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Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024

Election of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 24 October 2024, for the purpose of electing 12 members of the Subcommittee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2024 (sect. I). Thirteen members will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2026 (sect. III).
2. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Subcommittee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution, gender representation and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and III of the present document; the biographical data, including in respect of professional background, of current members can be found on the web page of the Subcommittee.¹
3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

* Agreement was reached to publish the present document after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.

¹ See <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2024/10th-meeting-states-parties-2024-elections>.



I. Members of the Subcommittee whose terms expire on 31 December 2024

4. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee, under “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members.²

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Massimiliano Bagolini	Italy	1 January 2021
Marie Brasholt	Denmark	1 January 2021
María Andrea Casamento	Argentina	9 June 2021
Jakub Julian Czepek	Poland	1 January 2021
Satyabhooshun Gupt Domah	Mauritius	1 January 2017
Hamida Dridi	Tunisia	1 January 2021
Marco Feoli Villalobos	Costa Rica	1 January 2021
Daniel Fink	Switzerland	25 April 2018
Aisha Shujune Muhammad	Maldives	1 January 2021
Abdallah Ounnir	Morocco	1 January 2017
Zdenka Perović	Montenegro	1 January 2017
Martin Zinkler	Germany	6 February 2023

II. Persons nominated by States parties

5. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 16 May 2024, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Subcommittee by 16 August 2024. All the curricula vitae received by that deadline, as provided by the States parties concerned, are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after the deadline.

6. Pursuant to article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Subcommittee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Omar Battas	Morocco
Edna Paola Biyogou	Gabon
Marie Brasholt ^a	Denmark
Jakub Julian Czepek ^a	Poland
Marco Feoli Villalobos ^a	Costa Rica
Kalliopi Kambanella	Cyprus

² See <https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/spt/membership>.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Paul Lam Shang Leen ^b	Mauritius
Luciano Mariz Maia	Brazil
Petros Michaelides ^b	Cyprus
Aisha Shujune Muhammad ^a	Maldives
Martin Zinkler ^a	Germany

^a Current member.

^b Former member.

III. Members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2026

7. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee entitled “Membership”, by clicking on the name of the individual members.³

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Uju Roselyn Chiemeka Agomoh	Nigeria	1 January 2023
Vasiliki Artinopoulou	Greece	2 March 2021
Carmen Comas-Mata Mira	Spain	1 January 2019
Hamet Saloum Diakhaté	Senegal	1 January 2019
Suzanne Jabbour	Lebanon	1 January 2019
Julia Kozma	Austria	1 January 2023
Nika Kvaratskhelia	Georgia	1 January 2019
Andrew Christoffel Nissen	South Africa	1 January 2023
María Luisa Romero	Panama	1 January 2019
Elīna Šteinerte	Latvia	1 January 2023
Anica Tomšić	Croatia	1 January 2023
Juan Pablo Vegas	Peru	1 January 2019
Victor Zaharia	Republic of Moldova	1 January 2023

³ Ibid.

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Omar Battas (Morocco)

Date and place of birth:

April 24, 1959, Casablanca, Morocco

Working languages:

Arabic and French

Professional experience:

Professor of Higher Education at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in Casablanca.

August 2013: Appointment as Head of Psychiatry Department (CPU), University Hospital Ibn Rochd.

Director of Psychiatry at Casablanca Faculty of Medicine.

Head of the Biological Psychiatry and Neuroscience Department (2002–2010).

Director of the Clinical Neuroscience and Mental Health Laboratory Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Hassan II University, Ain Chok – Casablanca.

Studies:

June 1977, Baccalaureate (Experimental Sciences)

Intern at University Hospital Ibn Rochd, Casablanca (1981–1983)

Intern at ELIDRISSI Hospital (Kenitra) September 1983–September 1984

Intern at University Hospital Ibn Sina in Rabat and CHU Ibn Rochd in Casablanca, 1985.

Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Casablanca July 1987

July 30, 1987: Defense of Doctorate in Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Casablanca

April 2, 1995: Aggregation in Psychiatry

Current position:

Professor of Higher Education, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Casablanca

Director of Psychiatry at the Casablanca Faculty of Medicine

Head of the Biological Psychiatry and Neuroscience Department (2002–2010)

Director of the Clinical Neuroscience and Mental Health Laboratory Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Hassan II University, Ain Chok – Casablanca

Main professional activities:

Supervision and performance of scientific research in neuroscience and mental health: Over 100 oral and poster communications, Scientific publications (30) Conferences and Workshops and contribution to the elaboration of Doctorate theses in Medicine.

Contribution to the continuing education of general practitioners and psychiatrists.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Psychopharmacology and mental pathology seminars for doctors preparing their residency.

Teaching at the psychiatry nursing school and supervision of final dissertations (1988-2000).

Lectures for 5th year students since 1996.

Lecturer for 4th year students at the Faculty of Dentistry since 1992.

Foreign resident at Paris Hospitals, Psychiatry Department, Groupe Hospitalier Pitié-Salpêtrière November 1990–October 1999.

List of the candidate's most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Management of the state of health emergency in Morocco: Security governance and human rights

Center d'Études en Droits Humains et Démocratie (CEDHD)/Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF). Part I: July 2020 – Part II: March 2021.

The situation of prisons in Morocco in the light of international standards, national legislation and the need for reform (December 2021)

Publications of the Center for Studies in Human Rights and Democracy (CEDHD).

Edna Paola Biyogou (Gabon)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth:

4 September 1970, Fougamou (Gabon)

Working languages:

French

Educational background:

1991: A1 Baccalaureate (Lycée National Léon Mba, Libreville, Gabon)

1995: State Diploma, Social Service Assistant (National School for Health and Social Development, Dakar, Senegal)

2006: Higher Diploma in Social Work (Regional Institute of Social Work, Paris)

Diploma in Applied Sciences (Personnel Administration and Management) (Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris)

Current position/function:

2021 to date: Director General of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

Main professional activities:

2021 to date: Coordinator, National Human Rights Reporting Committee;

Preparation of national reports on treaty implementation (CAT, CERD, CED, ICESCR)

Coordination of the adoption of the law restructuring the National Human Rights Commission, which now has the mandate of national preventive mechanism;

Coordinator, National Mechanism for Dialogue and Exchange on Human Rights.

2009–2021: Coordination of human rights education and awareness-raising activities; participation in the preparation, validation and presentation of reports to the United Nations and African Union treaty bodies; participation in the drafting of the law on the judicial protection of minors.

2004–2006: Support and follow-up for absentee pupils aged under 16 and people with disabilities

2000–2002: Head of Department for the protection of women and children at the Ministry of Justice (UNICEF and UNESCO focal point)

1996–2000: Head of Social Services at the Libreville court (support and follow-up for children in conflict with the law, placement of children in foster families, management of adoption procedures).

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

Participation in direct dialogues between Gabon and the Subcommittee in Geneva (2017, 2018)

National focal point for the Subcommittee's two visits to Gabon (2013 and 2024)

Contributions to various projects aimed at strengthening human rights protection in places of deprivation of liberty, including the SPT Fund project submitted and implemented by the APT

2019 to date: Member of the commission responsible for revising the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure (analysis and drafting of provisions relating to the prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment)

2020 to date: Member of the ad hoc commission responsible for oversight of the legality of detention in prison

2015 to date: training of law enforcement personnel, medical staff in places of deprivation of liberty and civil society organizations on the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol

Visits to places of deprivation of liberty and follow-up recommendations.

Marie Brasholt (Denmark)**Date and place of birth:**

24 September 1965, Denmark

Working languages:

Danish (mother tongue), English, Spanish, German, Norwegian, Swedish, some French

Professional background:

Medical doctor with a specialist degree in public health

Educational background:

M.D., University of Aarhus, Denmark 1996

Specialization in public health and administrative medicine 2008

Diplomas in medical research (University of Aarhus, Denmark 1993), tropical medicine (Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden 1997) and leadership (Denmark's Technical University 2017)

University courses in health law (U. of Copenhagen 2004) and medical anthropology (U. of Aarhus 2005)

Current position:

Current Member of the SPT since 2021

Medical director in DIGNITY – the Danish Institute against Torture

Member of the Danish NPM

Clinical associate professor at the University of Copenhagen and responsible for a course on clinical social medicine and rehabilitation

