Meeting of the States parties
Sixth meeting
Geneva, 27 October 2016
Item 5 of the provisional agenda
Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2016

Election of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the sixth meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 27 October 2016, for the purpose of electing 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2016 (sect. I). Thirteen members will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2018 (sect. III).

2. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Subcommittee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution, gender representation and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and III of the present document; the biographical data, including in respect of professional background, of current members can be found on the web page of the Subcommittee (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.
I. Members of the Subcommittee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016

4. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee, under “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members (see www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

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* Appointment to replace a member who had resigned, in accordance with article 8 of the Optional Protocol.

II. Persons nominated by States parties

5. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 12 May 2016, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Subcommittee by 12 August 2016. All the curricula vitae received by that deadline, as provided by the States parties concerned, are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after the deadline.

6. Pursuant to article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Subcommittee, and the States parties that nominated them.
**Candidate**  |  **Nominated by**  
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Mr. Djibril Abarchi  | Niger  
Mr. Hans-Jörg Viktor Bannwart  | Switzerland  
Mr. Satyabhoosun Gupt Domah  | Mauritius  
Sir Malcolm Evans  | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
Ms. María Dolores Gómez  | Argentina  
Mr. Abdoulaye Kanni  | Niger  
Ms. June Caridad Pagaduan Lopez  | Philippines  
Mr. Petros Michaelides  | Cyprus  
Mr. Kosta Dragan Mitrovic  | Serbia  
Ms. Margarete Osterfeld  | Germany  
Mr. Abdallah Ounnir  | Morocco  
Ms. Zdenka Perović  | Montenegro  
Mr. Haimoud Ramdan  | Mauritania  
Mr. Marat Sarsembayev  | Kazakhstan  
Mr. Victor Zaharia  | Republic of Moldova  

### III. Members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2018

7. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee, entitled “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx.

| **Member**  |  **Country of nationality**  |  **Member since**  
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Ms. Mari Amos  | Estonia  | 1 January 2011  
Mr. Arman Danielyan  | Armenia  | 1 January 2011  
Ms. Marija Definis-Gojanovic  | Croatia  | 1 January 2015  
Mr. Roberto Michel Fehér Pérez  | Uruguay  | 1 January 2015  
Mr. Emilio Ginés Santidrián*  | Spain  | 13 July 2009  
Ms. Lorena González Pinto  | Guatemala  | 1 January 2015  
Mr. Gnambi Garba Kodjo  | Togo  | 1 January 2015  
Ms. Aisha Shujune Muhammad  | Maldives  | 1 January 2011  

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<td>Mr. Felipe Villavicencio Terreros</td>
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Annex*

**Djibril Abarchi (Niger)**

[Original: French]

**Date and place of birth**
1 January 1953, Angoal-Taoura, the Niger

**Working languages**
French

**Professional background**
1 January 1991 to date: lecturer/researcher at the Faculty of Economic and Legal Sciences, Niamey; lecturer in private law (accredited by the African and Malagasy Council on Higher Education); 1 January 2013-31 December 2014: director of legislation and legal affairs at the National Assembly of the Niger; September 2006-April 2010: director of university student services; contributed to the drafting of several basic laws and codes of the Niger.

**Educational background**
Accreditation to supervise research, University of Orléans, France (December 2000); PhD in private law, University of Orléans, France (December 1990); Master of Advanced Studies in private law, University of Orléans, France (1987); Master’s degree in law, Faculty of Economic and Legal Sciences, Niamey (1985).

**Current position/function**
Lecturer in private law (accredited by the African and Malagasy Council on Higher Education) at the Law Faculty, Niamey; member of the Scientific Council at Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey; member of the Scientific and Teaching Council at the Doctoral School (Humanities and Social Sciences).

