



Information Pack for NGOs Attending the Third Examination of Ireland under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

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1. List of Attendees and Contact Details

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Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC)

Name	Role	Institution
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Roger Sweetman	Senior Counsel and Human Rights Commissioner	IHRC

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2. Time-Table

Sunday, 13 July 2008	Monday, 14 July 2008	Tuesday, 15 July 2008
	8.45am- 9.15am – Irish Human Rights Commission Presentation to the HRC	
	9.15am-10am - NGO Presentation to the HRC	
	10am-1pm – Working Methods, HRC, Palais Wilson (Public Session)	10am – 1pm Third Periodic Report of Ireland, Palais Wilson (public session)
		2.15pm – NGO debriefing Session
	3pm – 6pm Third Periodic Report of Ireland – Palais Wilson (public session)	3pm – 6pm Communications, HRC, (closed session)
8pm Dinner for NGOs and HRC members at: Pied de Cochon Place du Bourg-de-Four 4 CH – 1204 Geneva Tel: + 41 22 310 47 97 http://www.pied-de-cochon.ch/homeA.html	6.30pm – Reception hosted by the Permanent Irish Mission to the UN at the Irish Residence, 43 Av de l'Ermitage, Chêne-Bourgeries 8pm – Dinner hosted by the Irish Government at Café Pappon	

3. Irish Government Report and List of Submissions to Human Rights Committee on Ireland for the Third Examination

Irish Government Report

- Irish Government (23 February 2007) *Consideration of Reports Submitted by States Parties Under Article 40 of the Covenant – Ireland*
<http://daccessdds.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G07/439/14/PDF/G0743914.pdf?OpenElement>

Shadow Reports from NGOs and Independent Experts

- FLAC, ICCL and IPRT (May 2008) *Shadow Report to the Third Periodic Report of Ireland under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/FLAC_ICCL_IPRT_Ireland93.doc
- Immigrant Council of Ireland (30 May 2008) *Submission in relation to the List of Issues*
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/ICI_Ireland.doc
- Conscience and Peace, Tax International (March 2008) *Submission on Ireland*
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/CPTI_Ireland93_en.doc
- Global Initiative (March/April 2008) *Briefing for the Human Rights Committee Country Report Task Forces* http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/GlobalInitiative93_Ireland.doc
- Mawhinney, Alison (March 2008) *Submission to the Human Rights Committee with Respect to the Third Periodic Report of Ireland*
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/Queens_University_Belfast_Ireland93.doc
- Irish Family Planning Association (June 2008) *IFPA Submission to the Human Rights Committee – Comments of the Irish Family Planning Association in respect of the Third Periodic Report of Ireland under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/IFPA_Ireland93.doc
- MarriageEquality (June 2008) *Submission to the Third Periodic Report of Ireland under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) 1966*, available from MarriageEquality
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/MarriageEqualityIreland93.doc>
- Irish Refugee Council (July 2008) *Shadow Submission on the Examination of Ireland's Third Periodic Report in relation to the List of Issues from the UN Human Rights Committee*
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/ngos/IRCIreland93.doc>

Irish Human Rights Commission

- IHRC (March 2008) *Submission to the UN Human Rights Committee on the Examination of Ireland's Third Periodic Report on the ICCPR*
<http://www.ihrc.ie/fileupload/publications/ICCPRIHRCThirdPeriodicReport.doc>

4. List of Issues Submitted to Ireland in May 2008

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Ninety-second session
New York, 17 March - 4 April 2008

LIST OF ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE THIRD PERIODIC REPORT OF IRELAND (CCPR/C/IRL/3)

Constitutional and legal framework within which the Covenant and the Optional Protocol are implemented (art.2)

1. Please indicate whether the State party intends to incorporate the Covenant into its domestic legislation (previous concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee, A/55/40 (vol.1), paras. 432-433). Please also indicate if there have been any cases in which the Covenant has been applied or used as an aid to interpret domestic law by the courts.
2. Please indicate whether new factors have emerged since the submission of the third periodic report that would enable Ireland to envisage a withdrawal of its reservations to article 10 paragraph 2, article 14, article 19, paragraph 2, and article 20, paragraph 1 (see A/55/40 (vol.1), para. 450 (a) and CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 215-218, 334-337)?
3. Please provide further information as to how the State party has addressed the recommendations contained in the Committee's previous concluding observations.

Non-discrimination and equal rights of women and men (arts. 2, 3, 26)

4. Please indicate what measures have been adopted to address the reported gaps in the protection of women from domestic violence, in particular the continuing impunity, the under-funding of services for victims, and the lack of public education initiatives. Please provide recent statistics on violence against women, including the rates of prosecution and conviction, and the average sentences and penalties, as well as compensation to the victims.
5. Please indicate whether there has been any progress regarding a change to Article 41.2 of the Constitution since the submission of the Committee's previous concluding observations (A/55/40 (vol. 1), paras. 441-442). Please provide further information on the National Women's Strategy. The Committee is particularly interested in the steps taken to ensure its implementation and whether these measures have subsequently been subject to evaluation (CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 110-112).
6. Please indicate whether the State party intends to introduce legislation aimed at the recognition of same-sex partnerships or other non-married relationships, as well as a legal mechanism permitting transgender persons to change their gender.

Counter-terrorism measures and respect of Covenant guarantees

7. Please provide further information on the compatibility of counter-terrorism related laws in the State party with the Covenant (see CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 382-389). Information should indicate, inter alia, whether legislation includes a definition of terrorism and any derogation from ordinary law stipulated in existing or proposed counter-terrorism legislation. Please indicate how the State party addresses concerns about the use of Irish airspace and airports for so-called renditions. Does the State party continue to accept diplomatic assurances in that regard? Does the State party intend to initiate a public inquiry into renditions?

Derogation (art.4)

8. Please provide information on the enactment of any constitutional or other legislative measures designed to restrict derogations only to those permissible under Article 4 of the Covenant (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 440).

Right to life (art. 6)

9. Please indicate what measures have been taken following the referendum on abortion. Please also provide information on the steps taken to make sure that women are not compelled to continue pregnancies where these are incompatible with obligations arising under article 6 of the Covenant and the Committee's general comment No. 28 (2000) on article 3 (The equality of rights between men and women) (see CCPR/C/IRL/3, para. 132, 138 and A/55/40 (vol. 1), paras. 444-445).

Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and prohibition of slavery, security of the person and the right not to be subjected to arbitrary detention, and treatment of detainees (arts. 7, 8, 9, 10)

10. Please provide further information on the newly established Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, in particular on the steps taken to guarantee its independence (CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 158-161). If available, please provide detailed information on the number and nature of complaints against members of the Garda Síochána that have so far been dealt with by the Commission and their outcome (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 434-435). Have allegations of ill-treatment decreased since the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) visited the State party in October 2006? Please also indicate whether audio-video recording is now mandatory for all interrogations at Garda stations. What measures have been taken to ensure that judges and prosecutors respond appropriately to allegations of police ill-treatment? Does the State party intend to modify its practice of not permitting lawyers to be present during police interviews?

11. Please indicate whether the 2006 Prisons Bill has been enacted and if so, please provide further information on how it improves the conditions of detention. In light of the fact that the construction of new detention facilities has yet to be completed, how does the State party address the most serious problems of the present regime, in particular the overcrowding and "slopping out procedure" (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 446)? Does the State party consider alternative sanctions to detention and if so, which ones?

12. While the legislation on human trafficking mainly addresses this issue from a criminal law angle, please provide further information on other measures and programmes carried out by the State party to assist the victims of human trafficking. Please specify the legal provisions regarding the protection of victims of trafficking.

13. As the maximum detention period for asylum applicants has been increased through the Immigration Act, 2003, in order to relieve the resource constraints of the courts and the Garda Síochána, does the State party intend to increase this budget in the future? Please provide further information on how the detention facilities for asylum seekers fully comply with the provisions of the Covenant (CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 195-202).

Imprisonment for failure to fulfil a contractual obligation (art. 11)

14. Are any steps being taken by the State party to repeal the provisions of the legislation permitting imprisonment for failure to fulfil a contractual obligation?

Expulsion of aliens and right to a fair trial (arts. 13, 14)

15. Please explain the compatibility of the Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill of 2007 with the Covenant, in particular the power of the State party to arrest, detain and remove any person who is unlawfully on the State territory without advance notice and without the possibility to make representations within 14 days (Sections 5, 51 and 52 of the bill).

16. Please provide information regarding the Nationality and Citizenship Act 2004 and the Supreme Court ruling, which reportedly makes it possible that the non-Irish parents of an Irish child may not be entitled to reside in Ireland or may even be deported.

17. Please explain under what circumstances the State party could envisage ending the jurisdiction of the Special Criminal Court (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 436-437), in light of, inter alia, the Committee's Views regarding Communication no. 819/1998 (*Joseph Kavanagh v. Ireland*). Please also provide further information as to why the Government considers it necessary to be able to establish additional special courts (CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 343-381).

18. Please indicate whether the State party has taken any steps to address the backlog of cases under the Civil Legal Aid Scheme. Please also indicate what measures are being taken by the State party to ensure that those who need civil legal aid will receive it following a test regarding the person's ability to have a fair hearing, without regard to the category of civil law or type of court or tribunal involved (CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 395-396)?

Freedom of religion (art. 18)

19. Please indicate whether the State party has taken any steps to initiate a review of the constitutional provision requiring judges to make a declaration with religious references (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 450 (b)).

Rights of minorities (arts. 26, 27)

20. Please provide more information on how the recommendations issued by the High Level Group on Traveller's Issues and the related projects have effectively improved the situation of the Traveller community, especially with regard to their low standard of living, as well as their participation in political life. Furthermore, please provide more detailed information on how the State party addresses the issue of low achievements in school by a majority of Traveller children and the low employment level of members of the Traveller community (A/55/40 (vol. 1), para. 448-449 and CCPR/C/IRL/3, paras. 597-601).