Main professional activities:

In the SPT: Head of SPT's working group on the Health Aspects of Prevention of Torture since 2023; member of the European Regional Group 2020-2022; member of the Americas Regional Group since 2023; participation in SPT missions to Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Argentina, Croatia (head of mission) and Guatemala

In DIGNITY: Overall responsible for the medical aspects of DIGNITY's work related to prevention of torture, justice for victims and accountability for perpetrators; deputy director of DIGNITY's prevention and accountability department; visits to numerous places of detention with the Danish NPM (prisons, psychiatric institution, asylum centres, social care homes etc. in Denmark and the Faroe Islands); capacity building of partners in the MENA region, Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia; knowledge generation, e.g. research and drafting of manuals including one on monitoring health in prisons

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Member of the International Forensic Expert Group

Member of the drafting group for the new Istanbul Protocol, actively involved in the development in the protocol's chapter VII on the role of health professionals in documenting torture and ill-treatment in different contexts.

Panellist and speaker in international meetings and seminars about torture, e.g. HRC side-event following the launch of the Special Rapporteur on Torture's report on prison management (2024), UNVFVT seminar on torture and disability (2023), HRC side-event following the launch of a DIGNITY-CTI training tool on the initial medical assessment upon

arrival in prison (2022), Nordic NPM meeting (2022), seminar on OPCAT implementation in Eastern Europe (2022), seminar on OPCAT ratification in Libya (2021)

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Health impact of electric discharge weapons. *Torture* 2024;34(1):48-61

Suicide, suicide attempts and self-harm in Moroccan prisons. *IJPH* 2024;20(1):88-101

The Role of the United Nations and NGOs in the Scrutiny of and Prevention of Torture, and Other CIDT. *Forensic & Legal Medicine: Clinical & Pathological Aspects*. CRC Press 2023

Protocol on medico-legal documentation of solitary confinement. *Torture* 2023;33(1):92-118

Jakub Julian Czepek (Poland)**Date and place of birth:**

4 August 1981, Olsztyn, Poland

Working languages:

English, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish

Professional background:

University professor, international human rights lawyer, expert

Educational background:

2005: Magister iuris/Law degree at University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

2011: Doctor iuris/Ph.D. at Nicolas Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland

2023: Doctor habilitatus iuris/Habilitation at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland; Monograph: Effective Investigation Standard in the Sphere of Protection of the Right to Life in the System of the European Convention on Human Rights

Current position/function:

Professor (Associate) at Department of Human Rights Protection and International Humanitarian Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

Main professional activities:

Associate Professor at Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland. (main focus: International Human rights protection, Human Rights in the UN system, Prevention of Torture, European Convention on Human Rights, IHL, CoE system)

Law firm expert on applications to European Court of Human Rights (since 2012)

Expert (national and international): trainings concerning human rights protection in police operations, protection of the rights of detainees and conditions of detention (Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau – CBA, CEPOL); missions concerning anti-discrimination and conditions of detention (CoE)

Academic and research activities: numerous publications concerning international law of law human rights; participation in scientific projects (concerning: illegal migration and human rights standards, child care, Pilot Judgment Procedure, etc.)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

2015: Expert in series of missions organized by Council of Europe. Anti-discrimination training for law enforcement officials in Romania. These missions were dedicated to various police forces (gendarmerie, prison officers etc.). One of the elements of the training focused on international human rights standards concerning conditions of imprisonment;

2015: Expert in Council of Europe missions in Bulgaria – project “Human rights protection and further development of necessary skills and knowledge of police officers, especially those working in multi-ethnic environment, including Roma communities”. These missions also partially included UN and CoE standards concerning conditions of detention and protection of rights of detainees;

2019–2021 Expert in Trainings for European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training – Cepol;

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Zobowiązania pozytywne państwa w sferze praw człowieka pierwszej generacji na tle Europejskiej Konwencji Praw Człowieka, (2014); The Application of the Pilot Judgment Procedure and Other Forms of Handling Large-Scale Dysfunctions in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights, *International Community Law Review*, (2018) Brill; European Court of Human Rights on Enforced Disappearances. Case-Law Study, *Internal Security* (2013); Standard skutecznego śledztwa w sferze ochrony prawa do życia w systemie Europejskiej Konwencji Praw Człowieka (2021); Protection of Rights of Minor Victims of Torture, Inhuman or Degrading: Treatment, or Punishment under the European Convention on Human Rights, *Prawo i Więź* (2023);

Marco Feoli Villalobos (Costa Rica)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth:

9 January 1979, San José, Costa Rica

Working languages:

Spanish and English.