**Main professional activities**
Teaching private law and criminal law, among other subjects, at the faculty; supervision of research work.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**
Human rights activist since April 1991 with the Niger Association for the Protection of Human Rights, in which I have served successively as deputy secretary general, vice-president and, since December 2012, president; co-author of a publication entitled “*Droits de l’homme au Niger : Théorie et réalités*” (Human rights in the Niger: Theory and Reality); moderator at several conferences on the promotion and protection of human rights; conducted numerous studies into the activities of judicial institutions and corruption; contributed to the drafting of several basic laws and codes of the Niger, including the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Hans-Jörg Viktor Bannwart (Switzerland)

Date and place of birth
26 April 1961, Burgdorf, Canton of Bern, Switzerland

Working languages
Italian, German, Dutch, French, English, Spanish and Arabic

Professional background
See “Main professional activities”, below

Educational background
1981-1988: Master’s degree in Law (civil, constitutional, international, criminal and public law, and history of law), University of Bern, Switzerland
2000: Training certificate for human rights experts in the field, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Current position/function
2001 to date: Presiding Judge of the Bernina District Court, court of first instance for civil and criminal justice, Poschiavo, Italian-speaking region of Switzerland;
2013 to date: Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, head of the regional team on Africa, head of delegation for Subcommittee visits to Italy (September 2015) and Tunisia (April 2016), and Subcommittee envoy for a follow-up visit to Italy (February 2016), member of the delegation for visits to Gabon (December 2013), Malta (October 2014) and Turkey (October 2015).
2014 to date: Conducting seminars and policy meetings on the prevention of torture and the monitoring of places of detention as part of the human rights dialogue between Switzerland and Tajikistan (May 2015 and June 2016).

Main professional activities
1999-2012 and 1990-1991: Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), humanitarian and protection activities, visits to detention facilities (Guantanamo Bay, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Italy, Yemen, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran and Croatia).
1994-1998: Legal adviser, secretary of the board and head of personnel for Kraftwerke Brusio AG/Forze Motrici Brusio SA (now Repower AG), energy production and trading, Poschiavo, Switzerland.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Member of the Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peace Building, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

“The legal concept of torture in the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment”, thesis, supervised by Professor Walter Kälin, University of Bern, 1997.
Satyabhoosun Gupt Domah (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth
30 September 1946 — Mauritius

Working languages
English and French

Professional background
Legal and judicial

Current position/function

Educational background
Doctorate in law (Comparative English, French and Mauritian civil law (Aix-Marseille University, France): Masters in Law in Public International Law (University College London); Bar Examination (Council of Legal Education) London as Member of Middle Temple; Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

Main professional activities
I started as a Magistrate involved in hearing cases of police abuse and worked my way as a Master who is the Accounting Officer for the Judiciary as a whole before being elevated to the post of Supreme Court Judge deciding on the rights of citizens under the rule of law. When I was not on the Bench, I was at the Bar from private practice or in public office: i.e. at the Attorney-General’s Office. I also occupied in course of my career positions of Ag Director of Public Prosecutions, Ag Solicitor General, Parliamentary Counsel etc. At the Attorney-General’s Office, I was responsible for International Law dealing with Mauritian obligations under the various bilateral and international treaties, including its obligations under the United Nations system: i.e. preparing country reports for treaty bodies and ensuring compliance with recommendations; accompanying and briefing Ministers of Justice and Attorneys-General for national, regional and international conferences etc.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
I have participated in or to deliver lectures, key-note addresses or to run legal, judicial or related workshops in the national, regional and international fora: inter alia, Africa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, La Reunion, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand, Seychelles, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States. These have been at the invitation of, or sponsored by, national or international organizations and/or universities such as: African Union, British Council, COMESA, SADC, UN, Commonwealth Secretariat, CMJA, CJEI, European Community, USIS, Chinese and Japanese Universities, International Association for the Prevention of Torture, A3 Initiative for the Prevention of Torture in Africa etc.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

A number of country reports as the Rapporteur under UNCAT as a recent member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (2011 to 2015) with regard to their obligations under the Convention. I have also produced session Reports for the UNCAT sessions on interim measures. Additionally, I have been the Rapporteur of the activities of UNCAT to the UN General Assembly for two years. I have been a writer of fiction for BBC (World Service) on rights-based issues of emergent nations. I have delivered a number of judgments upholding the human rights of citizens and lectured on the development of a human rights jurisprudence in the courts.
Malcolm Evans (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Date and place of birth
31 December 1959, Cardiff, UK

Working languages
English, (French, basic)

Professional background
Professor of Public International Law (1999-current: first appointed as lecturer in law, 1989). Formerly Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol, UK (2005-2009).