21. Please provide detailed information on measures taken to ensure adequate opportunities for children of minorities to receive instruction in and about their language, religion, and culture.

Dissemination of information relating to the Covenant and the Optional Protocol (art.2)

22. Please provide more detailed information on the steps taken to disseminate information on the Covenant and on the submission of the present report, as well as on the involvement of representatives of civil society and of minority groups in the preparatory process.

5. Concluding Observations of the HRC on Ireland's Second Periodic Report Under the CCPR (24/07/2000)

1. The Committee examined the second periodic report of Ireland (CCPR/C/IRL/98/2) at its 1846th, 1847th and 1848th meetings (CCPR/C/SR.1846-1848), held on 13, 14 and 15 July 2000, respectively. At its 1858th meeting, on 21 July 2000, the Committee adopted the following concluding observations.

1. Introduction

2. The Committee appreciated the high quality of the report of Ireland, which was comprehensive, responded to the concluding observations made by the Committee after the examination of the initial report and generally conformed with the Committee's guidelines for the preparation of States parties reports. The Committee also appreciated the additional oral and written information provided by the State party delegation during the examination of the report; this information was highly instructive and enhanced the dialogue between the Committee and

the delegation. Furthermore, the Committee welcomed the publication and wide dissemination of the report by the Government and its willingness to involve non-governmental organizations in the process.

3. Recalling its earlier comments, the Committee notes with satisfaction that the problems of terrorism have diminished and that, despite the problems experienced, the State party has maintained its democratic institutions and respect for the rule of law.

2. Positive aspects

4. The Committee notes with appreciation the increased use of the Covenant by the courts as an aid to the interpretation of common law and constitutional rights, and the withdrawal of several reservations made upon ratification of the Covenant.

5. The Committee welcomes the fact that the recently enacted Human Rights Commission Act provides for the establishment of a Human Rights Commission.

6. The Committee welcomes the establishment in 1997 of the Standing Interdepartmental Committee on Human Rights, which is mandated to consider all aspects of Ireland's international human rights obligations, including the preparation of reports due under human rights treaties, as well as the Joint Department of Foreign Affairs/Non-Governmental Organizations Standing Committee on Human Rights. It further welcomes the operation of the Constitution Review Group, which is reviewing the 1937 Constitution with a view to proposing reforms necessary to bring it in line, inter alia, with international human rights standards.

7. The Committee expresses satisfaction that the state of emergency declared in 1976 was ended in 1995 and that the Emergency Powers Act of 1976 has now lapsed.

8. The Committee welcomes the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 and the Sexual Offenders (Jurisdiction) Act 1996, which allows prosecution in respect of offences committed outside Ireland. It also notes with satisfaction the abolition of corporal punishment in public and private schools.

9. The Committee notes with satisfaction the enactment of the Family Law (Divorce) Bill 1996, the Freedom of Information Act of 1997, and the Civil Legal Aid Act of 1995 by which legal services are provided to persons of modest means at little or no cost through legal centres based throughout the country.

10. The Committee welcomes the initiatives being undertaken in the area of human rights education, including education for primary and secondary students, members of the police (Garda) and the legal profession.

3. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

11. The Committee expresses continuing concern that not all Covenant rights are guaranteed in the domestic law of the State party. The consequent lack of domestic recourse will limit the power of the proposed Human Rights Commission to take action in the courts to enforce those rights not covered.

12. The State party should ensure that all Covenant rights and freedoms are guaranteed and that effective remedies are available to any person whose rights or freedoms are violated, in accordance with article 2 of the Covenant.

13. While it welcomes the existence of a mechanism to investigate complaints made against the police force, namely the Garda Complaints Board, the Committee regrets that the Board is not fully independent, in that investigations of complaints against the Garda are often entrusted to members of the Garda without consultation with the Board. It emphasizes that the availability of recourse to the courts to address allegedly unlawful conduct by the police does not displace the need for independent and transparent investigation of allegations of abuse.

14. The Committee recommends that, in the context of its current review of the Garda Complaints Act of 1986, the State party take steps to ensure that the Garda Complaints Board is not dependent on the Garda for the conduct of investigations. Consideration should be given to the establishment of a police ombudsman. In the case of death resulting from action by members of the Garda, the State party should ensure that allegations are investigated by an independent and public process.

15. The law establishing the Special Criminal Court does not specify clearly the cases which are to be assigned to that Court but leaves it to the broadly defined discretion of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). The Committee is also concerned at the continuing operation of the Offences Against the State Act, that the periods of detention without charge under the Act have been increased, that persons may be arrested on suspicion of being about to commit an offence, and that the majority of persons arrested are never charged with an offence. It is concerned that, in circumstances covered by the Act, failure to respond to questions may constitute evidence supporting the offence of belonging to a prohibited organization. The application of the Act raises problems of compatibility with articles 9 and 14, paragraph 3 (g), of the Covenant. The Committee regrets that legal assistance and advice may not be available until a person has been charged.

16. Steps should be taken to end the jurisdiction of the Special Criminal Court and to ensure that all criminal procedures are brought into compliance with articles 9 and 14 of the Covenant.

17. The Committee expresses concern that the seven-day period of detention without charge under the Drug Trafficking Act raises issues of compatibility with article 9, paragraph 1. It is also concerned that legal aid is not available to detainees between arrest and charge and does not extend to visits to persons in detention.

18. The State party should ensure that all aspects of detention, including the period of detention and availability of legal aid, are administered in full compliance with article 9 of the Covenant.

19. The Committee recommends that the review of the Constitution should take fully into account the obligations of the State party under article 4 of the Covenant, particularly in regard to permitted derogations.

20. While noting the many advances that have been made in regard to the participation of women in all aspects of political, social and economic life, the Committee is concerned at the continuing inequalities faced by women in Ireland, which are reflected in the under-representation of women in certain occupations and in political life and in the generally lower salaries paid to women as compared with men. The Committee is also concerned that the references to women made in article 41 (para. 2) of the Constitution could perpetuate traditional attitudes toward the role of women. In that provision, the State "recognizes that by her life within the home, woman gives to the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved. The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home".

21. The Committee urges the State party to intensify its efforts to ensure equality of women in all spheres, particularly in public and political life and in decision-making bodies, in accordance with articles 3 and 26 of the Covenant. It encourages the State party to strengthen its efforts to monitor the situation of women by collecting gender-disaggregated data in these spheres and by "gender-proofing" all draft legislation to ensure neutrality.

22. The Committee is concerned that exemptions under the Employment Equality Act, which allow religious bodies directing hospitals and schools to discriminate in certain circumstances on the ground of religion in employing persons whose functions are not religious, may result in discrimination contrary to article 26 of the Covenant.

23. The Committee is concerned that the circumstances in which women may lawfully obtain an abortion are restricted to when the life of the mother is in danger and do not include, for example, situations where the pregnancy is the result of rape.

24. The State party should ensure that women are not compelled to continue with pregnancies where that is incompatible with obligations arising under the Covenant (art. 7) and General Comment No. 28.

25. While the Committee notes the many improvements in prison conditions, it recommends that further efforts be made to ensure that all prisons and detention centres are brought up to the minimum standards required to ensure respect for the human dignity of detainees and to avoid overcrowding, in accordance with article 10. The Independent Prison Authority, whose establishment is envisaged in a current bill, should have power and resources to deal with complaints of abuse made by prisoners.

26. In regard to proposed changes to the law regarding asylum-seekers, the State party should ensure that the grounds on which detention may be authorized and the right of access to judicial review of detention decisions are in full conformity with the provisions of article 9 of the Covenant. It should also ensure that requirements relating to the place of residence of refugees do not infringe the rights to liberty of movement protected under article 12.

27. With respect to the Travelling community, the Committee continues to be concerned about the generally lower living standards of members of this community, their low levels of participation in national political and social life and their high levels of maternal and infant mortality.

28. The State party is urged to continue its efforts to take positive action to overcome discrimination and to ensure the equal enjoyment of rights by members of the Travelling community and in particular to improve their access to health, education and welfare services, including accommodation, and their participation in political and public life. The State should also pursue actively programmes to change attitudes and to promote understanding between the Travelling and the settled communities (arts. 26, 27).

29. The Committee recommends that further action be taken to ensure full implementation of the Covenant in these matters:

- (a) Withdrawal of the remaining reservations to the Covenant;
- (b) Reform of constitutional provisions requiring judges to make a declaration with religious references (art. 18);
- (c) Provision for prompt review of detention on mental health grounds, i.e. within a few days (art. 9);
- (d) Repeal or reform of discriminatory aspects of legislation requiring the registration of alien husbands of Irish women citizens, which is not required of alien wives of Irish male citizens (arts. 3, 26);
- (e) Ensuring the full and equal enjoyment of Covenant rights by disabled persons, without discrimination, in accordance with article 26; and
- (f) Improving remedies for victims of domestic violence.

4. Dissemination of information about the Covenant (art. 2)

30. The Committee requests that the third periodic report be submitted by 31 July 2005. That report should be prepared in accordance with the revised guidelines adopted by the Committee and should give particular attention to the issues raised in the present concluding observations. The Committee requests that these concluding observations and the next periodic report be widely disseminated in the territory of the State party.

