



*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in Geneva*  
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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to note 295/12, has the honour to forward the biographical data form of the Brazilian candidate for re-election to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Ms. Maria Margarida E. Pressburger.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, September 12, 2012



### Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies  
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form, i.e. 38 lines maximum)

Name and first name:

MARIA MARGARIDA E. PRESSBURGER

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Date and place of birth:

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1943, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Working languages:

English, Spanish, Portuguese and French (understand)

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Current position/function:

(5 lines maximum) Counselor of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association and President of its Human Rights Commission; Counselor of the Political Repair Commission of the Rio de Janeiro State.

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Main professional activities:

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- Founding member (1981) of the Human Rights Commission of the Rio de Janeiro State Bar Association. For over 10 years, she represented the Commission in several projects, including the drafting of the national Child and Adolescent Act, as well as carried out on-sight visits on its behalf to report on ill-treatment of inmates in prisons and juvenile correctional facilities.
- Head of the legal department of the São Martinho Foundation (2005 - 2008), a Brazilian organization that protects homeless children with the participation of Caritas and the Carmelitas Church.
- Re-elected Counselor of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association (2009), when she again took charge of the presidency of its Human Rights Commission.
- Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (2010-2012).

Educational background:

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- Graduated from the National School of Law of the University of Brazil (Faculdade Nacional de Direito da Universidade do Brasil) in 1968, and has ever since acquired extensive experience in legal practice, specially in the field of labor law.

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Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:  
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- From 1992 to 1995, she produced and presented a daily radio show about the rights of women in Radio Tupi.
- In 2007, in liaison with other women's rights institutions, she organized a seminar for the reduction of maternal death in the state of Rio de Janeiro, which grew into a nationwide project on promotion of women's sexual and reproductive rights.
- As head of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association's Human Rights Commission, and in partnership with of the State Legislature's Women's Rights Commission, she participated in the Project "*Eu Digo NÃO À Violência Contra as Mulheres*" (I say NO to violence against women), an initiative aiming at sensitizing men about this issue.
- She currently actively participates in the Bar Association's Memory and Truth Campaign for the disclosure of the archives related to the Brazilian military rule (1964-1985).
- Member of the Brazilian Lawyers Institute.

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