**ANNEX III**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Family name and first name: **MARSHALL-HARRIS, FAITH**

Date and place of birth: **OCTOBER 4, 1945**

Place of residence: **JACARANDA, BRIGHTON, ST. GEORGE, BARBADOS**

Nationality: **BARBADIAN**

United Nations working languages: **ENGLISH, FRENCH**

Current position/function: [[1]](#footnote-1)

**Attorney-at-Law and Legal Consultant (specialty areas - Family Law, Corporate Law); providing legal representation of children and their families, majority of them pro bono cases. Legal consultancies undertaken for Barbados Government, UNICEF, WORLD BANK, UN Women, inter alia. (See below)**

Other main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:

**Facilitator of Parenting Workshops.**

**UNICEF Children’s Champion (2012 to present - advocacy on all matters pertaining to children. Deputy Chairman and presently Chairman of the National Committee Monitoring the Rights of the Child (from 2012) mandated to monitor implementation of Convention of Rights of the Child (CRC); advocacy, advice, recommendations on issues and policies to protect and promote Rights of the Child; facilitation of public education re CRC; liaising with Government for timely reporting to UNCRC.**

**Lecturing on Child Rights to various sectors of the community including doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, parents and children.**

**Presented Papers on Child Rights to several sessions of the Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Associations (globally).**

Educational background:

**Bachelor of Arts degree (English Honours) University of the West Indies.**

**Certificat d’Ecole de Langue et Civilisation Francaises (University of Fribourg),**

**Diplome d’Ecole de Langue et** **Civilisation Francaises, (University of Geneva).**

**Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB), UWI.**

**Legal Education Certificate (LEC), Norman Manley Law School.**

Relevant expertise on children’s rights. Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related experience:

**Magistrate presiding over Juvenile Court (2006 – 2012).**

**Pioneered the circle of care where counsellors, social workers, pastors, teachers, representatives of governmental and NGOs invited to sit with the Court to advise and assist with treatment; instituting emphasis on restorative justice and rehabilitation.**

**Adjudicated matters pertaining to children: custody, access, maintenance.**

List of most recent publications in the field of children’s rights:

**“Factors and Trends in Juvenile Justice in Barbados (275 case studies)”; “Review of Laws of Barbados relating to Women, Children and their families - Analysis, Harmonisation and the case for Reform”; “Family Arrangements: Custody, Access, Maintenance”; “Legislative Review of the 16-18 Disconnect with Recommendations”; “The Mandatory Reporting Protocol for Child Abuse”; “Adolescent Access Systems”.**

1. It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Rights of the Child requires participation in three (January/February, May/June and September /October) sessions of three weeks duration each per year; in addition, pre-sessional working groups are held immediately after each session during five working days in order to prepare the following session. The total number of weeks during which the Committee meets in Geneva therefore amounts to at least 12 weeks per year. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)