Current position/function
Professor of Public International Law and Deputy Director of the Human Rights Implementation Centre, University of Bristol, UK.

Educational background
Secondary Education: Llanrumney High School, Cardiff
University Education: Regent’s Park College, Oxford: BA (1st Class Hons), 1982; D.Phil, 1986

Main professional activities
As a Professor of Public International Law I teach and research on many aspects of international law, have authored nearly 100 books, chapters, articles, etc., and am editor of several leading International Law journals and student textbooks. I have focused on issues concerning torture and torture prevention for over twenty years and have written over 30 books and articles on the subject. I have been an expert advisor to numerous international bodies and Civil Society Organisations on torture prevention issues and projects, including the UN, ICRC, OSCE, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the Council of Europe, the APT, Amnesty International, Penal Reform International and Open Society Foundation, among others. I was involved in discussions concerning the drafting of OPCAT, was co-chair of the Drafting Group of the Robben Island Guidelines on Torture Prevention in Africa and a founder-member of the Civil Society OPCAT Contract Group.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
I became a member of the SPT in 2009. I was Rapporteur for its 4th Annual Report (2010) and have been Chair since February 2011, also helping draft and present its Annual Report to the UN General Assembly each year since. In 2014-15 I was Chair of the Meeting of Chairs of Human Rights Treaty Bodies. I have participated in over 100 events related to the OPCAT and the SPT, its mandate and the work of NPMs in all parts of the world and have also taken a lead in establishing and operationalising the OPCAT Special Fund. As an SPT member I have so far undertaken 11 official country visits, including 7 as Head of Delegation. I have written extensively on torture and torture prevention for many years and have been an active participant in numerous processes leading to the adoption of key international documents, including the Robben Island Guidelines and the Nelson Mandela Rules. I am a member of the UK Foreign Secretary’s Independent Advisory Group on Human Rights.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

María Dolores Gómez (Argentina) [Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth
17 June 1960, Buenos Aires

Working languages
Spanish

Professional background

Current position/function
Official Defender, Criminal Court No. 3, Judicial Department of San Isidro, judiciary of Buenos Aires Province

Educational background
Law degree, University of Buenos Aires

Main professional activities
Public Defender in criminal proceedings

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Ongoing monitoring of places of detention in Buenos Aires Province

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
“La cárcel como camino inverso a la resocialización” (“Prison as a step backwards in the process of social rehabilitation”), annual report of the Provincial Memory Commission, Committee against Torture, 2011
Abdoulaye Kanni (Niger)

Date and place of birth
1 January 1976, Koulbaga, Dargol

Working languages
French

Professional background
Focal point for the World Organization against Torture through the member organization Croisade. Coordinated advocacy efforts for the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Since December 2012, Coordinator of the Collectif des Organisations de Défense de Droit de l’Homme et de la Démocratie (Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy), which published a report on the human rights situation in prisons that was presented to the Government to advocate for more humane prison conditions in the Niger. In my capacity as Coordinator of the Coalition, I also coordinated the drafting of, and published, a 2016 report on implementation for the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the alternative report on implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (I also serve as Coordinator of the Coalition of Civil Society Organizations of the Niger for the purposes of the universal periodic review).

Educational background
June 2015: Certificate of attendance at the International Human Rights Training Program organized by Equitas in Montreal, Canada
October 2001: Admission to read for a Diploma of Applied University Studies in Information Technology and Management at the Faculty of Economic Science and Management of Saad Dahlab University for Science and Technology in Blida, Algeria.

Current position/function
Coordinator, Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy.