6. List of Key Documentation

- **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**
http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ccpr.htm
- **General Comments on Thematic Issues – Human Rights Committee interpretation of the ICCPR's provisions**
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/comments.htm>
- **Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee on Ireland's First Periodic Report under the CCPR, 1993**
[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/10cef6e66dedc39e41256324003c32cc?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/10cef6e66dedc39e41256324003c32cc?Opendocument)
- **Second Irish Government Report to the Human Rights Committee, 1998**
[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/CCPR.C.IRL.98.2.En?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/CCPR.C.IRL.98.2.En?Opendocument)
- **Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee on Ireland's Second Periodic Report Under the CCPR (24/07/2000)**
[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/A.55.40,paras.422-451.En?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/A.55.40,paras.422-451.En?Opendocument)
- **Human Rights Committee Working Methods**
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/workingmethods.htm>

7. Information on UN Human Rights Committee Members¹

Rafael RIVAS POSADA (Colombia) – Chairperson

Place and Date of Birth: Santafé de Bogotá, 5 April 1932

Marital Status: Married, two children

Foreign Languages: English, French

University Studies:

- Universidad Nacional, Faculty of Law, Santafé de Bogotá, 1950-1954
- "Doctorado" in Law and Political Science, 1956, Final dissertation: "General Theory on Legal Transactions", for which he was awarded the Medalla del Mérito Universitario José Félix de Restrepo, 1957

Postgraduate Studies:

- Université de Paris, Department of Law, Paris, 1956-1958, Civil Law courses (within the Ph.D. curriculum) Scholarship of the French Government
- Université de Paris, Institut de droit comparé, Paris, 1956-1958
- Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, 1961-1963, Masters Degree in Public Administration. Final dissertation: "Regional development corporations: a method for administration"
- Princeton University, United States of America, 1965-1968, Ph.D. studies in Political Science. Ph.D. candidate; final dissertation: "The Colombian political party system: models of political competition"; Ford Foundation scholarship

Professional Background:

- Municipal Judge at Utica (Cundinamarca), 1955-1956
- Minister of Public Finance, Bogotá, 1958
- Attorney of the Province of Cundinamarca, 1958-1960
- Private practice as lawyer - Bogota , 1971-1975
- National Coordinator of the UNDP/UNESCO Programme, Bogotá, 1975
- Minister of National Education, 1977-1978
- General Manager of Empresa Colombiana de Producción y Distribución de Bienes Culturales, Procultura S.A., Bogotá, 1981-1982
- Member of the Peace Commission of the Colombian Government, 1982-1985
- Assistant Director of the Colombian Liberal Party, 1985-1986

¹ Information obtained from the UN Human Rights Committee website at:
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/members.htm>

Academic Experience:

- Professor at Escuela Superior de Administración Pública (ESAP), Bogotá, 1963-1965
- Professor at Universidad del Valle (Cali , Colombia), 1965-1970
- Head of the Political Science Department, Universidad del Valle, 1968-1969
- Dean of the Department of Economic and Social Science, Universidad del Valle, 1970
- Dean of the Department of Arts and Sciences, Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá), 1970-1971
- Professor at Universidad de Los Andes, 1970-1975
- Head of University, Universidad de Los Andes , 1982-1985
- Director, Center for International Studies, Universidad de Los Andes , 1996-1997

Diplomatic Background:

- Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, New York, 1975-1977
- Vice-President, Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, New York , 1976
- Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council. President of the Social Committee and the Economic Committee of the Council
- Chairman of the Ad-hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, United Nations, 1976-1977
- President of the Intergovernmental Conference of UNESCO on Cultural Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, Bogotá, 1978
- Chief of the Colombian delegation to the tenth special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, devoted to disarmament, New York, 1978
- Regional Coordinator of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean , Caracas, Venezuela, 1979-1981
- Delegate of Colombia to the World Conference on Culture, organized by UNESCO, Mexico , 1982
- Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for the study of the human rights situation in Uruguay , 1982-1985
- Independent resource person of the Commission on Human Rights for the study of the human rights situation in Paraguay
- Colombian Ambassador to Belgium , Luxembourg and the European Communities, Brussels , 1986-1988
- Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Geneva, 1988-1991
- Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia at the United Nations Office and other international bodies based in Geneva , 1989-1991
- Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the human rights situation in Cuba, 1991-1992
- Member of the Consultative Group of International Experts for the International Committee of the Red Cross, 1992-1995
- Commissioner member for Panel A on the study of reparations concerning the Gulf War, United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva, 1994-1996
- Member of the National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of The Hague

Elisabeth PALM – Vice Chairperson and Rapporteur for the Irish Examination

Place and Date of Birth: Born in July 1936 in Helsingborg, Sweden

University Studies:

- Master of Law, Uppsala University, 1959
- Degree in French language, Göteborg University, 1975

Professional Background:

- Deputy judge and assistant judge, Court of Appeal 1964-1971
- Judge at the Administrative Court of Appeal, 1972
- Head of Division, Administrative Court of Appeal, 1979
- Legal Adviser, Ministry of Local Government, 1976
- Permanent Under-Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, 1978
- Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Local Government, 1979
- Justice of the Supreme Administrative Court, 1983
- Member of the Council on Legislation, 1987
- Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1988
- President of the Administrative Court of Appeal, Göteborg, 1996

- President of the Swedish County Administration Board, 1979
- Member of the Board of the National Agency for Government Employers, 1979
- Vice-President of the National Institute for Personal Administration and Training, 1979
- President of the National Commission for Community Radio, 1986
- Member of the Executive Committee of the International Institute of Administrative Science, Brussels, 1985
- Member of the Administrative Tribunal (Appeals Board) of OECD, 1987
- President of the Appeals Board of the Swedish Church, 2003
- President of the Supervisory Board of Public Accountants, 2003

Other Key Information:

- Has participated in numerous national official studies as president, member or special expert *inter alia*; the County Court Committee (expert) 1977-1980; the official report on Administrative Law (expert) 1978-1983; President of the Special Committee on the Issue of Women Clergymen 1980; President of the official Committee on Regional Responsibilities 1992, The Future of Courts and the Status of Judges 1993 (expert)
- Given lectures on Human Rights in Member-States of the Council of Europe and published a number of articles *inter alia*; The issue of women clergymen – conflict between different human rights 1983 (Rättsfonden), Human Rights in Sweden (1992 *Mélanges offerts à Jacques Vélú*), Décentralisation et Ordre Juridique en Suède (Etudes & Documents) Conseil d'Etat (France), 1993; The Civil Servant and the New Court (Studies in Memory of the President Rolv Ryssdal) 2000. Case-law and methods of interpretation in the European Court of Human Rights 2003 (Juridisk tidskrift 2003-2004 nr 4)

Languages:

Fluent in English and French

Ivan SHEARER (Australia) – Vice-Chairperson

Date and Place of Birth: 9 December 1938, Adelaide, Australia

Working Languages: Fluent English and German. Working-level French.

Current Position/Function:

- UN Human Rights Committee Member since 2001. Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Sydney. President, International Law Association (Australian Branch). Member of the Panel of Arbitrators to the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 1986. Member of the List of Arbitrators, nominated by Australia under Article 2, Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Main Professional Activities:

- Professor Shearer is a distinguished teacher, scholar and practitioner of human rights law specifically and international law generally. By virtue of his unique blend of legal, diplomatic and academic experience, he is ideally suited to continue to contribute to this vital committee. Professor Shearer has served as a Judge ad hoc in the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He occupied the prestigious Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney. Professor Shearer was the International Law Adviser to the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho under the United Nations Development Programme (1971-1973) and in this capacity was a member of the Lesotho delegation to UN conferences

Educational Background:

- Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Sydney. Challis Professor of International Law, University of Sydney, 1993-2003. Professor of Law (and Dean of the Faculty of Law, 1984-1990), University of New South Wales (1975-1992). Educated at the University of Adelaide (Bachelor of Laws, 1960, Master of Laws, 1964) and at Northwestern University, Chicago (Doctor of Juridical Science, 1968)

Other Activities in the Field relevant to the Mandate of the Treaty Body concerned:

- Professor Shearer's special fields of interest are human rights law, the law of armed conflict (including international humanitarian law), international criminal law (including extradition law) and the law of the sea. Professor Shearer has an intimate understanding of the relationship between developing countries and the UN human rights system. In April 2004, he presented seminars on the reporting obligations of states parties to international human rights instruments to the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Professor Shearer has also given lectures on human rights for visiting government legal officers from Vietnam, Bangladesh and China sponsored by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) in 1998-1999

List of Recent Publications in the Field:

- "The Implications of Non-Treaty Law Making: Customary Law and its Implications", in Alston and Chan (eds), *Treaty-Making and Australia* 93-103 (Federation Press, Sydney, 1995); "The Human Rights Committee and the Toonen Case", 69 *Australian Law Journal* 600-609 (1995); "Extradition and Human Rights", 68 *Australian Law Journal* 451-455 (1994); "Extraditing Heads of State", 10 *Public Law Review* 179-184 (1999)

Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL (Egypt) – Vice-Chairperson

Date and Place of Birth: 4 November 1925, Cairo, Egypt

Working Languages: English, French and Arabic

Current Position/Function:

- Member of the Human Rights Committee since the year 2000
- Advisor to the Arab Organization for Human Rights
- Advisor to the National Centre for Middle East Studies, Cairo

Main Professional Activities:

- Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
- Member of the Egyptian Society for International Law
- Occasional lectures at the Diplomatic Institute in Cairo (as former Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN in New York).
- Member of the "New Forum" in Cairo (an NGO whose activities cover political, economic and social affairs)

Educational Background:

- Bachelor of Commerce (1946), Cairo University
- LLB (1992), Cairo University
- Fellow at the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University , Cambridge , Mass (1968, 1976)

Other Activities in the Field relevant to the Mandate of the Treaty Body concerned:

- Lectured on the ICCPR to members of the Egyptian judiciary as part of a programme organized through the UNDP in Cairo
- Member of a group of five Arab experts commissioned by the HCHR upon request of the Secretary General of the Arab League, to revise the 1994 "Arab Charter Rights" for the consideration of Arab States
- Lectured at the Egyptian National Council for Women
- Participation in seminars and discussion groups organized in Cairo by Human Rights NGOs

Recent Publications:

- A comprehensive analysis of ICCPR to be included in a handbook on human rights for Arabic speaking public, as part of an ongoing project of the Arab Organization for Human Rights, to promote human rights culture.