Professional background:

24 years of involvement in the criminal justice system as public defender, constitutional lawyer, Deputy Minister and Minister of Justice, criminal lawyer and university lecturer.

Educational background:

Doctorate, Rule of Law and Global Governance Programme, University of Salamanca.

Master's in Democracy and Good Governance, University of Salamanca.

Master's in Human Rights, National University of Costa Rica.

Bachelor's degree in law, University of Costa Rica.

Current position/function:

Counsel, Criminal Cassation Chamber, Supreme Court of Justice. This body hears cassation appeals filed in criminal proceedings and prepares reports on bills relating to the criminal justice system. Lecturer, Institute of Latin American Studies, National University of Costa Rica: I teach courses related to human rights and justice systems.

Main professional activities

Analysis and preparation of draft sentences in criminal matters.

Lecturer, Master's course in Human Rights Law.

Lecturer, undergraduate course in causes of violence in Central America.

Researcher on issues relating to justice systems, penitentiary systems and human rights.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Currently I am the head of the Subcommittee's regional team on the Americas. In that capacity I coordinate, with the different countries of the region, the work of the national preventive mechanisms established under the Optional Protocol. I participate in the programme of the Juvenile Crime Commission of the Supreme Court of Costa Rica.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Nuevos problemas y viejos desafíos de la ejecución penal en Costa Rica: la actuación de los jueces a partir de las órdenes para atender el Covid-19 en las cárceles. *Ius Doctrina* journal. Universidad de Costa Rica, vol. 12m No. 2, 2020, pp. 1–33.

Criminal Compliance in Costa Rica (co-authored with Patricia Vargas). In: Rodríguez, N. (ed). *Tratado Anglo-iberoamericano sobre Compliance Penal*. Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch. Valencia 2021, pp. 327–351.

Virus entre rejas: respuestas al Covid 19 en Costa Rica, El Salvador y Panamá (co-authored with Dioni Céspedes and Jesús Sáez). In: Meneses, A. (ed.). *Violencias durante la pandemia*. FLACSO, pp. 23–67.

El sistema penitenciario costarricense: decisiones políticas punitivistas y la paradoja de un modelo sustitutivo al abuso de la prisión (co-authored with Maricel Gómez). *Yearbook of the Centre for Research and Policy Studies*, No. 13 (January-December 2022). UCR, pp. 85–115.

Tortura (s) en el siglo XXI. ¿Expansión en contextos democráticos? Foreword. *Trayectorias Humanas Trascontinentales* (11). <https://www.unilim.fr/trahs/5567>, University of Limoges, France, 2023.

Kalliopi Kambanella (Cyprus)**Date and place of birth:**

27/03/1980, Cyprus

Working languages:

English (Fluent), French (Basic/Intermediate), Greek (Mother Tongue)

Professional background: During her 9 years of work as Human Rights Officer for the Ombudsman's Office/NPM (2009-2018), she led the setting up of the NPM's monitoring methodology and acquired extensive experience in conducting monitoring visits and drafting relevant reports on various places of detention (police, prisons, social care homes, psychiatric institutions, immigration detention). Since 2018, she joined DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture and work as a Senior Legal Advisor with a specific focus on prevention of torture and preventive monitoring.

Educational background:

LLM International Business Law, University of Manchester, School of Law, 2005

Bachelor's degree (Ptychio) in Law, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2003

Current position/function:

Senior Legal Advisor, DIGNITY- Danish Institute Against Torture: Leading DIGNITY's work on torture prevention and preventive monitoring through provision of support and legal advice to DIGNITY's partners globally on criminal justice reforms and monitoring places of deprivation of liberty (capacity building, institutional methodology development, development of draft laws, manuals, tools, guidelines etc).

Main professional activities:

Contributing to the development and implementation of DIGNITY's strategies, programmes and projects on prevention of torture internationally.

Providing advice and capacity building of organisations in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Europe on monitoring of places of detention with a view to preventing torture and ill-treatment and developing manuals and tools on detention monitoring.

Conducting legal research and providing legal advice on national legislation (in our partner countries) and international legal standards relevant to the prevention and combating of torture.

Providing overall advice and support to DIGNITY's programmes on access to justice and international advocacy.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Member of the Independent Committee of Experts appointed by the Council of Ministers for the amendment and modernization of Prison Law and Regulations, 2013–2015.

Candidate for membership in CPT in respect of Cyprus, 2015.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

"Reducing Overcrowding in Pre-Trial Detention in the context of COVID-19 – Increasing the Use of Non-Custodial Measures" T. Rytter and K. Kambanella
<https://www.dignity.dk/en/publications/#legal>

“Global Guidance on Monitoring Places of Detention During The Covid-19 Pandemic: A practical tool”, L. Michaelsen and K. Kambanella
<https://www.dignity.dk/en/publications/#legal>

Paul Lam Shang Leen (Mauritius)**Date and place of birth:**

04/07/1948, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Working languages:

English and French

Professional background:

Former member of the Subcommittee on the Prevention Against Torture (2011 to 2016); Former Bureau Member (Vice Chair) SPT responsible for NPM (2015–2016) and Head of the African Regional Group (2013–2014); Former Chairman of the Prisons' Board and the Probation Board; Former Presiding Judge over serious criminal high profile cases before the Assizes with Jury and without jury and Former Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal. Former Chairperson of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking in Mauritius; Former Chairperson of the fact findings committee on disappearance of drugs in police custody; Former member of Tribunal set up by the President to investigate on charges against the Commissioner of Police; Former Assistant Solicitor General; Former Acting Director of Public Prosecution; Former Acting Chief Justice; Former President of the Intermediate Court [Criminal and Civil].

Educational background:

Barrister at Law, London; Post Graduate Diploma [Council of Legal Education-London], French Law Degree [University Aix-Marseilles]; Diploma Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature [Section Internationale, Paris].

Current position/function:

Legal Consultant [Private Practice]; Protector of Foundation of an NGO for the welfare of needy children and their rights.

Main professional activities:

Legal Consultancy.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Interaction with the NPM (Mauritius) and working sessions with its then President; Advising offenders as to their constitutional rights at time of arrest and during trial.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Contributed in the drafting of country reports following SPT's visits. Co- produced a paper on Corruption for the SPT. Had delivered several judgments concerning the rights of the accused parties to a fair hearing, bail, sentencing and police brutality. Contributed in the discussion papers at the annual workshop organized by the Law Faculty, Trinity College, Dublin, in topics including Human Rights, Fair Hearing, Discrimination, Capital Punishment, Sentencing, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); Convention Against Torture (CAT); the Standard Minimum Rules (Mandela Rules); Bangkok Rules and the Tokyo Rules.

Luciano Mariz Maia (Brazil)

Date and place of birth:

15 April 1959, Pombal, Paraíba, Brazil

Working languages:

English (Language Skills LRSW), Spanish and French (Language Skills LR)

Professional background:

Member of the Prosecution Service of the State of Rio Grande do Norte (1982–1991); Lecturer on Human Rights and Constitutional Law (from 1989 until now, Federal University of Paraíba); member of the Federal Prosecution Service (Ministério Público Federal MPF) from 1991 until now.

Educational background:

Law Graduate at Federal University of Paraíba (1981); LL.M 1995 University of London (SOAS School of Oriental and African Studies, Thesis “The Rights of the Roma People Under English and Brazilian Law”); PhD 2006 Federal University of Pernambuco UFPE (Thesis “Judicial Control of Institutional Torture in Brazil” – O Controle Judicial da Tortura Institucional no Brasil).

Current position/function:

Associate General Prosecutor, before The Fifth Criminal Chamber of the Superior Court of Justice; member of the 6th Chamber of Coordination and Revision of the Prosecutor General Office (Indigenous Peoples and Minorities); Lecturer on Human Rights and Constitutional Law at the Center for Legal Studies of the Federal University of Paraíba.

