***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 JULY 2020 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846)

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx)*)*

* *Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)
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* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or supplementary reference letters) will be accepted.*
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* *Please note that an application will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.***
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx)
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** SAYOURI | **5. Year of birth:** 1964 |
| **2. First (given) name:** JAMILA | **6. Place of birth:** FES /Morocco |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Moroccan |
| **4. Gender:** Female | **8. Any other nationality:** |

**II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

Bachelor's degree in political science in 1989, Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences; Diploma of General University Studies "DEUG" in Public Law 1986; Diploma of capacity to practice law in 1995; Lawyer at the Rabat Bar 1995, High school diploma in Modern Literature 1983; Committee member of the newspaper 8 MARCH from1983 to 2000 (first women's newspaper in Morocco); Founding member of the ONG "Union de l'action feminine" 1987; Member of the national council of the Moroccan Human Rights Organization 1999 -2002; Founding member of ADALA/Justice NGO "for the right to a fair trial" 2005, Re-elected president of Adala 2011-2021; member of the National Council for Human Rights (2011 -2015); Rapporteure of the standing working group for the proection of human rights and the examination of violations 2011-2015; Founding member of the Moroccan Association for the Independence of the Judiciary 2002;Coordinator of the Civil Collective of Rights and Freedoms 2016-2020; Member of the executive committee of the "Euromed-Rights 2018", and political referent of the WG Equality and Gender 2018; member of the Moroccan coalition for the protection against torture 2011; Coalition against the death penalty 2012; coordinator of the Moroccan coalition for the International Penal Court; coordinator of the civil collective for the independence of the judiciary 2012.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)**

Human rights protection mechanisms training (Arab Institute for Human Rights) 200O (Anabtaoui 10 session); Training on the drafting shadow reports to government reports (ADALA Association), March, June and July 2010); workshop for the training of NHRIs on the implementation of an effective complaint treatment process as a means of conflict prevention and restoration provided by the African Network of Human Rights Institutions ¨(RENAHD) in DAKAR from 24 to 27 September 2012. Training Workshop (International Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights against Torture, Monitoring and Follow-up of the recommendations of the Committee against Torture) 2013 (Mountada Alkarama and ALKARAMA Institute of Geneva) in Rabat 9 January 2013; Workshop on the identification of key needs and development of best practices for training and capacity building of law enforcement officials on human rights, the rule of law, and the prevention of terrorism (CTITF United Nations Working Group on the Protection of Human Rights while Countering Terrorism); Drafting statements on the situation of HR in Morocco, drafting information report submited to treaty bodies, drafting NGOs shadow report UPR 2017, collaboration in the drafting of the shadow report UPR 2012; 7 days of training on the rule of law ( DOMP and ZIF) May 2014.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

36 years of experience in the field of human rights. At the national level: Former member of the CNDH and Rapporteure of the working group on the protection of human rights and the examination of violations 2011-2015. President of Adala since 2011 which has led advocacy for the independence of the judiciary and the reform of justice, criminal justice and penitentiary, has fought for the guarantee of a fair trial, investigation in the field of the rights of detainees and allegations of torture (including 3 cases within the CNDH).

Main achievements: supervision and elaboration of the CCUP Report in 2016; engagement and participation in the dialogue on justice reform, including criminal justice; advocacy with national NGOs for justice reform; diagnosis of obstacles to the independence of the judiciary, access to justice (Studies, Memo, Reports); surveys in places of deprivation of liberty (more than 20 places).

At the regional and international level: Member of the Euromed-Rights Executive Committee since 2018; Political Referent of the Euromed Regional WG on Equality and Gender Rights; Regional and international advocacy for criminal justice and penitentiary reform (with Euromed - Rights and Penal Reform International); Exchange on torture prevention mechanisms and torture documentation techniques (with Dignity).

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:**  Supervision and drafting of the Report on the situation of prisons in Morocco "Prison crisis; shared responsibility" published by the CNDH /Morocco.

**Journal/Publisher:** publisher

**Date of publication:** 2012

**Web link, if available:** https://www.cndh.ma/

**2. Title of publication:** Report on justice in Morocco published by "Adala" and supported by the European Union.

**Journal/Publisher:** Publication

**Date of publication:** June 2011

**Web link, if available:** www.justicemaroc.org (disabled for the moment)

Facebook: facebook.com/adala.justice https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1IpIhlcSBydeKqdJYgDnDexKruXmNL-vX?fbclid=IwAR1TJwj7MuUN0nJtOX/

**3. Title of publication:** Report on criminal justice in Morocco initiated by the British Embassy in Morocco through the North Africa Technical Assistance Fund (NATAF), and managed by Tetra Tech.

**Journal/Publisher:** In progress

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):The first publication contains an assessment of the visits carried out by the working group of CNDH, which was responsible for the protection of human rights and the examination of violations' cases, based on the findings and conclusions reached by the latter. The report also includes important observations and recommendations which were considered as good practice by human rights institutions to the APT "Association for the Prevention of torture".

The second publication gives a rough picture of the reality of justice in Morocco, based on extrapolation of the most important developments that Morocco has experienced at the judicial and legal level, identifying access to justice and judicial performance, and examining the issue of judicial independence and its reality from the point of view of national and international reports.

the third publication is to better understand the criminal justice chain and the penal reforms underway in Morocco, in particular the effectiveness of the justice chain in implementing a rights-based approach (from arrest to trial to detention); identify areas where it could play a role in contributing to improvements in related to a reduction in the prison population through effective measures, including alternative sentencing.

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Session 42 of the Human Rights Council in GENEVA /2017.