Diplomatic Career:

- 1982-1985 Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, New York
- Representative of Egypt to the Security Council (1984-1985)
- Chairman of the Group of 77 (October 1984-1985)
- 1979-1982 Ambassador to the then European Economic Community and to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- 1977-1979 Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo
- 1974-1977 Ambassador to Finland (where he closely followed the later phases of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe)
- 1972-1974 Head of Egypt's Interest Section, Washington, D.C.
- 1969-1974 Director of the Department of International Organizations, Specialized Agencies, Technical Assistance and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo
- 1971-1973 Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
- 1962-1968 Deputy Directors of the Department of International Organizations, Cairo. First Secretary then Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, New York (served on the First Committee, the Special Political Committee and the Third Committee of the General Assembly). Joined the diplomatic service in 1948 as attaché to the Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Served in London, Rome and South Africa. During his diplomatic career, he participated in numerous international meetings and conferences. Lectured at the Diplomatic Institutes in Cairo and Nairobi and took part in specialized seminars and workshops in several United States universities and in Europe , Egypt and elsewhere in Africa

Other United Nations Functions:

- 1993-1999 Alternate expert in the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, as it is now called. Served as a member of the Working Group on Minorities
- Related functions and activities:
- Adviser to the Arab Organization of Human Rights (AOHR), which enjoys NGO consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
- Represented AOHR at several regional and international meetings and seminars
- Served in that capacity as a member of the group of experts designated by the International Commission of Jurists to participate in the Third Government Legal Experts' Meeting on the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (Addis Ababa, 1996)
- Served as Principal Rapporteur of the Third NGO Conference on Solidarity and Cooperation in the Mediterranean , which was held in Madrid in November 1995 on the eve of the Barcelona Ministerial Meeting on Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

Languages:

Arabic, English, French, Italian

Abdelfattah AMOR (Tunisia) – Rapporteur

Date and Place of Birth: 4 March 1943, Tunisia

Titles and Degrees:

- University professor since 1979
- Senior lecturer in Public Law and Political Science (1974-1979)
- Assistant lecturer (1973)
- Assistant (1970-1972)
- Doctorate in Public Law and Political Science (1974)
- State doctorate in law (1973), Paris II
- Diploma of Advanced Studies in Public Law (1968), Paris
- Diploma of Advanced Studies in Political Science (1968), Paris
- Law degree (1967), Tunis
- Intermediate diploma of the National School of Administration (1967)
- Visiting Professor at Paris I, Paris V, Nantes, Limoges, Dijon, Toulouse, Warsaw, Belgrade, Algiers, Annaba, Rabat, Casablanca, Fez, Tokyo, Kyoto, Louvain-La Neuve, Columbia University, Harvard Law School, etc.

Academic Positions:

- Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Science of Tunis (since April 1993)
- Dean of the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Science of Tunis (1987-1993)
- Member of the Constitutional Council (1987-1992)
- Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Tunis (1980-1984)
- Director of the Study and Research Unit on Law and Political Science at the Law Faculty of Tunis (1978-1979)

Other Responsibilities and Activities:

- Member and Deputy Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (since 1999)
- Member of the UNESCO Human Rights Jury (since 2000)
- Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Committee on freedom of religion or belief (since 1993)
- President of the International Consultative Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Tolerance and Non-discrimination (Madrid 2001)
- Alternate member at the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (1992-1995)
- President of the International Academy of Constitutional Law (since 1996)
- Member of the Bureau of the International Conference of French-Language Deans (since 1987)
- Member of the AUPELF-UREF "Fundamental Rights" Network Committee (since 1993)
- Co-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (1993-1995)
- Founding Secretary-General of the International Academy of Constitutional Law (1984-1988)
- Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (1987-1993)
- President of the Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law (since 1982)
- Expert at the Arab League (1979-1983)
- President of the Tunisian Aggregation Jury for Public Law and Political Science (1986 and 1999)
- Member of various recruitment panels for the positions of assistant, assistant lecturer, senior lecturer and professor in public law and political science
- Director of many State doctorate theses
- Member of the Algerian Aggregation Jury for Public Law and Political Science (1984)
- Founding Secretary-General of the Tunisian Association of Political and Social Science
- Member of the National Council of Public Liberties in Tunisia (1977)
- Founder member of the Union of Arab Jurists (1975)
- Founder of several associations, inter alia on the environment, culture, Maghreb cooperation, etc.
- Member of the National Jury for the award of the 7 November Prize
- Member of the National Jury to award the prize for administrative innovation
- General Rapporteur of the National Commission on the Protection of Educational Institutions (1991)
- Council member of the Arab Thought Club (Amman)

Principal Subjects Taught since 1970:

- Constitutional law and political science
- Human rights and public liberties
- History of political ideas
- Administrative law
- International law and international relations
- Environmental law

Main Publications and Research:

- Handbook of constitutional law, Tunis CERP, 1987 (in Arabic)
- Handbook of administrative law (with others) E.N.A. 1975 (in French)
- Compendium of Tunisian constitutions and political documents (with K. Saïd), Tunis CERP, 1987 (in Arabic)
- Islam et droits de l'homme (edited by G. Conac and A. Amor), Paris, Economica, 1994
- Le suffrage universel (edited by Abdelfattah Amor, Philippe Ardant and Henri Roussillon), Social Sciences University Press, Toulouse, 1994
- The Tunisian political system, Paris 1973
- Problems and prospects of Maghreb unity, Paris, 1968

More than 80 Research Projects, including:

- United Nations Human Rights Committee (2002)
- The condition of women in relation to religion and traditions (2002)
- Prevention of religious intolerance and education (2001)
- Religious intolerance and racial discrimination. Aggravated discrimination (2000)

United Nations Reports

- Reports on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and racial discrimination, submitted to the Human Rights Committee (26 reports since 1993)
- Interim reports on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief, submitted to the General Assembly (Third Committee) (eight reports since 1994)

Decorations

- Order of the Republic
- Order of Educational Merit
- National Human Rights Prize (1998)
- Spanish Order of Merit
- Many foreign decorations and honorary titles

Christine CHANET (France)

University Education:

- Advanced Diploma in Private Law
- Advanced Diploma in Criminology
- Laureate of the Paris Faculty of Law

Professional Background:

- Junior magistrate at the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature
- Magistrate at the Central Administration of the Ministry of Justice (1970)
- Technical Adviser to the Secretariat of State for Women's Affairs then head of the Minister's Office (1974-1976)
- Special Assistant at the Office of the Minister for Culture (1976-1977)
- Special Assistant to the Director of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, then in 1983, Assistant Head of International Civil and Criminal Affairs and Human Rights in the Legal Affairs Department
- Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and Member of the Committee Against Torture
- Technical Adviser in charge of international affairs in the Office of the Minister of Justice (1988-1990)
- Advocate-General at the Court of Appeal of Paris (1992-1996)
- Judge at the Court of Cassation (since 1996)
- Chairperson of the United Nations Rights Committee (1997-1998)
- Chairperson of the Ministerial Committee in charge of deliberating on measures of expulsion (1998)
- Chairperson of the Committee in charge of reviewing panel decisions following a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights (2000)
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Human Rights in France
- Member of the French International Law Society
- Member of the French Branch of the International Law Association (ILA)

Special Honours:

- Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and the National Order of Merit (1997)

Languages:

French and English

Prafullachandra Natwarlal BHAGWATI (India)

Justice P.N. Bhagwati is one of the most distinguished jurists of India since the independence of that country. He presided over the Supreme Court of India as its Chief Justice until his retirement. Under his leadership the Indian Supreme Court has developed comprehensive human rights jurisprudence for India. He, through creative interpretation, expanded the reach and context of human rights embodied in the Constitution. He developed the strategy of Public Interest Litigation with a view to making human rights meaningful for the large masses of poor and disadvantaged people. This is a strategy, which has won admiration in many common law jurisdictions.

He is closely connected with a large number of NGOs, both in India and outside, and has been motivating and inspiring grassroots human rights and development NGOs. Justice Bhagwati is the Chairman of the South Asian Task Force on Judiciary. He is Vice-Chairman of El Taller, an International Human Rights Development Organization located in Tunis. He has organized a number of judicial colloquia in different parts of the Commonwealth on "Domestic Application of International Human Rights norms" for judges in the Commonwealth. He has also promoted and participated in numerous workshops of lawyers and judges on the subject of human rights organized by NGOs and was Chairman of the World Congress on Human Rights held in New Delhi in December 1990.

He has been a member of the Committee of Experts of the ILO for over 15 years. For over 6 years he was the Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, and he is now elected as the Chairman. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has taken him as Regional Adviser for the Asia Pacific Region. He has also carried out several missions for the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the International Commission of Jurists. His services have been utilized by several countries, including Mongolia, Cambodia, Nepal, Ethiopia, and South Africa in framing their Constitutions and particularly the chapters on human rights. He was a member of the Goldstone Commission of inquiry in South Africa. He was also involved in finalizing the draft manual for training of judges in human rights prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Justice Bhagwati has been particularly active in the area of women's human rights. He has been the moderator and the main resource person for at least three judicial workshops of women judges for domestic application of international human rights norms in the jurisprudence of women's human rights, one in Victoria Falls for African judges, the other in Hong Kong for Asia Pacific judges and the third in Guyana for Caribbean judges. He presided over the Peoples Tribunal for Violence against Women at the Vienna Human Rights congress. This Tribunal was organized by International Women NGOs.

He has been responsible for a considerable amount of work in the field of human rights and development among tribes and particularly tribal women in South and East India and has provided leadership to the NGO, AWARE, in making 6,000 villages self-reliant. Two large complexes in rural areas have been named after him. He is a household name amongst the poor and underprivileged sectors of Indian society.

Justice P.N. Bhagwati was responsible for making a large number of innovations with a view to providing access to justice to the poor and disadvantaged. He enlarged the doctrine of *locus standi* before the Supreme Court and the High Courts for vindicating the individual and collective rights of those who were denied access to justice on account of poverty or social or economic disability.

