Annex III

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

**Family name and first name:** Gudbrandsson, Bragi

**Date and place of birth:** 23 September 1953, Reykjavik, Iceland

**Nationality:** Icelandic

**United Nations working languages:** English

**Current position/function:** *Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child* since 2019; Honorary member of Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) *Promise project* for implementing Barnahus (the Children’s House) model in over 20 European countries and beyond, including serving as an advisor for a number of States and NHRI in the implementation of Barnahus or similar multiagency and child-friendly structures to response to child abuse.

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

Former *Director General* of the Icelandic *Government Agency for Child Protection* in Iceland, 1995-2018; Member of the Council of Europe Committee of the Parties to the *Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse* (*Lanzarote Committee*), 2012 – 2019, including its *Chair* 2014 -2016; Designated by Government of Iceland as a member of the *Council of the Baltic Sea States Expert Group on Children at Risk*, 2002-2019, and served as its first elected *Chair*.

Mr. Gudbrandsson has worked extensively within the framework of *the Council of Europe (CoE)* as a children’s rights expert participating in drafting various recommendations, standards, and conventions. These include CoE Recommendations on *Social Services friendly to children and families* (2010); Guidelines for *Child-friendly justice* (2009); the *Lanzarote Convention* (2008); the Recommendations on *Policy to Support Positive Parenting* (2006) and the Recommendations on the *Rights of* *Children in Residential Institutions* (2005);

Mr. Gudbrandsson is the founder of the Icelandic *Barnahus* (the Children’s House), a child-friendly and multidisciplinary response model to child abuse, which is already operational or being introduced in over twenty countries. Mr. Gudbrandsson has been a frequent presenter at international conferences and events on children’s rights held by the Council of Europe, European Union, National Governments, major HRI and NGOs and International Organizations, including the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), World Childhood Organization, UNICEF, Save the Children and Terre de Hommes.

**Educational background:**

BA (Hons) in Sociology, University of Kent at Canterbury, 1976; Postgraduate Studies at the University of Kent at Canterbury, 1976-1978.

Mr. Gudbrandsson regularly attends international conference and courses specifically related to children’s rights, evidence- based practices, child abuse and neglect, with recognized authorities in this field, such as ISPCAN and the US National Children´s Advocacy Centre (NCAC).

**Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related experience:**

As current member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and with his extensive career, Mr. Gudbrandsson has an in-depth knowledge of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its optional protocols and their implementation in different regions of the world. He has participated in many working groups (WG) of the Committee, including the WG on Child Participation (chair); the Day of General Discussion 2021 (co-coordinator); WG on OPIC; the WG on Working Methods; the WG on drafting of General Comment 25 on Digital Environment, as well as the current WG on drafting of General Comment 26 on Children’s Environmental rights and Climate Change.

Mr. Gudbrandsson also has an extensive experience of representing Iceland in various delegations, submitting reports and engaging in dialogue with to the Committee on all three occasions Iceland has been reviewed by the Committee in the past.

Mr. Gudbrandsson was a founding member of Save the Children in Iceland (1989) and a member of the Icelandic National Committee for UNICEF (2009-2012);

In 2019, Mr. Gudbrandsson received an *Honorary Award on the occasion of 100th Anniversary of Safe the Children* for his contribution to prevention and intervention in child sexual abuse and exploitation.

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

Gudbrandsson, B. (2017). Foreword. In Johansson, Stefansen, Bakketeig and Kaldal (Eds.), *Collaborating Against Child Abuse: Exploring the Nordic Barnahus Model* (pp. v-xi)*.* Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillian.

Gudbrandsson, B. (2010). Towards a child-friendly justice and support for child victims of sexual abuse. In *Protecting children from sexual violence - A comprehensive approach* (pp. 84 – 96)*.* Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing.

Gudbrandsson, B. (2007). *Children at risk and in care* (Report accompanying Recommendation (2005) on Rights of Children in Institutions). Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing.