

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when filling out this form and
return it electronically in word format to ohchr-crc@un.org)

Family name and first name: Scerri Ferrante , Juliana

Date and place of birth: 16th September 1970 , St Julians, Malta

Place of residence: St. Julians , Malta

Nationality: Maltese

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United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function: ¹

- **Chair** - Minors Care Review Board in Malta (Hearings of review of all protection orders related to child protection. drafting of legal instruments and recommendations to the Courts, and deciding issues raised and put forward regarding minors and children's rights under protection orders of out of home care./ alternative care. Hear children to understand their needs and wishes to make sure that the CRC principles are all safe guarded. Assure that placements are safe and their rights are fully protected.
- **Chair-** Immigration Appeals Board which also hears appeals from age assessments. Here too I ensure that CRC principles are put into effect, and such is also quoted in my decisions/judgements.
- Legal Advisor on Child Protection Law and Childrens Rights and Immigration. (Was Part of team of legal drafters and researchers) on Child Protection law which emphasised on the Rights of the Child)
- Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity, regarding all laws related to Minors thus have an overall view and input in national law.
- Domestic Violence Legal Advisor. (This also includes advising Minors who are alleged victims of Domestic Violence)
- Non-Resident Ambassador of the Republic of Malta.

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

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

- A speaker, (and attended conferences) related to minors, child protection and child care as well as human trafficking- always with reference to laws related to Children's Rights and Protection.
- Was a speaker representing Malta and forming part of Malta delegation, in the United Nations 81st Committee of the Rights of the Child in Geneva in May 2019, as part of the Malta Delegation.
- Speaker at the Victims Support Europe Conference 2022.
- Speaker at the Anti-Human Trafficking Interministerial Committee- June 2023 (referring to Children's Rights and Minors Protection in our national laws).
- Lecturer in this field also connected to immigration field re alleged minors in illegal immigration.
- For various years a Court appointed expert in Child abuse cases.
- A Judicator of the Small Claims Tribunal in the Malta Law Courts from 2018 until October 2023

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Educational background:

- Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta, after completing studies for other degrees and (LP, N.P) (LL. D)
- Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies. B.A. (socio-legal)
- Master's degree in international law -University of Malta. (Mag.Juris)
- Forensic Courses carried out at Criminal Pol Rome- Utilised as a Court Expert in the Law Courts in Minors Offences.
- Obtained certificates of training in 2019, risk checklist training in 2021 and also obtained a certificate of training in RE-US Transnational Training Workshops on Asylum and Migration, which included child migration from the Faculty of Law in Trento University in 2017. Various courses related to training of victim's support and elderly abuse and domestic violence, which also included child abuse

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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:

- A Court Expert since 1993 till 2002, specialized in sexual offences/ child abuse and child related offences. Appointed in criminal inquiries.
- A Judicial Assistant in the Family Court from 2012 till 2015
- In the year 2000, was a member of the Child and Young Person Advisory Board and also a legal advisor to the same Board for various years.
- In 2013-2014, was a member of the National Commission on Child Policy and Strategy
- Since 2013, involved in the drafting of the Child Protection Law. This involved extensive research in order to compare the laws of various countries and adapting measures from the same, in order to fit the Maltese scenario
- In the year 2016 and the year 2017, participated in parliamentary committees regarding the Child Protection Law.

- Course lecturer for the new law in child protection to replace the Care Order Act (2016-2017), and Immigration Law which included Minor Protection at University Of Malta