Main professional activities:

While member of the Federal Prosecution Service: Regional Prosecutor for Citizen Rights of the State of Paraíba (1991–1999); former Deputy General Prosecutor for Citizen Rights (Procurador Federal dos Direitos do Cidadão Adjunto) (2012 to 2016) and former Deputy General Prosecutor (Vice-Procurador-Geral da República) (2017–2019). As an Academic, speaker on training courses delivered to judges, prosecutors, lawyers and human rights defenders.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

From 2000 to 2005, engaged in the efforts of the Special Secretariat of Human Rights of the Presidency of the Republic, to design and implement a Permanent National Campaign Against Torture; from 2006 to 2012, member of an Advisory Committee on Torture Prevention, of the Human Rights Ministry, in charge of drafting the Bill later approved by the Parliament, establishing the Brazilian National System for the Prevention and Combat on Torture; Speaker on THE GLOBAL FORUM ON THE OPCAT Preventing Torture, Upholding Dignity 2011, “Getting Recommendations Implemented”. Member of the Advisory Council to the Steering Committee of Experts, which presented in 2021 the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering (Mendez Principles). In 2022, participated in a public seminar on Construction and Dismantling of Anti-Torture Policies in Brazil (from 2019 to 2022).

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Construção e Desmonte das Políticas de Combate à Tortura – Cadernos CEDEC 136. https://www.cedec.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/136_Cadernos-final.pdf
PROPOSTAS PARA O ENFRENTAMENTO DO RACISMO NA ATIVIDADE POLICIAL

https://www.mpf.mp.br/pgr/arquivos/2023/FOLDER_enfrentamento_racismo_policia_ONLINE.pdf The Interinstitutional Working Group against Racism in Police Activity (GTI Racism), created by Ordinance 7th Chamber No. 5, November 27, 2020, and linked to the 7th Chamber of Coordination and Review (7th CCR), external control of police activity and the prison system.

Petros Michaelides (Cyprus)

Date and place of birth:

Agios Fotios – Paphos – Cyprus – 15 March 1939

Working languages:

English – French

Professional background:

He is a practicing lawyer/legal consultant in Cyprus. He served as Minister of Justice, Minister to the President, Special Advisor to the President on legal and human rights matters, and as Ambassador of Cyprus as member of the Diplomatic Service. He was Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, where he served for three mandates.

Educational background:

He studied Law, Political and Economic Science at Athens University (1958 – 1963) and pursued Doctoral work in Constitutional Law and Political Science at Paris University 1 – Sorbonne. (1965–1967) D.E.A., Doctorat de l'Université.

On 28/10/2010 he was elected as a member of Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT). He was re-elected on 2014.

Current position/function:

Practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Cyprus (Law Firm Petros Michaelides and Associates). He is the Chairman of the NGO “The Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture and any form of ill-treatment”. He is a Professor of Human Rights at the Law School of Neapolis University, Cyprus

Main professional activities:

From 1967 to 1971 he practiced law in Cyprus. In 1971 he was appointed judge, a post that he held until March 1978 when he became Minister of Justice, and as from May 1979, he was also the Minister to the President. In November 1980 he was appointed by the President of the Republic as Special Advisor on legal and human rights matters. In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Service. He was the accredited Ambassador of Cyprus to France, Italy, Austria, with concurrent accreditations to Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, San Marino. He served as well as the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, the UN (Vienna) and the OSCE. He was also the Director of Policy Planning and the Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since April 1999 Mr. Michaelides is a practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Nicosia.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

He participated and/or represented Cyprus in various Ministerial Committees and Meetings of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and UN on Human Rights matters. He was a member of the Minister's Deputies Group on Human Rights and the Venice Conference on Democracy through Law. As Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe he took part in the preparatory works for the Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was among the first elected members of the CPT when it was set up in 1987. He was reelected consecutively and served the committee until December 2011. As Chairman of the Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture he organized various seminars, lectures and workshops on the Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture in Cyprus, and on other subjects on Human Rights.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

He is the author of various publications and articles on the Cyprus legal system and human rights and especially articles on the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on other International Bodies on Human Rights.

