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**ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION  
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS  
ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

**Addendum**

The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child received after 24 October 2006 and in conformity with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. All nominations submitted before 24 October 2006 are contained in document CRC/SP/38.

<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Ms. Lourdes G. BALANON	Philippines
Ms. Mary CLARK	Jamaica
Ms. Ruth FARRUGIA	Malta
Ms. Mirna Yolanda LORENZANA ARRIAGA de GONZÁLEZ	Guatemala
Mr. Robert Vincent MAKARAMBA	United Republic of Tanzania
Mr. Dainius PŪRAS	Lithuania
Mr. Ghassan Salim RABAH	Lebanon
Ms. Harimisa RAZAFINDRAKOTO	Madagascar

## Annex

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

#### **Lourdes BALANON (Philippines)**

**Date and place of birth:** 4 October 1940, La Union, Philippines

**Working languages:** English and Pilipino (national language)

#### **Current position/function:**

Currently free-lance consultant on social work particularly on children and women's rights, policy and program development working with government agencies, NGOs, ASEAN, UNICEF, UNFPA and USAID; a faculty instructor with the Social Work Department, St. Joseph's College, 1980 to present; and Professor, Graduate School, Asian Social Institute, Manila, 2006.

#### **Main professional activities:**

October 2001 to October 4, 2005, Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Alternate Chair, Inter-Country Adoption Board from September 2001 to October 4, 2005. Current activities include: Supervisor for the Child Welfare Network Internship for Social Workers with NORFIL Foundation; the development of a National Strategic Plan on the Prevention and Reduction of Violence against Children (VAC) and the consolidation of Outputs of Consultation Workshops on VAC with the Council for the Welfare of Children and UNICEF; development of Performance Standards on Psychosocial Services for Victims Violence against Women and their Children with DSWD and UNFPA and manual development and training on Recovery and Reintegration of Victim-Survivors of Trafficking with DSWD and USAID.

#### **Educational background:**

*Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Management of Social Services* (Economics) - University College of Swansea, University of Wales, United Kingdom, July 1980; *Master of Social Work (MSW)* - University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, 1978; *Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare* - University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, April 1961.

#### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Study of Children Without Primary Caregivers with UNICEF East Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand from October 2005-January 2006 and development of a Work Plan to Implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women with ASEAN Secretariat, November 2005-January 2006; panel speaker of the Philippine Judicial Academy for training of Family Court Judges and court personnel since 2002; Supervisor/Board Member of Tahanan Sta. Lucia, center for sexually abused street girls, 2006; member, Scientific Committee for the 2007 Regional Conference on Child Abuse by the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 2006; member and former Chairperson of Children AIDS Network; member, Advisory member of the Philippine Association of Social Workers.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

“Children’s Rights: A Social Work Concern”, *Saint Joseph College Research Journal*, Vol. IX No. 1, Quezon City, June 2001; “Child Care and Placement”, *Philippine Encyclopedia on Social Work 2000 Edition*, Vol. I, Phil., 2000; “Child Abuse in the Philippines: A Situationer”, *Lifeline*, FMA, Dec. 1998; “Protecting Children’s Rights in Intercountry Adoption”, *Legal Aspects of Intercountry Adoption*, UP Law Center, 1997.

**Mary CLARKE (Jamaica)**

**Work experience:**

- Children's Advocate - *A commission of Parliament to protect and enforce the rights of children*, Office of the Children's Advocate, January 2006
- Manager - Social Development and Gender, Planning Institute of Jamaica, 1989-2006
- Teaching - Manchester, Ardenne, St. Andrew, Mannings High Schools, 1969-1989
- Senior Teacher, Head of Department, Grade Supervisor
- Acting Vice Principal, Mannings High School, 1984-1985

**Education:**

- *University of the West Indies - Masters in Social Work (Administration and Management)*, 1996
- *University of the West Indies - B.A. (Honours) in History, Spanish and Economics*, 1968
- *University of the West Indies - Diploma in Education*, 1969
- *University of the West Indies - Certificate in Social Work*, 1980
- *University of the West Indies - Certificate in Financial Management*, 1994  
(*School of Continuing Studies*)
- *Institute of Computer Technology - Certificate in Computer Studies*, 1980
- *Manchester High School - Higher School Certificate*, 1963