Main professional activities
I coordinate the Coalition’s activities, which involves convening and chairing regular and special meetings, regular and special general assemblies and meetings of the Coalition’s national council. I receive complaints and pass them on to the complaints unit. I also coordinate the drafting and publication of the Coalition’s reports.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Second Rapporteur for civil society submissions for the first universal periodic review of the Niger. I coordinated efforts to advocate for the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. I participated in the drafting of the initial report of the Niger on torture. I serve as Coordinator of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy, with a membership of 46 NGOs, and as Coordinator of the Coalition of Civil Society Organizations of the Niger for the purposes of the universal periodic review.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
June Caridad Pagaduan Lopez (Philippines)

Date and place of birth
June 5, 1951

Working Languages
English

Current position/function
Expert Member, UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (term expires on 31 December 2016)
Fellow, Philippine Psychiatric Association
Professor of Psychiatry, University of the Philippines
Convenor, Citizen’s Network for Psychosocial Response
Executive Director, BalikKalipay Center for Psychosocial Response

Educational Background
1985 Biological Psychiatry, Rigshospitale, Copenhagen, Denmark
1976-1977 Medical Internship, Brokenshire Memorial Hospital
1972-1976 Doctor of Medicine, UP
1967-1972 Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medicine, UP

Main Professional Activities
39 years of experience in psychiatric patient management; 36 years of designing and conducting stress management, trauma debriefing, counseling and healing workshops for responders and survivors of natural and human induced disasters; 35 years as undergraduate and graduate educator in medical school and public health school; WHO and UNFPA expert on gender and health drafting and reviewing international and national policy documents, programs and guidelines on gender mainstreaming in health and violence against women

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
Military, police and judiciary education on human rights peace advocacy, violence against women and torture. Forensic adviser and trainer and expert witnessing on cases of violence against women. Teaching and curriculum development on human rights and humanistic education expertise in conducting and supervising international and local research and training on issues of health emergencies, human rights, gender and health, sexual violence, trauma therapy. Project management and fund-raising for community based international and local projects on psychosocial rehabilitation

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Petros Michaelides (Cyprus)

Date and place of birth
Agios Fotios — Paphos — Cyprus — 15 March 1939

Working languages
English — French

Current position/function
Practicing lawyer — legal consultant in Cyprus (Law Firm Petros Michaelides and Associates)

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was elected to the Subcommittee on Prevention on 28/10/2010.

He is the Chairman of the NGO “The Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture and any form of ill-treatment”

He is a Professor of Human Rights at the Law School of Neapolis University, Cyprus

Main professional activities
From 1967 to 1971 he practiced law in Cyprus. In 1971 he was appointed judge, a post that he held until March 1978 when he became Minister of Justice and as from May 1979 he was also the Minister to the President. In November 1980 he was appointed by the President of the Republic as Special Advisor on legal and human rights matters.

In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Service. He was the accredited Ambassador of Cyprus to France, Italy, Austria, with concurrent accreditations to Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, San Marino. He served as well as the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, the U.N (Vienna) and the 0.S.C.E. He was also the Director of Policy Planning and the Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since April 1999 Mr. Michaelides is a practicing lawyer — legal consultant in Nicosia.

Educational background

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned
He participated and/or represented Cyprus in various Ministerial Committees and Meetings of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and U.N. on Human Rights matters. He was a member of the Minister’s Deputies Group on Human Rights and the Venice Conference on Democracy through Law.

As Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe he took part in the preparatory works for the Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was among the first elected members of the CPT when it was set up in 1987. He was reelected consecutively and served the committee until December 2011. As Chairman of the Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture he organized various seminars, lectures and workshops on the Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture in Cyprus, and on other subjects on Human Rights.
List of most recent publications in the field

He is the author of various publications and articles on the Cyprus legal system and human rights and especially articles on the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on other International Bodies on Human Rights.
Kosta Dragan Mitrovic (Serbia)

Date and place of birth
26.01.1983. Belgrade, Serbia

Working languages
English and French

Professional background

Current position/function
Judge in the Court of Misdemeanors.

