areas relevant to the mandate of the subcommittee for the prevention of torture (5 lines)

- *"Analytical and legal study on the role of the Lebanese ISF anti-torture committee"*, Community Security and Access to Justice, UNDP. 2018
- Green paper on *"The selection process for the appointment of the members of the NHRI and NPM in full compliance with the Paris Principle"*, Restart center, 2018
- *Step in the right direction: the establishment of the Lebanese National Human Rights Institution and the National Preventive Mechanism*, Legal Agenda, January 2017