He at the same time worked successfully to build up an elaborate legal aid programme. He is widely regarded as the originator of India's legal aid programme, including setting up of legal aid camps in rural areas, working with NGOs, establishing legal aid clinics etc.

Numerous documentaries have been made on him and his work including one where he is one of six outstanding Indians on whose life the Indian TV has done a profile. He has been the most visible member of India's Judiciary since independence. His reputation and his impact, through his judicial and legal aid work, is so enormous that the public response has been quite phenomenal, e.g., a village where the tribal people benefited from his judgment, renamed the village after him calling it BHAGWATI PURAM.

He has championed the cause of workers and labourers. His thought provoking judgments on bonded and unorganized labour and child labour have resulted in various legislations and government schemes in improving their social and economic conditions. He is also involved in the programme of sustainable development and has been responsible for developing poverty jurisprudence in India.

His services have been availed of by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He is the Chairman of Eminent Persons Group for Study of questions relating to refugees. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Independence of Judges and Lawyers (CIJL) based in Geneva and as such he is associated with many of the activities of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva.

He has also been a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague for the last several years. He was also a member of the International Mediation Team with Henry Kissinger and Lord Carrington for mediation between Inkatha and ANC before the elections in South Africa.

He is presently Chairman of the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of the United Nations. He is also the Regional Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights for the entire Asia and Pacific Region. He is also a Member of the International Advisory Council of the World Bank for Legal and Judicial Reforms. He is also the Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He is Chancellor of the Hyderabad University.

He is also Chancellor of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth.

He is also the Honorary Member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Maurice GLÈLÈ-AHANHANZO (Benin)

Born: 15 March 1934, at Zinvié (Benin , formerly Dahomey)

Marital Status: Married with four children

Mother Tongues: Fon, Yoruba

Working Languages: French, English

Academic Qualifications and Practical Training Courses:

- Secondary studies at the Lycée Van Vollenhoven in Dakar
- Preparation at the Lycée Louis-le-Grand in Paris for the competitive examination for entrance to the Ecole Nationale de la France d'Outre-Mer.
- Bachelor in law, diploma of higher studies and State doctorate in law at the Paris Faculty of Law (Panthéon), 1967
- Three years of specialist practical courses at the Ecole Nationale de la France d'Outre-Mer as follows: One year in the Office of the Prefect of Calvados; six months of practical training at the Conseil d'Etat in Paris (fourth section: disputes); three months in the French Embassy to the Federal Republic of Germany (Mr. François Seydou de Clausonne)
- Summer course at the International Law Academy in The Hague (June 1961)
- Baccalaureate (Classics A series: Latin and Greek)
- Diploma of the Ecole Nationale de la France d'Outre-Mer (Class of 1958)
- Bachelor of Law; Doctor of Law (1967)
- Lecturer (agrégé), Faculties of Law (Public Law and Political Science: 1974 examination)

Works and Publications:

- Naissance d'un État noir (l'évolution politique et constitutionnelle du Dahomey, de la colonisation à nos jours), LGDJ, Paris, 1968
- La République du Dahomey, Série Encyclopédie Politique et Constitutionnelle, Editions Berger-Levrault, Paris, 1970
- Le Danxome, du pouvoir Adja à la Nation Fon, Nubia, Paris, 1975
- Religion, culture et politique en Afrique Noire, Economica, Présence Africaine, Paris, 1981
- Award received from the Académie des Sciences d'Outre-Mer (Prix M. et Mme Louis Marin (1982)
- Introduction à l'Organisation de l'Unité Africaine et Organisations Régionales Africaines, LGDJ, Paris, 1986
- "Le Vieillard et le Cocotier", in Les droits de l'homme à l'aube du XXI^e siècle, Karel Vasak, Amicorum Liber Bruylant, 1999
- Le Renouveau Constitutionnel du Bénin: Une Enigme?, in Liber Amicorum de Michel Alliot, Paris, 1999
- Pour une Culture de la Démocratie, in Federico Mayor, Amicorum Liber Bruylant, Brussels, 1995
- "Droit public disciplinaire: le secret fiscal peut-il être opposé à l'Administration?" Commentaire d'arrêt: note sous Conseil d'Etat 8 février 1967, Recueil Dalloz Sirey, 14 février 1968
- "Le recours contre une décision administrative négative" (doctrinal study), l'Actualité Juridique, Droit Administratif, 20 janvier 1970
- "L'Administration au-dessus de la loi?" (doctrinal study)
- "Théorie et pratique des droits de l'homme dans l'Afrique contemporaine" (Dakar Symposium on teaching and research in international law, Dakar, 11-13 December 1985)
- "La Commission africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples" (Symposium organized by the International Commission of Jurists, Dakar, 17-18 July 1987, introductory report by M. A. Glèlè)
- "La Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples: Ses virtualités et ses limites", Revue de Droit Africain (Association des juristes africains), January-February-March 1985
- "Pour une OUA opérationnelle", Revue Juridique et Politique - Indépendance et Coopération, Nos. 3-4, 1985
- "La Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples: spécificité et universalité", Symposium on Justice and Peace, Vatican City, Rome, November 1988
- Pour un droit des peuples, Paris, Berger-Levrault, 1978
- "Le Modèle constitutionnel français et son influence sur les Etats Africains liés à la France", La Politique Africaine du Général de Gaulle (1958-1969), Pedone, Paris, 1981
- Co-director of volume 1 (l'Etat et le Droit: Chapitre 1er: La Constitution comme loi fondamentale), Encyclopédie Juridique de l'Afrique, Editions Nouvelles, Editions Africaines, Istra, Paris, 1983

- "La Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples", Mélanges C.A. Colliard, Pedone, Paris, 1984
- "La Charte des Nations Unies - Commentaire article par article (art. 26: le régime de tutelle)", under the direction of J.P. Cot and A. Pellet, Economica, Paris, 1985
- "Pour un Etat de Droit en Afrique", Mélanges offerts à P.F. Gonidec: "l'Etat moderne à l'horizon 2000, aspects internes et externes", under the direction of M.A. Glèlè, LGDJ, Paris, 1986
- "Cultures, religions, idéologies", in "Pouvoirs Africains", Revue Pouvoirs, PUF, Paris, 1983
- "Variations sur l'Unité africaine", Mélanges offerts à A. "Tevoedjre, compagnon d'aventure", B. Levrault, Paris, 1988
- "Le Renouveau démocratique au Bénin", Symposium on Democratic Transition in Africa (University of Paris I, 12 and 13 December 1990)
- "L'Etat de droit dans l'espace francophone", International Symposium of French-speaking Countries: Cotonou, August 1991, General Rapporteur: M. Glèlè Ahanhanzo
- "Les Parlements dans l'espace francophone: ces nouveaux parlements du renouveau démocratique", Bicentenary of the Quebec Parliament, Quebec, 1992
- "Le Droit à la différence", The United Nations: A family of Nations? , A Seminar on the Address of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to the United Nations, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 8 May 1996

Professional Activities:

- International official responsible for relations with French-speaking African States, Department of Relations with Member States, UNESCO, Paris, 1961-1962
- International official, Legal Adviser and Director of Inter-African Technical Cooperation, Secretariat General, African and Malagasy Union, Cotonou, Dahomey, 1962-1963
- Secretary-General of the Government from May 1963 to December 1965
- Chargé de Mission in the Cabinet of General Soglo, Head of State, from December 1965 to 1966
- Head, Public Assistance Legal Office, Paris (June 1966 to August 1967)
- International official, Administrator of programmes for the study and dissemination of African cultures, Culture and Communication Sector, UNESCO, 1967-1989, responsible for the UNESCO General History of Africa in 8 volumes
- Tutor at the Faculty of Law, Paris, in international law and international institutions and administrative law
- Lecturer in constitutional law and political institutions and public international law, Legal and Economic Studies Department, University of Dahomey, academic years 1964/65, 1972/73, 1973-1989
- Lecturer at the University of Paris I (Panthéon - Sorbonne) since 1975; visiting lecturer, Faculty of Legal and Economic Science, Dakar (Senegal) and National University of Benin (Cotonou), 1973 to 1992
- Visiting lecturer, International Academy of Constitutional Law, Tunis, "Monitoring the Constitutionality of Laws in Black Africa". Tunis, 1986 and July 1992: elected Vice-President of the Academy and Member of the Scientific Council. Lecturer on Political Parties in Black Africa (Constitution/State and Political Parties)
- Appointment at UNESCO, 1967-1992, Director, Division of Cultural Studies and Policies, and since 1989, Director, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs (Legal Counsellor). Personal promotion to Assistant Director-General. Legal Counsellor in 1992
- One of the drafters of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Co-director with Professors Conac and Gauduson of "La Justice en Afrique", Afrique Contemporaine - La Documentation Française, Paris, December 1990
- Director of research and theses - member of many examining boards in law, history and anthropology (Paris, Dakar)
- Chairman, Constitutional Commission of Benin, and member, High Council of the Republic (period of transitional government: 1 March 1990-1 April 1991)
- Chairman of the Constitutional Commission which drafted the Constitution of 11 December 1990
- Vice-President, High Council of the Republic sitting as the Constitutional Court (April 1991-June 1993)
- Member, Committee of Eminent African Personalities entrusted by the Heads of State of West Africa with the revision of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States
- Member, International Academy of Constitutional Law, Tunis; Vice-President and member, French Comparative Law Society; Member, French Association for International Law
- At present Member of the Constitutional Court, Benin, and President of the Institute for Human Rights and Promotion of Democracy: Democracy in Everyday Life

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Geneva , 1993, 1995, 1996, 1999: Reports on: United States of America (1994); Brazil (1995); Germany (1995); France (1995); United Kingdom (1995); Colombia (1996); South Africa (1997); Czech Republic , Romania and Hungary (question of the Roma) (1999); Mandate renewed for three years in July 1999
- Vice-President of the Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank
- Member of the International Advisory Committee for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence

Forthcoming Publications:

- "Du Dahomey au Bénin: de la colonisation à 1975"
- Manuel de droit constitutionnel et des institutions politiques de l'Afrique (Série Francophonie) "Le renouveau démocratique en Afrique: l'expérience du Bénin"

Honours:

- Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres (France)
- Officier de la Légion d'honneur française
- Member, French Comparative Law Society
- Member, French Association for International Law

Edwin R. JOHNSON (Ecuador)

Place and Date of Birth: Ecuador, 7 de mayo 1950

Nationality: Ecuatoriana

Mother Tongue: Español

Professional Experience:

- **Director-General de Promoción Cultural** del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- Sep-Dec 2007 **Coordinador Diplomático con el Congreso Nacional**
- 2006-2007 **Asesor del Frente Externo en el Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales (IAEN)**
- 2003-2005 **Viceministro y Secretario-General de Relaciones Exteriores**
- Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores encargado en múltiples ocasiones, 2003

Subsecretario del Servicio Exterior:

- 1997-2002 **Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario ante la Confederación Suiza**
- **Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario ante el Principado de Liechtenstein**
- 1995-1997 **Embajador-Director General de Ceremonial del Estado y Protocolo** Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador
- Octubre 1995 **Promovido al rango de Embajador de la República por concurso** Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador
- Enero 1995 **Coordinador Diplomático en la línea del frente, durante el conflicto con el Perú**
- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador 1994-1995 **Director General de Europa**
- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador 1993-1995 **Coordinador de la Comisión de Vecindad Ecuador-Perú** Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador
- 1991-1993 **Ministro, Jefe de Cancillería en la Embajada del Ecuador en Lima-Perú**
- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador
- 1990-1991 **Ministro-Jefe de la Oficina de intereses del Ecuador en Berlín**, durante el proceso de unificación alemana
- **Cónsul-General del Ecuador en Berlín**, con jurisdicción en todo el territorio de la antigua Alemania Democrática
- 1988-1990 **Ministro-Jefe de Cancillería en la Embajada del Ecuador en Caracas-Venezuela**
- 1986 **Consejero-Director de Pasaportes y Servicios Generales** en el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- 1983-1986 **Consejero de la Embajada del Ecuador en París-Francia**
- 1984-1986 **Delegado Permanente a.i. de la Misión Permanente del Ecuador ante la UNESCO** en París-Francia
- 1981-1983 **Consejero-Jefe del Despacho del Subsecretario Económico** del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Febrero-julio 1981
- **Cónsul Adjunto del Ecuador en Nueva York** (Asuntos Legales) – Estados Unidos
- 1976-1981 **Segundo y Primer Secretario de la Misión Permanente del Ecuador ante la ONU** en Nueva York – Estados Unidos
- 1975-1976 **Segundo Secretario-Cónsul en Miami**, Florida-Estados Unidos
- 1970-1975 **Canciller y Tercer Secretario del Servicio Exterior Ecuatoriano**, por Concurso Público. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Ecuador

Education:

- 1989-1990 **Curso de post-grado en cuestiones del Caribe.**- Universidad Central de Venezuela
- 1982 **Experto en promoción de exportaciones** por el Instituto de Comercio Exterior de Italia-Roma (ICE)
- 1978 **Estudios sobre Relaciones Internacionales**-Universidad Johns Hopkins-Washington D.C.
- 1969-1975 **Títulos de Abogado de los Tribunales de la República del Ecuador y Doctor en Jurisprudencia**, por la Universidad Central del Ecuador
- 1973 **Título de Licenciado en Ciencias Públicas y Sociales por la Universidad Central del Ecuador, Facultad de Jurisprudencia, Escuela de Derecho.**

Conferencias y Cursos Dictados:

- Profesor de Derecho Publico Internacional - Universidad Central del Ecuador
- Profesor de Derecho Diplomatico - Escuela Internacional de Ciencias - Ecuador
- Profesor de la Academia Diplomática del Ecuador
- Conferencista en la Academia de Guerra de las Fuerzas Armadas del Ecuador y del Instituto de
- Altos Estudios Nacionales (IAEN)

Languages:

- Inglés escrito y hablado
- Francés hablado
- Italiano hablado
- Comprension del aleman

Rajsoomer LALLAH (Mauritius)

Born: September 1933 in Mauritius

Academic and Professional Qualifications:

- BA (Honours) in Jurisprudence at Oxford University, United Kingdom (1957)
- Barrister-at-Law, the Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom (1958)
- MA at Oxford University (1960)

Fellowships

- UNITAR Fellowship at Hague Academy of International Law (1970)
- United Kingdom Law Officers Fellowship (1968)
- Anderson Scholar, Oxford University (1954-1957)

Distinctions:

- Grand Officer of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GOSK) (1995)
- International Gold Mercury Award and for contribution to development and human rights law (1985)
- Honorary Professor of Law, University of Mauritius (1980)
- Queen's Counsel (1976)

Functions in Mauritius:

- Judge of the Supreme Court and retired as Chief Justice (1980-1995)
- Parliamentary Counsel (1978-1980)
- Assistant Solicitor General (1976-1978)
- Chairman of the Council of Legal Education of Mauritius (1988-1994)
- Chairman of the Commission on the Review of Legal Studies leading to the establishment of a law school at the University of Mauritius and of the Council of Legal Education (1983)
- Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry in connection with the General Elections (1982)
- Pro Chancellor and Chairman of the Council of the University of Mauritius (1977-1980)
- Seconded from the Ministry of Justice to the Electoral Commission as Deputy to the Electoral Commissioner for the registration of electors, the drafting of electoral regulations and the administration of the general elections leading to independence. Worked in close collaboration with the Commonwealth Team of Observers appointed following the Lancaster House Constitutional Conference, London (1965-1967)

International Work in the Human Rights Field:

- Member of the Human Rights Committee since 1977: Vice-Chairman (1977-1978), Rapporteur (1978-1982) and Chairman (1989-1991)
- Member of the High-Powered Commission appointed by Commonwealth, Heads of State and Government for setting up human rights machinery for the Commonwealth (1980-1981)
- Member of the Advisory Council of Inter-rights, London (1988-1994)
- Member of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (1988-1998)
- Has addressed colloquies for chief justices and other judges on the domestic application of internal human rights norms, under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Lord Chancellor of the United Kingdom, at Oxford (1992)
- Has addressed many seminars organized by governmental and non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights, including on Islam and human rights in the Middle East and North Africa
- Has addressed seminars on the creation of an international criminal court (1997 and 1998)

Other International Work:

- Chaired a three-day workshop on National Integrity Systems organized by Transparency International and the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank with financial support from the Governments of Mauritius and Norway (1998)
- Appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as a member of a group of three eminent persons to assess existing material relating to genocide in Cambodia and to recommend appropriate measures (1998)
- Appointed by the Governing Body of the ILO to chair a Commission of Enquiry to investigate certain industrial complaints in Nigeria (1990)
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Chile (1983 and 1984) and Myanmar (Burma) (1996 to the present day with responsibility to report to the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly of the United Nations)
- Member of the London Court of International Arbitration since 1995
- Appointed by the International Labour Organization as one of a three-member commission to investigate industrial complaints made by COSATU against the then Government of South Africa (1991-1992)
- Participated in work on a post-apartheid Constitution for South Africa at the invitation of the Constitutional Committee of the African National Congress, the University of Witwatersrand and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law of Washington (1991)
- Special Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat and lawyer member of resources team of experts advising Commonwealth Governments in all matters of resources development (petroleum, minerals, geothermal energy, agriculture and other resources), assisting them in negotiations with multinational companies, drafting agreements and implementing legislation, setting up central banking institutions and drafting of fiscal and tax legislation for various Commonwealth Governments and assisting Commonwealth Governments in independence negotiations and the drafting of their Constitutions (1970-1975)
- Legal Adviser in the delegation of Mauritius at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference and negotiations with International Financial Institutions (World Bank and African Development Bank), and with other Governments for double taxation agreements and air services (Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, United Kingdom and Germany) (1968-1970, 1976-1980)

Present law practice:

Now engaged in arbitrations; legal advice in negotiations concerning power projects; telecommunication agreements and resources; exploitation generally and other commercial and industrial undertakings; advice and opinions and constitutional matters and court-oriented work

Languages: English, French, Hindi and Creole

Michael O'FLAHERTY (Ireland) – Not involved in Irish examination

Michael O'Flaherty, an Irish national, is Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham . He read law at University College Dublin (BCL), theology and philosophy at the Gregorian University , Rome (BPh, STB), international relations at the University of Amsterdam (MA, MPhil) and is a Solicitor of the Irish Courts. He was elected to the Human Rights Committee, on nomination by the Irish Government, in September 2004.

Until December 2003, Michael O'Flaherty was a senior research officer at the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre. Previous UN postings include, coordination of the Asia and the Pacific programmes at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, establishment of the UN human rights field operations in Sierra Leone and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Secretary of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and UN human rights advisor for implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. From 2000 to 2002 he chaired the UN reference group on human rights and humanitarian action.

His research interests are in the field of human rights, with particular reference to conflict and post-conflict situations and the law and practice of United Nations human rights treaty bodies. He has published extensively on these and related topics. His most recent book is Human Rights Field Operations, Law, Theory and Practice (ed., Ashgate, 2007).

Michael O'Flaherty is a Visiting Professor at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa), Fellow of Kingston University and serves as an advisor to a number of international organisations, including OHCHR, UNICEF, the Sierra Leone Special Court and many non-governmental organisations. He is a member of the editorial boards of the Human Rights Law Review, the Irish Yearbook of International Law; advisory committees of the European Roma Rights Centre (Budapest), the Diplomacy Training Programme (Sydney) and the UN-UK Association (London); and the Council of the European Inter-university Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (Venice).