Educational background
Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade — International-legal Course, average mark of 09,03 Master studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Niš — graduated with the highest mark, and received a charter of the University of the city of Nis as the best master student of the year. I have completed third year of Phd (exams and seminars with the highest mark (10)), completed my work on dissertation “The rule of law as the idea and ethical value”.

Main professional activities
I am a judge in 24-hours open Service of the Court of Misdemeanors, Belgrade. I was Consultant for Justice Sector Policy for Ministry of Justice. Multi Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector Support in Serbia. I have been a member of negotiating team for Serbia in Brussels on bilateral screening for chapter 23, and my area of expertise as a negotiator was Juvenile justice. Also, I was a lecturer at numerous national and international seminars in Hale crime, Prevention of torture, Anti-discrimination, Human trafficking. Organized crime and Juvenile justice.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Currently, I am taking part in the research project in the field of human rights and law in force, and am writing an article on prevention of torture and hate crimes.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
My recent publications are comprehensive and relate not only to the prevention of torture, but also to human rights, the rule of law, and legal state, without which the latter cannot exist or be realized, and the latest ones are: “Global government and common good”, “Human rights and contemporary rule of law”. “Historical and contemporary development of the main teachings of legality in legal theory”, “Transformation of the legal state and the rule of law”, “Teachings of the two major world systems of law on legality and their unification”, and “For the rule of law, the most important of all is the Principle of Legality”. 
Margarete Osterfeld (Germany)

Date and place of birth
30 September 1950, Lübbecke, Germany

Working languages
German, English

Professional background
Psychiatrist; psychotherapist; expert on German mental health law; expert on psychopharmacology; former head of ward (LWL-Klinik, Dortmund, psychiatric hospital)

Current position/function
2015 to present: Member of the German National Agency for the Prevention of Torture (NPM)
2014 to present: Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT)
2014 to present: Board member of Aktion Psychisch Kranke (APK), a German society established to reform psychiatric care
2002 to present: Member of the monitoring body (Besuchskommission) for mental health in the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia

Educational background
1997 Certification as psychotherapist, Germany; 1996 Certification as psychiatrist, Germany; 1991 Licence to practice medicine, University of Münster, Germany; 1971 Certification as pharmacist assistant, Germany

Main professional activities
Treated psychiatric patients and (voluntarily and involuntarily) hospitalized persons for many years; led a psychiatric ward (1996-2007) and its multi-professional team; taught nursing and junior medical staff; studied German mental health law and the right to the best attainable mental health vis-à-vis the right to liberty, with publications in this field from 2003 onwards.

Advisory activities relating to the process of adapting mental health law to human rights standards such as CRPD or OPCAT as independent expert in parliamentary hearings, as well as member of working groups of different CSOs on coercive psychiatric care.

Promoted the concept of the legal capacity of mentally or psychosocially disabled persons and the need for reforms in psychiatric care as a keynote speaker at national and international workshops, e. g. “Das Gespür für Menschenrechte — die Kritik der UN an der Psychiatrie” (A sense of human rights — the UN’s criticism of psychiatry, February 2016) or “Menschenrechte und mitgestaltete Anspruchsrechte” (Human rights and claim rights, November 2015)

Membership of professional associations
German Society of Social Psychiatry (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziale Psychiatrie, DGSP) since 2003, member of the board 2010-2014; speaker of the DGSP task group on psychotropic drugs 2010-2014. German Society of Legal Guardianship (Betreuungsgerichtstag) since 2003; currently member of the task force on coercion
Selected list of recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

**Abdallah Ounnir (Morocco)**

**Date and place of birth**

July 2, 1958, in Ait Ouribel, Morocco

**Working languages**

Arabic, French and English

**Professional background**

University professor of law; Legal expert; National and international human rights expert

**Current position/function**

Professor at the Faculty of Economic, Social and Legal Sciences, Tangier, Morocco; Member of the Regional Human Rights Commission of Tangier-Tetouan (CRDH), a local presence of the National Human Rights Council, Morocco’s NHRI.

