

Biographical data form of candidates to all Committee against Torture
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Name and first name Muhammad Zafarullah Khan
Date and Place of Birth 11th March 1961 (Khanewal, Pakistan)
Working languages English, Urdu

Current position/Function:
(5 lines maximum)

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister/Minister of State for Cabinet Division. Assistance to the Federal Government on legal/political issues. To deal with matters relating to various authorities and attached departments under administrative control of Cabinet Division and provide guidance to improve their performance to meet the vision of Prime Minister as a whole.

Main professional activities:
(10 lines maximum)

- i. Ensure protection and promotion of civil, political and socio-economic rights through advising on capacity building and advocacy initiatives
- ii. Understanding and interpreting the law
- iii. Provide support to the Federal Government to integrate human rights principles and rights-based approaches into ongoing and envisaged legal and development progress
- iv. Incorporating human rights principles into public law
- v. Vetting of human rights litigation documents
- vi. Reviewing human rights compliance in legislation, policies, plans, practices and procedures for ensuring respect and fulfillment of human rights by the Federal Government
- vii. Writing opinions, advising solicitors and other professionals on human rights and law
- viii. Legal assistance to Federal Government and overseeing work/functions of Cabinet Division

**Education background:
(5 lines maximum)**

- i. Barrister-at-Law. Loncoln's Inn, UK
- ii. Bachelor in Law, City University, London, UK
- iii. M.Sc (International Relations), Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

**Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate
of the Committee against Torture
(10 lines maximum)**

- i. Evaluated national labour law in the light of ILO Conventions 100 and 111.
- ii. Worked for International Labour Organizations on a study 'Judicial Remedies for Bonded Labour'
- iii. Drafted Prevention of Domestic Violence Act for UNIFEM: 2008
- iv. Reviewed human trafficking related laws for UNIFEM: 2008
- v. Drafted Prevention of Harassment at Workplace Act for ILO: 2008
- vi. Drafted Sindh Child Protection laws. UNICEF and Government of Sindh
- vii. Represented Pakistan before UN Committee on the Child in 2003 and 2009
- viii. Presented paper on International Child Abduction at International Judicial Conference organized by Supreme Court of Pakistan, 2006
- ix. Represented Pakistan before UN Committee on CEDAW in 2014
- x. Represented Pakistan in UN Commission on Status of Women meeting 2015

**List of most recent publication in the field:
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- i. 'Human Rights: Theory and Practice'
- ii. 'A Guide on Land and Property Rights in Pakistan' for UN Habitat
- iii. 'Manual on Abolition of Bonded Labour' for ILO, Pakistan
- iv. 'Analysis of Blasphemy Laws in Pakistan' for UNDP: 2011
- v. 'Betreen Insan' (The Best Human Being)