**National Committees:**

*Previous*

- Chairman - Committee for the establishment of the Early Childhood Commission
- Chairman - Steering Committee for the review of National Early Childhood Programmes
- Chairman - Integration Advisory Committee
- Vice Chairman - National Committee for the preparation of the end-decade report (1990-2000) on children
- Member - National Steering Committee for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour
- Member - National Committee for celebration of International Year of Volunteers
- Member - National Coordinating Committee on the National Plan of Action for Children (1990-1995)
- Member - Steering Committee for review of the Juvenile Justice System
- Member - Steering Committee for the establishment of a Commission on Gender and Social Equity
- Member - Steering Committee for revision of the National Youth Policy
- Member - National Council on Drug Abuse

- Member - National Task Force on Indiscipline in Society
- Member - Preparatory Committee for the Beijing Conference
- Member - Management Committee of the Board of Governors of Excelsior Community College
- Member - National Advisory Committee on Gender
- Member - National Council for Senior Citizens

*Current*

- Member - Violence Prevention Alliance
- Member - Social Investment for Children Working Group
- Member - Early Childhood Commission - Sub-Committee, Parenting Policy
- Member - National Anti-Trafficking Task Force Policy Sub-Committee
- Member - Inter-sectoral Working Group on Street Children
- Member - Several other ad-hoc committees

**Boards:**

- Member - Board of Governors of the West Avenue Institute
- Member - Board of Directors of the Dispute Resolution Foundation
- Member - Board of Governors of Grace Missionary Church
- Member - Board of Visitors of South Camp Adult Correctional Centre
- Member - Board of Governors of Excelsior Community College
- Member - Possibility Programme for Street Children

**Publications:**

1. **Clarke, M.** (2005) Policy Development Process: A Third World Experience, *Social Work Journal*
2. **Clarke, M.** and Henry-Lee A., (2005), Total institutions: an examination of correctional services in Jamaica *UWI Journal IDEAZ*
3. **Clarke, M.** (2002) Domestic Work: Joy or Pain, *Social and Economic Studies*, Vol. 51, No. 4
4. **Clarke, M.**, Henry-Lee A., Chevannes B., Ricketts, S. (2000), An assessment of the Standard of Living and Coping Strategies of Workers in Selected Occupations who earn a Minimum Wage, *Policy Development Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica*
5. *Various Papers in JA PEOPLE Magazine, Planning Institute of Jamaica*
6. *Various Chapters in the annual Economic and Social Survey of Jamaica*

**Professional organizations:**

Member, Jamaica Association of Social Workers

Member, St. Andrew Business and Professional Women's Club

**Ruth FARRUGIA (Malta)**

**Date and place of birth:** 8 May 1959, Gozo, Malta

**Working languages:** English, Maltese, some French and Italian

**Current positions:**

Advocate - Courts of Justice and Ecclesiastical Tribunal (1984-)

Senior Lecturer - University of Malta (1993-)

Legal Consultant - Children and Young Persons Board (2002-)

Legal Consultant - Commissioner for Children (2004-)

*pro bono* Legal Adviser - Malta Emigrants and Refugees Commission (2004-)

**Main professional activities:**

*Advocacy:* Courts of Justice in Malta and Gozo and Ecclesiastical Tribunal

*Lecturing:* University of Malta: Family Law, Postgraduate Child Law and Human Rights Law; Supervision and examination of theses including LL.D., Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A. Human Rights, M.A. European Law, Magister Juris, Co-ordination Children's Rights courses Visiting Lecturer - University Palermo 2002, University Essex 2006

*Consultancy:* Legal Advice relating to Child Law, Family Law and Asylum Issues Advocacy relating to Child Law, Family Law and Asylum Issues

*Research:* Reports and analysis of issues relating to child rights and child welfare for local, national, regional and international organizations.