Nigel RODLEY (United Kingdom)

Born: 1 December 1941

Marital Status: Married

Foreign Languages: French, German, Spanish

Educational Background:

- 1960-1963: University of Leeds LLB
- 1964-1965: Columbia University LLM
- 1970 New York University LLM
- 1993 University of Essex PhD

Current Positions:

- Since 1994: Professor of Law and Chair, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex
- Since 2001: Member, Human Rights Committee (Vice-Chair since 2003)
- Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:
- 1993-2001: UN Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on the question of torture since 2003: Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists
- since 2000: Member, Editorial Committee, British Year Book of International Law
- since 2003: Trustee, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture
- 1998: Knighted (KBE) for 'services to human rights and international law'
- 2000: Honorary LLD, Dalhousie University

Main Professional Activities:

- 1965-1968: Assistant Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, Canada
- 1968-1969: Associate Economics Affairs Officer, Division of Public Finance and Financial Institutions, UN Headquarters New York
- 1969-1972: Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York NY
- 1970-1972: Research Fellow, New York University Center for International Studies
- 1973-1990: Founding Head of Legal Office, International Secretariat, Amnesty International, London
- 1973-1990: Part-time Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics (Research Fellow 1983)
- Reader (1990-1994), University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom (Subjects taught: International Law; International Human Rights; Jurisprudence)
- Director, LLM in International Human Rights Law (1991-1993)
- Dean of the School of Law (1992-1995)
- 1993 - Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on torture. (Main responsibilities: reviewing conception of mandate: ensuring transmission of suitable information to Governments and processing of following-up replies: visiting selected countries: reporting annually to the Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations General Assembly: liaising with the Committee against Torture)

Training Programmes:

- Henry-Dunant Institute (Geneva), Seminar for Francophone Heads of Prison Administration, Bujumbura (1990)
- University of Lund (Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights, 1991, 1992 and 2000)
- African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Banjul (1991)
- United Nations Human Rights Training Course for Law Enforcement Officials, Malta (1991)
- University of Essex Training Programme for Senior Administration of Justice Officials from Small Commonwealth Countries (1991)
- United Nations Human Rights Training Course for Law Enforcement Officials, Albania (1992)
- University of Essex Human Rights Training Sessions for the British Bar, London (1993)
- African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Training Programmes for African Officials responsible for Reporting under the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, Harare (1993)
- University of Essex Human Rights Centre Training Programmes for East European Lawyers (1999)
- Lord Chancellor's Department Judicial Studies Board, Human Rights Act Training Seminar (2000)

Activities:

- Member, Board of the European Human Rights Foundation
- Founding member and former Executive Committee Vice-Chairman of INTERIGHTS - International Human Rights Law Centre
- Member, Council of "Justice" (British branch of the International Commission of Jurists)
- Member, Executive Committee, David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies
- Member, International Human Rights Council, Carter Centre, Emory University
- Rapporteur, first and second annual meetings of Commission on Human Rights special procedures (1994, 1995); Chairman, sixth meeting (1999)

List of Recent Publications in this Field:

- The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law (2 nd edn., 1999, OUP)
- 'Breaking the Cycle of Impunity for Gross Violations of Human Rights: The Pinochet Case in Perspective', 69 Nordic J Int'l L 11 (2000)
- 'The Definition(s) of Torture in International Law', 55 Cur'nt Leg. Probs. 467 (2002)
- 'U N Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures of the Commission on Human Rights- Complementarity or Competition?', 25 HRQ 882 (2003)
- 'The UN Human Rights Machinery and International Criminal Law', in Lattimer and Sands (eds.), Justice for Crimes against Humanity (2003, Hart Publishing)

Other Main Publications:

- The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law, 1987, 1999
- International Law in Western Hemisphere, 1974
- Enhancing Global Human Rights, 1979
- To Loose the Bands of Wickedness - International Intervention in Defence of Human Rights, 1992
- International Response to Traumatic Stress, 1996
- Conference on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Acute Crisis, 1998
- Immunities of Officials Associated with Permanent United Nations Establishments, 1972
- Monitoring Human Rights by the United Nations System and the Role of Non-Governmental Organisations, 1979
- On the Necessity of United States Ratification of the International Human Rights Conventions, 1981
- Direct Intervention at the United Nations: NGO Participation in the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission, 1982
- The Development of United Nations Activities in the Field of Human Rights and the Role of Non-Governmental Organisations, 1983
- Torture, Extra-Legal Execution and "Disappearance" as Crimes under International Law, 1985
- United Nations Action Procedures against "Disappearances", Summary or Arbitrary Executions and Torture, 1986
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention: The Case Law of the World Court , 1989
- The International Legal Consequences of Torture, Extra-Legal Execution and "Disappearance", 1989
- The Role of Non-Governmental Organisations in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, 1991
- United Nations Non-Treaty Mechanisms for Protecting Human Rights, 1992
- Conceptual Problems Concerning Minorities - International Legal Developments, 17 Human Rights, 1995
- Rights and Responses to Terrorism in Northern Ireland, 1995
- International Human Rights Law and Machinery for Monitoring its Implementation in Situations of Acute Crisis, 1998
- Impunity of Human Rights, 1998
- Toward a More Effective Integrated System of Human Rights Protection by the United Nations, 1993
- Ninth to Fourteenth Reports of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture, 1994-1999
- Various official reports on visits to individual countries in role of United Nations Special Rapporteur

Ruth WEDGWOOD (USA)

Languages: English and French

Key Qualifications and Professional Experience:

- Yale University Law School, Professor of International, Constitutional and Criminal Law
- John Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Edward Burling Professor of International Law and Diplomacy
- Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands, Co-Director of Studies
- Council on Foreign Relations, Senior Fellow for International Law and Organizations
- United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C. , Guest Scholar
- American Society of International Law, Chair of Research Committee
- International Law Association, American Branch, Vice-President
- United Nations Association-U.S.A., International Policy Advisory Committee
- Board of Editors, American Journal of International Law
- Board of Editors, World Policy Journal (New School for Social Research)
- Former law clerk to Mr. Justice Harry A. Blackmun, Supreme Court of the U.S.
- Former law clerk to Judge Henry J. Friendly, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- Former prosecutor and chief of staff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- Specialist in criminal justice reform
- Independent expert for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- Academic expert on peacekeeping, international criminal court, post-conflict reconstruction
- Edward B. Burling Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, and Director, Program on International Law and Organizations, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,
- John Hopkins University, Washington D.C., 2001-2003 (on leave from Yale)
- Professor of International, Constitutional and Criminal Law, Yale Law School , since 1986
- Professor, United Nations Studies Programme
- Faculty Adviser, Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Faculty Fellow, Institution on Social and Political Studies
- Provost's Review Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Writing Casebook on International Criminal Law, Foundation Press

Courses taught at Yale:

Public International Law; International Human Rights Law; International Criminal Law; International Arbitration; United Nations and International Security; Jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice; Constitutional Control of Foreign Affairs Power; Federal Criminal Procedure

Yuji IWASAWA (Japan)

Data and Place of Birth: 4 June 1954; Tokyo, Japan

Working Languages: Japanese, English, French, German

Current Position/Function:

- Professor of International Law, University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law, Japan
- Judge, Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal
- Member, Permanent Group of Experts under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies
- General Editor, *International Law from Japanese Perspectives Series* (Nijhoff)
- Refugee Examination Counsellor for the Japanese Minister of Justice

Main Professional Activities:

- Rapporteur, Committee on International Human Rights Law, International Law Association, 1995-2004; presented reports on biennial conferences of the Association, 1996 (Helsinki), 1998 (Taipei), 2000 (London), 2002 (New Delhi), 2004 (Berlin)
- Member (state-nominated), United States Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2002-2004
- Director of Planning, International Law Association Japan Branch
- Director of Planning, Japanese Association of International Economic Law
- Editor, *Chinese Journal of International Law*
- Editor, *Journal of International Economic Law*
- Visiting Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge, 2000-2001
- Lectured on "Democratic Application of International Law" at the Hague Academy of International Law, 2002

Educational Background:

- 1984-1986 University of Virginia School of Law (SJD)
- 1977-1978 Harvard Law School (LLM)
- 1973-1977 University of Tokyo Faculty of Law (LLB)
- 1983, 1990, 1992 Summer Session, Hague Academy of International Law
- 1983 Study Session, International Institute of Human Rights

Other Main Activities:

- Lecturer of International Human Rights Law, Asia-America Institute of Transnational Law, Hong Kong, 1996
- Lecturer of International Human Rights Law to Japanese judges, Tokyo, 2005
- Member, Committee on International Human Rights Law and Practice, International Law Association; participated in special conferences of the Committee, 1999 (Bellagio), 2003 (Turku), 2006 (Maastricht)
- Member, Executive Council, Japanese Society of International Human Rights Law
- Academic Adviser for the Japanese Member of the United Nations International Law Commission, Geneva, 1997

Publications:

- *International Law, Human Rights, and Japanese Law: The Impact of International Law on Japanese Law* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998)
- *Domestic Applicability of Treaties: What Are "Self-Executing" Treaties?* (Tokyo, 1985)
- *Lectures on International Law* (co-edited, Tokyo, 2004)
- *Dispute Settlement in the WTO* (Tokyo, 1995)
- *Trilateral Perspectives on International Legal Issues: Conflict and Coherence* (co-edited, Washington, D.C.: American Society International Law, 2003)

Zonke Zanele MAJODINA (South Africa)

Date of Birth: 13.09.1944

Working Language: English

Current Position/Function:

- Deputy Chairperson and Commissioner at the South Africa Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)
- Presently responsible for the right to equality as well as the rights of non-nationals, focusing on refugees, asylum-seekers and migration policy;
- Commissioner responsible for coordinating the SAHRC's programmes in the implementation of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act
- Chairperson of the Commission in the absence of the Chairperson

Main Professional Activities and Professional Memberships:

- International Society for Health and Human Rights
- International Association for the Study of Forced Migration
- Black Management Forum South Africa
- International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Institutional and Social Development Foundation, Board Member
- International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- African Townships Health Advocacy Group
- Africa Institute of South Africa – Member of Editorial Board
- Board member of the South African Refugee Relief Fund convened by the Minister for Social Development
- Recently invited to join the Hague Process on Migration and Development

Educational Background:

- 1999, PhD (Clinical Psychology), University of Cape Town
- 1972, M.Phil (Clinical Psychology), Institute of Psychiatry, University of London (British Council Scholar)
- 1969, B.Sc. Hons (Psychology), University of South Africa

Other Activities in the Field relevant to the Mandate of the Treaty Body concerned:

I have represented the SAHRC at the 2005 meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission (National Human Rights Institutions), 2005 United Nations Social Forum meeting, 2005 Migration Roundtable, convened by the International Migration Commission, 2004 Conference of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions.

I have also attended African Union Conference of National Human Rights Institutions, as well as meetings, seminars and workshops organised by the Coordinating Committee of African National Institutions of Human Rights. Other activities include serving as a consultant to the International Human Rights Council in 2004, as well as participating in a meeting of experts on Anti-Discrimination in 2005.

I am presently compiling the SAHRC's comments on South Africa's country report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Media:

- Presentations on print, electronic media, TV and radio programmes on various aspects of human rights

Recent Publications in the field:

- "Children growing up in war zones", Proceedings 9th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect", Chicago, 1992
- "Effects of armed conflict and other community violence on children", *Child Watch*, 11, 1992
- "Dealing with difficulties on return: the role of social support and coping", *Journal of Refugee Studies* 8 (2) , 1995
- "Exiles and Homecoming: the Untold Stories", Heinemann Publishers 1005 (translated into Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho)
- "Home at Last: The Re-Entry Adaptation of Returning South African Exiles", PhD Dissertation 1999
- "The challenge of forced migration in Southern Africa", *Africa Institute of South Africa*, 2002

Iulia Antoanella MOTOC (Romania)

Civil Status: Married, one child

Present Position: Professor of Public International Law, University of Bucharest; Lawyer, Bucharest Bar; United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Genome and Human Rights

Education:

- 1996-1999 PhD (Doctorat) in Philosophy (Moral Philosophy)
- 1997- 1998 Habilitation in Law, University Paris XI, "Jean Monnet" Department
- 1991-1996 SJD (Doctorat) in International Public Law, University Aix-Marseille III, School of Law (*suma cum laude*)
- 1992-1993 Studies in French Modern Literature, University Aix-Marseille I
- 1990-1991 LLM (DEA) in International Public Law, University Aix-Marseille III, School of Law
- 1985-1989, LLB University of Bucharest, School of Law (*suma cum laude*)

Experience with International Organizations:

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Genome and Human Rights (2004-present)
- Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2001-2004)
- President of the Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, United Nations (2000-2001)
- Member of the Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, United Nations (2000-2001)
- Member of the Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2000-present)
- Alternate Member, Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1996-2000)
- President, Working Group on Administration of Justice, United Nations (2002-present)
- Member, Working Group on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, United Nations (2003-present)
- Member, Working Group for Indigenous Peoples, United Nations (2000-2004)
- Member, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, United Nations (1999-2000, 2003)
- Member, Social Forum, United Nations (2005)
- Member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe (1998-2004)

Previous Positions:

- Prosecutor, Giurgiu Court (1989-1990)
- Judge, Bucharest Court (1990-1995)
- Lecturer, University of Bucharest (1996-1998)
- Reader, University of Bucharest (1998-2002)

International Academic Experience:

- Visiting Professor/Researcher:
 - University Paris XI (1996, 1997, 1998)
 - University of St. Thomas Miami (2001, 2002, 2003)
 - University of Michigan (1998)
 - Catholic University of Milan (1997)
 - Université Libre de Bruxelles (1998)
 - Institute for Human Sciences, Wien (1999)
 - New York University School of Law (2003-2004)
 - Yale University School of Law (2004-present)
 - European Institute, Florence (2006)
- Member, Board of the European Society of International Law
- Member, Scientific Board, *Revue Québécoise de droit international*
- Member, Scientific Board, College of Europe, TMC Asser Institute of International Law, Netherlands
- Member, International Board of Scholars and Practitioners, School of Law, University of Melbourne
- Member, International Scientific Board, *Journal of International Relations and Development*
- Member International Law Association – Working Group Biotechnologies and International Law
- Co-editor (International Law and International Relations), *Polis* (1996-1999)
- Fellow, Civic Education Project Romania (1997-1998)
- Scientific Director, Romanian Diplomatic Agency (2002-2003)
- Scientific Director, Romanian Diplomatic Academy (2002-2003)

Teaching Experience:

- Public International Law
- Human Rights Law
- Jurisprudence
- European Constitutional Law

NGO Experience:

- President, Association Prix Femmes d'Europe, Romania (2000-2002)
- Lectures for Amnesty International, FIDH, ATD-Quart Monde, CONGO, Institute for Non-Alignment Studies

Languages:

Romanian (mother tongue), French (fluent), English (fluent), Spanish (fair), German (understanding), Italian (understanding)

AMBASSADOR Jose Luis Perez SANCHEZ-CERRO (Peru)

Date and Place of Birth: Lima, Peru February 26, 1950

Current Position: Ambassador from Peru in Spain

Studies:

- Diplomacy and International Relations: Titles: Licentiate in International Relations and Career Diplomat by the Diplomatic Academy of Peru.
- Law and Political Sciences: Title: Lawyer by the San Marcos University, Lima.
- Political Sciences: Title: Doctor of Political Sciences by the Central University of Venezuela.
- Current Candidate to Doctor of Juridical Sociology and Political Institutions by the University Externado from Colombia
- International Law: by The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, The Netherlands
- International Law: by Inter American Juridical Committee, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Human Rights: by the International Institute for Human Rights, Strasbourg, France
- International Relations: by the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University, Washington DC

Human Rights Background:

- Director General for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Peru
- Vice-president of the Peruvian National Council for Human Rights
- Vice-president of the Peruvian National Commission for the Study and Application of International Humanitarian Law
- Expert at the Constitution Reform Committee from the Congress of Peru for reforming the Human Rights and Treaty Law chapters
- Post Grade Professor of International Human Rights Law at the Government School from the University of San Martin de Porres, Lima

Author of Articles on International Law, Human Rights and Foreign Policy:

- In preparation: Human Rights and its International Protection, 2 volumes
- Delegate from Peru in numerous international meetings from the United Nations and the Inter American System on human rights and international humanitarian law
- Lecturer on International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law to the Judiciary System, Armed Forces, Diplomatic Academies and universities in Peru and abroad
- Founder Member of the Human Rights Institute from Peru
- Have attended two Human Rights post graduate courses at the International Institute for Human Rights at Strasbourg University

Diplomatic Positions Abroad:

- Ambassador from Peru in Colombia
- Minister at the Embassy of Peru in Sweden
- Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Peru in Spain
- Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Peru in Costa Rica
- General Consul of Peru in Machala, Ecuador
- Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Peru in Venezuela
- First Secretary at the Embassy of Peru in the United States of America
- Second and Third Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Peru to the Organization of American States
- Positions at the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Headquarters
- Vice Minister (a.i.) of Foreign Affairs of Peru
- Under Secretary for The Americas Affairs
- Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs
- Director General for Human Rights and Social Affairs
- Chief D'Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Deputy Director for Legal Affairs and Head of Juridical Studies
- Officer at the Direction of Political and Diplomatic Affairs

- Officer at the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Office

Other positions in Peru:

- Vice Minister of the Presidency
- Adviser for international affairs to the Presidency of the Congress of Peru
- Member of the Working Group against Corruption, called by the Ministry of Justice of Peru

Teaching Experience:

- Professor of International Human Rights at post graduate level at the School of Government, San Martin de Porres University, Lima, Peru
- Professor of Introduction to Juridical Sciences at the Diplomatic Academic of Peru
- Assistant Professor of Diplomatic Law at San Marcos University, Lima, Peru
- Lecturer in Human Rights and International Law, Peru and abroad

Member of:

- The Lawyers Bar of Lima
- The Inter American Lawyers Federation, Washington DC, USA
- The National Association of Foreign Lawyer, Miami, USA
- The Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation, Madrid, Spain
- The Diplomats Association from Peru
- The Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Committee of the Lawyers Bar of Lima
- The Inter American Academy of Comparative International Law, Lima
- The Peruvian Society of International Law
- The National Club of Lima, Peru

Decorations and Distinctions:

- Merit Order for Distinguish Services in Great Cross Grade by the government of Peru
- Military Order of the National Defense by the government of Venezuela Congressional Medal by the Congress of Peru
- Imperial Order of Carlos V from Spain
- Honorary President of the Foreign Diplomats Association from Costa Rica
- Former President of the Diplomats Association from Peru

Publications:

- Numerous articles on International Human Rights, International
- Humanitarian Law and International Law
- The Juridical Conditions of the Consuls
- In preparation: "Human Rights and its International Protection" (2 volumes)
- "One hundred years of Diplomatic Relations between Peru and Japan"

Languages:

Spanish, English and French

8. Office of the UN Human Rights Commissioner Contact Details

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The following people will be staying at Hotel Warwick on Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July 2008.

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- Noeline Blackwell, FLAC (staying at hotel on the 14 July 2008 only)
- Eoin Collins, GLEN
- Sandra Gowran, GLEN
- Liam Herrick, IPRT
- Richie Keane, IFPA
- Natalie McDonnell, IFPA
- Edel Quinn, FLAC
- Caoimhe Sheridan, IRC
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