**Event organizer:** 4 declarations

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** the general consultation on the right to challenge the legality of detention organised in Geneva

**Event organizer:**  Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** from 1 to 2 septembre 2014.

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Participation in the 27th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR),

**Event organizer:** A statement was presented on the human rights situation in Morocco by Adala on 2/18/2017.

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** from 1 to 12 May 2017 in Geneva

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have been involved in the human rights movement for 36 years, without prejudice to my duties as a lawyer. I have shown flexibility in adapting my agendas and priorities to those of other actors, while chairing the Adala Association "for the Right to a Fair Trial" and being a member of the executive committee of the "Euromed - Rights" network so as to avoid any overlap of my different roles. I have been available to undertake my human rights tasks as needed, while observing trials, for example, that of "GDIM IZIG 1and 2); and by conducting investigations and inquiries, I have been willing to travel to remote areas of my country to participate and exchange to improve the penal and penitentiary systems in the MENA region (in collaboration with Penal Reform International) and in Africa to improve and unify the system for handling complaints of human rights violations (collaboration of the CNDH with NHRIs).

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words)**:**

No applicabale

**III. Motivation Letter**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

Jamila SAYOURI

E-mail: jsayouri.just@gmail.com

Mobile phone: (00212 661828946)

Rabat, 29 July 2020

Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland

Re: Application for the position of member of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Dear Sir/Madam

I have the honor to submit my application for the position of member of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (Member of the African States). I have accumulated 36 years of experience in the field of human rights, in particular in working on issues of legal and judicial security for vulnerable groups (women, minors and detainees). I have conducted investigations in more than 20 places of detention throughout Morocco. I have investigated and documented 3 cases of alleged torture within the CNDH. Moreover, I chair the association Adala/Justice for the right to a fair trial, which has among its missions:

\*The observation of fair trials (Salafist trials in 2003-2011, trials of journalists, Gdim-Izig trials )

\*The analysis of the gaps in the penal code, code of criminal procedure, for example I collaborated in the elaboration and drafting of the Memorandum of the CNDH in 2014, and the one in the framework of the program "Support to the civil society and follow-up of the relations between Morocco and the European Union 2019;

\*The advocacy for the guarantees of fair trials. I was commissioner of the National Council for Human Rights of the Kingdom of Morocco and rapporteure of its working group for the protection of Human rights and examination of violations where my mandate began in May 2011 and ended in May 2015.

The mandate of a member of the WGAD is of paramount importance to me for two reasons, subjective and objective. Firstly, I see my experience and knowledge to collaborate in investigating cases of deprivation of liberty incompatible with international legal instruments and standards. Secondly, I see my potential membership in the WGAD as an opportunity to use a comprehensive approach to combat one of the most serious human rights violations that is Arbitrary Detention.

I would also like my experience to benefit the African continent and the MENA region to which I belong and where, in particular, several countries are experiencing the phenomenon of arbitrary detention. I would very much like, through the WGAD, to provide all the necessary support to these countries so that they can engage in the process of criminal and penitentiary reform, through the United Nations system and mechanisms.

Having worked as a human Rights Defender with two NGOs since 1998 (OMDH and ADALA) on justice reforms, mainly criminal justice and fair trial guarantees, and with the CNDH on the processing of complaints and investigations of violations of the rights of detainees in prisons and the documentation of allegations of torture, I have acquired investigative skills and techniques. My experience with the NGOs, my knowledge of the media and the penal and penitentiary systems in the MENA and the national authorities will support the WGAD in its dialogue between all parties concerned to find adequate solutions to this violation. I would use my detailed knowledge of the former Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/42. Its mandate was clarified and extended by Commission resolution 1997/50. Its mandate recently extended by Human Rights Council resolution 42/22 of 26 September 2019. I have reporting skills that I have used to prepare and submit reports on several cases to various stakeholders.

I have a good command of French, excellent Arabic, both written and spoken. I work well under time pressure and have a flexible, available and responsible attitude. I also have skills in communication and conflict management.

Yours sincerely,

Jamila SAOURI

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Arabe**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily: **easily**  
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or Not easily: **easily**

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put, for example, 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Diploma of capacity to practice law (Lawyer at the Rabat Bar) | 1995 | Rabat - Morocco |
| Bachelor's degree in political science, Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Science, at the University Mohammed Ben Abdellah in Fes then the university of Mohamed V in Rabat | 1986-1989 | Rabat - Morocco |
| Diploma of General University Studies "DEUG" in Public Law, at the University Mohammed Ben Abdellah in Fes | , 1984\_1985 | Fes - Morocco |
| High School Diploma in Modern Letter, Ibno Rochd High school in Fes | 1983 | Fes - Morocco |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (most recent) occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| National Human Rights Council (CNDH), member, rapporteure of the working group on the protection of human rights and the examination of violations.  Main fuctions:Main functions: carry out visits and investigations in places of detention, namely child protection and protection of persons on the situation of migrants; Prepare for WG meetings; prepare WG reports. participate in the implementation of the action plan of the WG. Represent the CNDH at the CDH, at regional mechanisms. Ensure the briefing of foreign delegations, special rapporteurs and UN WG including the WGAD | 2011-2015 | Rabat - Morocco |
| Lawyer at the Rabat Bar | since 1995 from 1992 to 1995 professional training course | Rabat - Morocco |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

no

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

yes. I comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. I am not a leading member nor a regular one of any political party, and I am not holding a decision-making position in the government or any other governmental institution. As for my status as President of the Association ADALA or a member of the Executive Committee of Euro-med Rights, I am willing to withdraw from them, if they conflict with my mission within the WGAD.

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

In case of conflict of interest in the representation of my position in both organizations: in Adala "for the right to a fair trial" as president, in Euromed - Rights as a member of the executive committee I would resign and be replaced by other members. The mandate of the WGRI is a priority for me.

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
email (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

**Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Jamila SAYOURI

**Date:** 29-07-2020

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1. The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)