**Education:**

1979-1984 Diploma Notary Public (University of Malta) LL.D. (University of Malta)

1984 Fellow Salzburg Seminar (American Law and Legal Institutions)

1990 Certificate in Human Rights (University of Strasbourg)

1990 *stage:* Geneva, United Nations Human Rights Fellowship Programme

1992-1994 Diploma in Canonical Jurisprudence and Marriage Law

2000-2003 M. Phil. (University of Malta) (Thesis: Effective Enforcement in the Convention on the Rights of the Child)

**Other main activities relevant to Child Law:**

Deputy Registrar Superior Courts (1982-1984) Running Family Court, Constitutional Court and Court of Appeal / research for judgements

Advocate in the Office of the Attorney-General (1984-1986) Litigation and legal advice on behalf of Government, including all Welfare cases

Acting Director of Welfare (1987-1988) Running of Department of Welfare

Member Drafting Team to Create a “Policy Responding to Child Sexual Abuse in the Church” (appointed by H.G. Archbishop of Malta) 1997-2000

Member Response Team (investigating cases of child sexual abuse) 2000-2003

Consultant to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Policy (2000-2005) re Family and Child Law (Presented Malta’s Report to the United Nations Committee on the CRC)

Commissioned by Government to draft 1. Children Act (partially enacted: Commissioner for Children Act 2003); 2. Gender Equality Act (enacted October 2002)

Chairperson of Children’s Board (1998-2002) Monitoring and Policy making relating to children taken into care, including weekly *quasi*-judicial hearings

Euro Med Human Rights Working Group: Member Human Rights Education Working Group (2001-2005)

Legal Consultant (2003-2004), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Monitoring legal and practical situation of asylum seekers including unaccompanied minors in detention and open centres, liaising with Authorities, monitoring interviews by Refugee Commission and Appeals Board

Board of Governors St Patrick’s Residential School for Boys - member (2001-)

Gender Issues Committee, University of Malta - member (2002-)

EAPN (Europe against Poverty Network) - member Advisory Expert Group (2003-)

Board of Inquiry into Allegations of Child Abuse at Lourdes Home - member (2006-)

European Research Forum on Migration and Ethnic Relations (EUROFOR) - member with special interest in Group dealing with “The International Protection of Vulnerable Groups” (2006-)

### **List of selected publications in the field of Child Law:**

International Survey of Family Law, 1994 and 1999 Malta contributions

California Western International Law Journal, Fall 2000, Volume 31, Number 1, *Parental Responsibility and State Intervention*, ISBN 0886-3210

Council of Europe, *Legal Problems relating to Parentage*, XXVIIth Colloquy on European Law, Foundation for International Studies, ISBN 92-871-3852-4

Family Law Quarterly, Vol. 29 No. 3, American Bar Association, *Marriage and Divorce Regulation in Malta*, ISSN 0014-729X

2004, *Child Law*, in Encyclopaedia of Social Studies and Humanities: Law edited by Schwabach A. and Cockfield A.J., Honorary Theme Editor(s), in Encyclopaedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), under auspices of UNESCO [<http://www.eolss.net>]

2005, co-author *Children’s Perceptions of their Experience in Residential or Foster Care*, Malta, Department of Welfare publication.

2006, contributor *A Fair Deal: Children with Very Challenging Behaviour* (adult and child friendly versions), ISBN99932-0-444-7/978-99932-0-444-2

Id-Dritt Law Journal, Vol. XIX, 2006 - *Impact of Amendments of Act XLIII on Rights of Children Born out of Wedlock* [ISBN -13:978-99932-0-473-2]

**Awaiting imminent publication:**

International Society of Family Law World Conference, July 2005, Salt Lake City, USA - key note paper on *Child Rights Perspective on Family Friendly Policies*

International Society of Family Law Conference: 100 Years of Child Protection - December 2005, Amsterdam, Netherlands, paper: *Protecting the Challenging Child*

International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights, University of Ghent, Belgium 2006 - paper on *Children's Rights in Family Court Proceedings*