**Educational background**


**Main professional activities**

Professor of Private Law and Criminal Sciences, since 1992; Chairperson, CRDH Working Group on Enrichment and Promotion of Human Rights; Former judicial affairs officer, United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo, 1999-200; Legal expert for several associations and bodies, including Moroccan Equity and Reconciliation Commission and Moroccan Association for Combatting AIDS (ALCS); Legal expert and member of the Working Group of the Pompidou Group, in partnership with the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and the Division of Addictology, Community Psychiatry Service (CHUV), since June 2014; Expert in the working and research group on law and migration; Expert, founding member of the Women’s Foundation for the Mediterranean, created in Paris in 2010, within the Union for the Mediterranean.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**

Examining and documenting complaints submitted by prisoners or their relatives, including on allegation of torture; Conducting investigative and monitoring visits to prisons as part of a CRDH team; Interviewing prisoners and prison authorities on prison conditions and situation of human rights in such places; Reporting on prison conditions following visits and proposing relevant recommendations likely to improve the situation of human rights in such places; Delivering training and teaching on criminal law and security of person; Conducting research on vulnerable groups, including migrants and persons living with AIDS.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture


Zdenka Perović (Montenegro)

Date and place of birth
09 July 1963 Podgorica Montenegro

Working languages
English

Professional background
The District public prosecutor’s office 1989/1991, trainee
Independent entrepreneur1991/1997, Executive manager
Ministry of Justice, 1998/2003, Head of General Affairs and Finance
Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro 2003/2014 General Secretary

Current position/function
Deputy Ombudsman in charge of the National mechanism for the prevention of torture, protection against torture and the right to trial within a reasonable time, appointed 27 December 2014, assumed office 20 January 2015

Educational background
University of Montenegro Faculty of Law 1981/1985; Bar Exam 1996; XV International School for Human Rights in Warsaw — Poland 2004; Since the establishment of the Ombudsman Institution, attended all professional trainings in the field of human rights, organized for the staff of the Institution

Main professional activities
In all professional engagements her professional interest was directed towards the protection of human rights, initially the protection of the rights of victims of violence, while working at the prosecutor’s office and later the protection of consumer rights.

During her engagement at the Ministry of Justice, part of which was the Institute for execution of criminal sanctions, met with the question of the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.

Adoption of the Law of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedom of Montenegro 2003 inspired her interest for direct engagement in the protection of human rights, when joins the first Ombudsman of Montenegro in a demanding work of the establishment of the Ombudsman institution in Montenegro

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
As Secretary General of the Ombudsman institution she was engaged in the implementation of the mandate of the Ombudsman in protecting the rights of persons deprived of their liberty, and since her appointment as Deputy Ombudsman 2015 she has been in charge of the implementation of the mandate as National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
Co-author of a special report on the state of the premises of the police detention of persons deprived of their liberty — 2011; Report on Human Rights Ombudsman of Human Rights
Haimoud Ramdan (Mauritania)

Place and date of birth
12 September 1963 — Akjoujt (Mauritania)

Working language
French, Arabic and English.

Professional experiences
Chairman; committee preparation the legal framework which criminalizes torture and established the national mechanism for the prevention of torture in Mauritania. Member, in the Committee selection of members the national mechanism for the prevention of torture. Consultant; Department of Criminal Affairs and the prison administration.

Studies
State Doctorate in Special Criminal Law (thesis on “functioning of the judiciary in developing countries”) Cheikh Anta Diop University — Dakar — Senegal.
Ph.D. third wire in the Criminal Law (thesis on” protection of persons in custody”) III University of Tunis (Tunisia).
Bachelor’s degree in Private Law “the prisoner’s system”, (University of Nouakchott — Mauritania).