Aisha Shujune Muhammad (Maldives)**Date and place of birth:**

23 December 1977, Malé, Republic of Maldives

Working languages:

English and Dhivehi

Professional background:

I have been in public service since 1997 and became one of the first two female judges of the Maldives upon appointment to the bench of the Civil Court in 2007. In 2019, I was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the first ever Bar Council of Maldives, on which I served until my appointment as one of the first ever two female judges appointed to the Supreme Court. I was elected to represent the Justices of the Supreme Court at the Judicial Service Commission until 2024 and also worked on the boards of the Maldives Judicial Academy and the Faculty of Shariah and Law of the Maldives National University. I served on the SPT from 2011–2018, during which was the Vice-Chairperson for Jurisprudence and SPT Rapporteur. I was re-elected to the SPT in 2020 and currently serve as the treaty body's Vice-Chairperson for National Preventative Mechanisms (NPMs) and serve as the SPT's focal point to GANHRI and the UN's treaty body strengthening process.

Educational background:

Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), Royal Institute, Colombo, University of London External, and Master of Laws, University of Western Australia.

Current position/function:

As judge, my main functions are to adjudicate and interpret the law when hearing matters before the court, which includes constitutional matters, matters of original jurisdiction and appeals. Additionally, I undertake trainings for judges, mentor judges, especially women judges. I also work with domestic and regional judges and judiciaries, and organisations on varied issues.

Main professional activities:

In addition to my duties as a judge, I also advise in formulating policies on administration of justice. I train judges, provide legal education and specialized trainings, including on matters related to torture and torture prevention. I am also actively engaged with women judges, and working on establishing the women's wing of the Maldives Judges Association.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

During my time at SPT, I have assisted in developing its jurisprudence and advised numerous States Parties and NPMs, in addition to contributing to the UN's treaty body strengthening process and engaging with partners working in torture prevention. I have also contributed to developing the criminal justice system, assisted in developing the Prisons and Parole Act, advised the government on basic minimum standards that are required in prisons, provide training to judges on human rights and constitutional law, including on the subject of torture prevention and prohibition. Further, I assisted in the drafting of the Juvenile Justice Act and provided multiple rounds of training on its rollout. Additionally, I was one of three people who established the Maldives Detainee Network, one of the first organisations that worked to improve treatment of prisoners.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture:

Although I have no publications relevant to the mandate of SPT at this time, I advised and assisted in drafting in related legislation, regulations, working methods and procedures that relate to the SPT mandate.

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31 July 1965 in Augsburg, Germany

Working languages:

German, English

Professional background:

Medical Doctor, Specialist in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

Educational background:

1990 MD, Technical University of Munich

1997 Doctorate in Medicine, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich

1999 Specialist in psychiatry and psychotherapy (Bavarian Medical Association) Current position/function

Since June 2021: Clinical Director and Head of Department: Department for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Klinikum Bremen-Ost, Gesundheit Nord gGmbH, Bremen, Germany, Academic Teaching Hospital of Hamburg University

Main professional activities:

Clinical: in general adult psychiatry, mainly severe mental illness, with a focus on transformation of services towards community-based, rights-based and recovery-oriented service provision

Educational: training staff in non-coercive approaches and recovery orientation

Political and scientific: human rights in mental health services, prevention of coercive measures, supported decision-making.

Publishing: Editor-in-chief (jointly with Michael Lindemann) of *Recht & Psychiatrie*, the journal on the interface of law and psychiatry for German-speaking countries.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

2020–2022: WHO Programme Strategies to End the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Mental Health Hospitals in Türkiye

2019–2021: WHO working group to develop WHO Guidance on community mental health services: Promoting person-centred and rights-based approaches: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240025707>

2018: Expert hearing at Germany's Federal Constitutional Court in Jan. 2018 on the topic of restraint and other coercive measures in psychiatric institutions https://www.bundesverfassungsgericht.de/SharedDocs/Entscheidungen/DE/2018/07/rs2018_0724_2bvr030915.html

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Zinkler, M. (2023) Managing crises without coercion – the World Health Organization's new guidance for community mental health services in relation to the situation in Germany. *Recht & Psychiatrie*, 41(1), 48–55.

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