Commission on European Family Law (CEFL) - *Juxtaposing Legal Systems and the Principles of European Family Law: Divorce and Maintenance*. Malta Chapter

Book: *Brussels II BIS-Its Impact and Application in EU Member States*. Malta Chapter

**Recent reports in the field of Child Law:**

Report as expert in Child Law to the Social Affairs Committee House of Representatives on Rights of Vulnerable Children in Care, 2000

Update of Malta report to the United Nations Committee to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (and presentation before Committee - Geneva 2000)

Malta report for UNGASS on Children, New York, 2001

Report for Government of Malta to ECPAT re Violence and Child Prostitution, 2002

Report for Government of Malta to Council of Europe on Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, 2002

Report for Commissioner for Children to United Nations Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children, 2004

EU Social Inclusion Peer Review Session, Berlin - Reconciliation of Work and Family Life: country expert, 2004 (available at [http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net/peer/pdf\\_pool/04\\_DE\\_com\\_MT\\_en\\_041207.pdf](http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net/peer/pdf_pool/04_DE_com_MT_en_041207.pdf))

Report as expert in Child Law to Social Affairs Committee House of Representatives on Biotechnology and Human Rights (available on line - sitting of the 8 March 2005)  
<http://www.parliament.gov.mt/information/CommitteeSocial%20Affairs%20Committee/SAC%20-%20Records.htm>

Report on Children and Young People with Very Challenging Behaviour. Interdisciplinary Study undertaken for the Commissioner for Children and presented to the Prime Minister, 2006 (proposals under review by ad hoc select committee)

**Mirna Yolanda LORENZANA ARRIAGA de GONZÁLEZ (Guatemala)**

**Birth date:** 19 March 1947

**University degree:** Lawyer graduated from Law Faculty from San Carlos University from Guatemala

**Occupied positions at the Legal Court Organization:**

Jails and Released Patron ship Officer, May of 1968 (Temporary worker)

Court of fourth civil instance officer, June and July of 1968 (Temporary worker)

Penal Peace third court officer, August of 1968 (Steady job)

Fifth court of first Penal Instance officer promoted in January 1970, which she quits to get the University degree.

Eighth court of first penal instance Secretary, October 1974

First courtroom from Appeal Court Secretary, from August 1975 to April 1976

Temporary secretary from the Second court of first traffic instance, from November 1981 to January 1982

Ninth Court of first instance penal secretary from December 1982 to April 1984

Third Peace Judge from the Civil Branch, From May of 1984 to July of 1987

Fifth Judge from the first Family instance, from July 1987 to February 1991

Appeal Family Court Magistrate from February 1991 to October 1994

Supreme Court Justice Magistrate from October 1994 to October 1999

President of the Appeal and Judgment Chamber from the Supreme Court from October 1996 to October 1997

**Public and private administration experience and others:**

Family Procurement Chief from the Nations' General Procurement, October 1999 to March 2001

Technical Sub-secretary from the Republic Presidency Social Welfare, from April 2005 to January 2006

To date, legal adviser from the Republic Presidency Social Welfare Department, and its Childhood Rights Programmes

**Complement committee of draft bills, codes and others:**

Committee Member which made the following drafts: Judiciary Law, 1997 to 1998

Civil Service Law from the Judiciary Court, 1998 to 1999

Committee Member from the Supreme Justice Court Committee, which made the regulations from the Judiciary School Studies

Committee Member from the Supreme Court Justice, which made the draft from the constitutional reforms, concerning to the Judiciary Court, 1997

Actually, forms part from the Committee that edited the last draft from the Adoptions Law, which is actually at the Republic Congress

**Honours, awards or recognitions:**

Recognition when she finished her job as a Chief from the Family Procurement at the Nations General Procurement, March 2001

Recognition from the staff of Childs Procurement, March 2001

Recognition from the Committee against child ill-treatment, because of the job she made at the Family Procurement in favour of the Guatemalan childhood, March 2001