Position/current function
Professor Director of Research at the University of Nouakchott — Mauritania

Main professional activities
Director of Research in the Criminal Law and on the judicial law at the University of Nouakchott; the Lebanese International University and the National School of Administration and the press and the judiciary. Teaching specialist in human rights and science prison. Teaching immigration and terrorism laws. Elaboration reports; National Commission for Human Rights. Consultation; the national mechanism for the prevention of torture. Presidency; Advisory Committee of the detention conditions. Consultation; civil society about Prisoners’ Rights. Consultations; UNDP; UNICEF; ICRC on the improvement of prison conditions. Expertise; the regional observatory alert and analysis strategic — West Africa (ORAAS).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture
inviting professor at several universities and in large formation specialized in human rights. (Senegal, Ivory Coast, Mali, Algeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, France, the United States, Canada, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania ... etc.). Chairman; Scientific Committee of the Legal journal; Department of Justice. Director; the collection of publications books at the National Commission for Human Rights. Chairman; Independent Commission; investigate and follow up the accusations of torture and violence in prisons. Coordinator; AIDS Control Program in prisons and detention centers. Former for prisoners in civics education. Former to authorities about the legal framework for the prevention of torture Former for the prison staff on human rights. Former (Mali, Mauritania, Senegal) in the international program for the International. Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the prevention of violence in prisons.
List of most recent publications in the field relevant of the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture

Marat Sarsembayev (Kazakhstan)

Date and place of birth
15 December 1947, Almaty region, Kazakhstan

Working languages
English, Russian, Kazakh languages (fluently)

Current position/function
Member, Expert of the Commission of human rights at the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan — the issues of constitutional and criminal-law means of defence of human rights (1997-1978, 2012 till present); Member of the Consultative body of human dimension on human rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, taking part in discussions of activities of law enforcement bodies; Member of the Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan — electoral human rights, engaged with compliance of international obligations of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, UN; Doctor of Laws, Professor, engaged with International Law of Human Rights and on prevention of torture — from 1994.

Educational background
(1) Faculty of English language of Almaty Institute of foreign languages in 1965-1969 with honours;
(2) Faculty of law of Kazakh State University named after Sergei Kirov in 1966-1973 with honours.

Main professional activities
Investigator, Senior investigator of the Prosecution office of Schuchinsk city of Kokshetau region, Kazakhstan — 1971-1973. Professor of International Law and Human Rights — on the issues of the fight against torture and ill-treatment, Dean of the Law Faculty of the Kazakh State University — 1973-2000; Dean of the Law Faculty, Professor (conducting lectures on Human Rights, including the problems of the fight against torture — in English) of Eurasian national University named after Nikolay Gumilyov — 2002-2005.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
1. Member of UN Human Rights Committee (January-December of 2012);
2. Member of the Commission of the Supreme Council of the Kazakh SSR on December events of 1986 in defence of participants of youth in demonstrations, who have been subjected to ill-treatment (1990);

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture


Victor Zaharia (Republic of Moldova)

Date and place of birth
21 August 1978, Republic of Moldova

Working languages
English, Russian, French (basic knowledge), Romanian (native)

Current position/function
UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT), member (2013-2016)
European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), member (2013-2017)
Institute for Penal Reform, Director
National Legal Aid Council, Chairman, certified defense lawyer
Moldova State University, Law Department, university associate professor

Main professional activities

Educational background

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the SPT
Preparation of alternative report to the Republic of Moldova report, UN CAT 2003; Development, evaluation of implementation of human rights and torture prevention programs (Baseline Study on Preventing and combating Torture in Moldova, Prisoners rights, Rights of juveniles in custody, National Mechanism of HR protection, HR education in school and universities, Functioning of the local commission of monitoring places of detention, 2006-2015); Monitoring the activity of Ombudsperson for Children (2008); Legal Aid policy formulation (NLAC, 2008-2015); Monitoring implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy, Council for Reform of Law Enforcement Agencies; Participation as expert, trainer in more than 360 conferences, workshops in criminal justice and human rights (2001-2015).

List of most recent publications in the field
Methodology of documenting and reporting current country situation on torture and ill treatment, IRP, 2014; Personal security in prisons, 2012; Research on retainment in the