**Professional, gremials, comunitaries, civic and other associations:**

Guatemala's Lawyer Association

National Committee for the monitoring and support to the strengthening of the Justice, Alternate Delegate as the Guatemala's Lawyer Association Vice-President, March 2004 to March 2005

**University teaching:**

Teacher of Law's Introduction I and II at the Law Faculty at San Carlos Guatemala University, 1973 to 1980

Auxiliary teacher from Legal Logic at the Law Faculty at San Carlos Guatemala University, 1977 to 1978

Teacher of Law's General Principles at the Law Faculty at San Carlos Guatemala University, 1978

**Gremial activities:**

Pro-Secretary from the Board of Directors of the Guatemala's Lawyers' Association, 1974-1975

President of the Children's Right Committee Defense, Board of Directors of the Guatemala's Lawyers' Association, 1992

Vice-President of the Guatemala's Lawyers Association, 2003-2005

**Other activities:**

Delegated from the Supreme Court Justice to San Juan, Puerto Rico and Washington DC, to observe the development from the Oral Trial, November and December 1995

Delegated from the Supreme Court Justice to the Conference: "Children and Adolescence Rights in Central America, Legislation and Social Politics", San José Costa Rica, July 1996

Guest from the Doctor Luis Lopez Guerra, Vice-President from Spain's Judicial Government, to visit Spain as a member of the Judicial Government Committee from Guatemala's Supreme Court Justice, May 1997

Delegated from the Supreme Court Justice to study the Judicial Government System, in Washington DC and Costa Rica, July and August 1997

Magistrate in charge of the Judicial Studies School from the Supreme Court Justice, where she coordinated the organization from the courses to judges, secretaries, officers, social workers and psychologists candidates about the Children and Youth Code

Magistrate in charge of the organization by regions, from the new Childhood and Adolescence and Work and Family courts, which started to work in April 1998

Delegated from the presidency of the Supreme Court Justice in the presence of the Technical Council from the Judicial School Studies, from October 1998 to October 1999

Representative from the Supreme Court Justice in the Postulation Committee to the Appeal Court Magistrates, October 1999

Coordinator from the Oral Group which elaborated the Action National Plan against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Guatemala, when she was the Familiar Procurement Chief. This plan was adopted by the Republic Presidency Social Welfare Department, as a public politic

To date, she represents the Republic Presidency Social Welfare Department in the presence of:

Articulated Group from the National Plan against the Sexual exploitation from Children and Adolescents in Guatemala

National Committee for the Eradication of the Childhood job from the Labour Minister.

National Network of Responsible Parenthood

**Robert MAKARAMBA (Tanzania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 30 April 1959, Rombo, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

**Working languages:** English

**Other language:** Kiswahili

**Current position/function:** Commissioner

Head Commission's Panel for hearing in public complaints lodged with the Commission concerning human rights violations and also conducting mediation, conciliation and negotiation on those matters.

Commissioner In-charge of the Children's Rights Desk and The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Desk in the Commission, responsible for providing legal advice and supervising all matters relating to children's rights and the rights of persons with disabilities.

Visiting and inspecting conditions of persons held in detention facilities including youth/juvenile detention and recommend appropriate remedies.

**Main professional activities:**

Advocate of the High Court and Commissioner for Oaths involved in providing legal aid to children in conflict with the law.

Recently appointed Judge of the High Court of Tanzania.

**Educational background:**

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (Hons.), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1987)

Master of Laws (LL.M), S.O.A.S, University of London (1989)

Post-graduate Diploma in International Law and Organization for Development, The Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands (1993)

Master of Marine Management (MMM), Dalhousie University, Canada (1995)

**Other main activities in the relevant field:**

Developed and conducted a Course on the Law of the Child for Law Student at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2002-2003)

Participated in the American Bar Association Project on Children's Rights for Eastern and Southern Africa (2002)

Consultant for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on Impact and Needs Assessment of Juvenile Courts (October 2000-January 2001)

Consultant for KULEANA Children's Rights Centre and preparing a Report on the National Millennium Campaign Against Corporal Punishment in Schools in Tanzania (June-September 2001)

Consultant for CIDA to provide Technical Advice to Quick Start Programme ITT 7 Committee, Component 5 on "Strengthening Juvenile Justice in Tanzania" (July 2001-March 2002).

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

"Children's Rights and Common Problems Facing Children in Tanzania", Chapters 14, 15, 16 and 17 in *Constitutional and Legal Systems of Tanzania: A Civics Sourcebook*, Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, Dar es Salaam (co-edited with Issa Shivji, Hamudi Majamba and Chris Peter), 2004

*We Owe the Child the Best: Children's Rights in Tanzania*, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Dar es Salaam, 1998

**Dainius PŪRAS (Lithuania)**

**Date and place of birth:** 7 February 1958, Vilnius, Lithuania

**Working languages:** Lithuanian (native), English, Russian

**Current position/function:**

Head and Associate Professor, Centre of Child Psychiatry and Social Pediatrics at Vilnius University. Head of Clinic, Child Development Center, Vilnius University Children's Hospital. National coordinator of WHO Mental Health Program. Member of Vilnius city council and municipal Health Care Committee. Adviser of Parliamentary Committee of Health Care.

**Main professional activities:**

Academic, clinical and managerial activities in the following fields: child mental health, early intervention and special education of disabled children and children at risk, transition from institutionalized to community based and family oriented system of services for vulnerable groups. Leadership in developing models of community based services for children at risk in Lithuania. Pioneer and consultant for parents raising mentally disabled children to start the first National organisation of parents with mentally disabled children. Pioneer of developing National Telephone Helpline for Children and Children's Crisis Intervention Service in Lithuania, organizer of the first National Conference on Awareness Raising and Prevention of Sexual Child Abuse. Working as a consultant with governmental institutions and NGO's on implementation of modern approaches in services for children and families at risk in the region of Eastern and Central Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Scientific leader of EU funded project "Child Mental Health in Enlarged Europe: Development of Effective Policies and Practices".

**Educational background:**

Graduated from Vilnius University in 1981, diploma of physician (medical doctor). Internship and specialisation in child and adolescent psychiatry (1981-1983). Doctor's thesis "Mental Retardation in Urban Population of Vilnius"; PhD since 1988. Training courses and study visits in the fields of child mental health, management of health systems, special education.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Experience and expertise in different positions in: developing and implementing laws, national and municipal programmes and policies in the field of health-care policy (with emphasis on mental health services, child health care, early intervention and special education services for children and adolescents); networking and representing governmental, academic and non-governmental organizations. Implementing concepts of social and developmental paediatrics nationally and regionally. Working with international organizations in the field of health care, social services, special education, juvenile justice, human rights, prevention of stigma and social exclusion: participation in programmes, projects and seminars in cooperation with UNDP, WHO, European Commission, Open Society Foundation, Global Initiative on Psychiatry, Mental Disabilities Advocacy Center, Rockefeller Foundation, Albert Schweitzer Foundation, Winterthur Versicherung, Medecins Sans Frontieres, AMADE, World Psychiatric Association.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Pūras D., Changing the system of services for children at risk - the Lithuanian experience.  
In: Advocating for children and families in an emerging democracy. Ed.: Kugelmass J.W.,  
Ritchie D.J. Information Age Publishing Inc. 2003, pp. 43-62

Pūras D., Germanavicius A., Povilaitis R., Veniute M., Janilionis D. Lithuania mental health  
country profile/International Review of Psychiatry, 2004, vol. 16, N. 1-2, pp. 117-125

**Ghassan Salim RABAH (Lebanon)**

**Personal information:**

Born on 27 September 1949

Lebanese nationality

Married and father of two boys

Languages: Arabic - French - English

**Professional resume:**

Expert in International human rights, judge, organizational manager and law professor, advocate and organizer. Fifteen years of relevant experience at the academic, judicial, governmental, non-governmental, regional and international levels.

Professional and managerial experience in the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva. A chairperson of Lebanon's magistrate; and a lecturer of Law. Executive board member of four non-governmental human rights and professional legal associations.

**Education:**

Diploma - Judicial Institute, 1978.

State Doctorate in Law, 1986. Two graduate degrees in Comparative International Law, 1983.

**Academic positions:**

Professor in two faculties of Law and Social Sciences at the Lebanese University and other American universities (to date).

Professor of graduate studies on Juvenile Delinquency (to date).

Professor of Business Law, Faculty of Law, Lebanese University, 1995-2002.

**Judicial positions:**

Head of the Juvenile Criminal Court in South Lebanon (1993-1997)

Attorney-General in South Lebanon (1997-2002)

Head of appellate court in Beirut (Labour disputes)

Adviser of the Minister of Justice on international conventions relating to human rights

Chairman of several judicial committees related to the Child's Rights in the Arab countries

*Social Work:*

Chairman of the committee for the protection of Juveniles in Lebanon (1990): Protection of Juvenile delinquents or those threatened by delinquency

General Supervisor of Juvenile houses of correction in Lebanon since 1990

Adviser of the Minister of Justice and of the parliamentary committee on Child's Rights in the Lebanese parliament

Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on Child's Rights (Geneva, 1997-2001)

**Publications:**

*Books*

Phenomenon of Crimes in the War of Two Years (1979)

Death penalty, a solution or a problem? (1987)

Modern Approaches in the Laws of Juvenile Delinquents in the Middle East (1991)

"Law of Amnesty" (1992)

"History of Laws and Social Regulations" (1993)

"Modern Drug Law and Mental Effects" (1991)

"Law for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Ownership and Computer Crimes" (2003)

"Juvenile Rights in Conflict with The Law" (2004)

In addition to the above publications, published editorials and speeches in the name of the CRC (Geneva) in the relevant periodicals in Lebanon and abroad in the English, French, and Spanish languages.

**Participated and organized several local, regional and international conferences:**

*Attended Conferences:*

1. Conferences of the organization of prison fellowship in:

Seoul - Korea (1992)

Washington - United States (1996)

Toronto - Canada (2003)

Sofia - Bulgaria (2004)

2. Treating the Legal, Social and Economic Status of the Young Prisoner Under Eighteen Years of Age:

"Dealing with the Children of War" - Amman, Jordan, 1995

"Juvenile crimes, the reasons and the treatment" - London, United Kingdom, 1999

"The Tenth Anniversary of the Child's Rights Committee" - Cairo, Egypt, 2000

"Violence and Sexual Assault of Children and Ways for their Rehabilitation" - Newcastle, United Kingdom, May 2000

"Racism and the Kidnapped Child's Rights in the World" - Bangkok, Thailand, 2000

"Child's Labour Problems" - Belfast, Ireland, March 2000

*Organized Conferences:*

Organized numerous conferences and workshops relating to the Child's Rights in cooperation with UNICEF (Geneva, Beirut, Damascus, Algeria, Qatar, Oman, Manama, Jordan and Egypt). This included participants of the law enforcement agencies, judges, lawyers, teachers, social workers, NGOs and others.

**Noro Vololona RAZAFINDRAKOTO (Madagascar)**

**Date of birth:** 5 November 1957

**Family situation:** Married, with 3 children

**Qualifications:**

Baccalaureate “A1” (literary studies), 1976, pass with distinction

Master’s in Private Law, University of Madagascar

Certificate of the Institute of Judicial Studies, University of Madagascar

**Profession:** Judge

**Date of admission to the judiciary:** 15 February 1985

**Posts related to child rights and protection:**

Children’s judge at the court of first instance, Toamasina, Madagascar, 1991-1997

Trainer of children’s judges at the National School for the Judiciary and Clerks of the Court, Antananarivo, Madagascar, since 1997

**Current post:**

Director of Studies at the National School for the Judiciary and Clerks of the Court and trainer of children’s judges

**Training courses attended:**

Training course at the Regional Court of Saint-Pierre, Réunion, on “Juvenile courts and child protection”, 1996.

Seminar at the National School for the Judiciary, Paris, on “Juvenile justice”, followed by a period of work experience at the Regional Court of Créteil, France, 1997.

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