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The membership of the Committee on the Rights of the Child as of 1st March 2011 is:

Name	Nationality	Term expires
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Agnes Akosua AIDOO</u></a>	Ghana	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Hadeel AL-ASMAR</u></a>	Syrian Arab Republic	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Aseil AL-SHEHAIL</u></a>	Saudi Arabia	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Jorge CARDONA LLORENS E-F</u></a>	Spain	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Bernard GASTAUD</u></a>	Monaco	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Peter GURAN</u></a>	Slovakia	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Maria HERCZOG</u></a>	Hungary	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Sanphasit KOOMPRAHANT</u></a>	Thailand	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Hatem KOTRANE</u></a>	Tunisia	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Gehad MADI</u></a> <a href="#">[French version]</a> and <a href="#">Add.1</a>	E g y p t	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Yanghee LEE</u></a>	Republic of Korea	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Marta MAURAS PEREZ</u></a>	Chile	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Kirsten SANDBERG</u></a>	Norway	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Awich POLLAR</u></a>	Uganda	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Hiranthi WIJEMANNE</u></a>	Sri Lanka	02.2015
<a href="#"><u>Ms Kamla Devi VARMAH</u></a>	Mauritius	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Ms. Susana VILLARAN DE LA PUENTE</u></a>	Peru	02.2013
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN</u></a>	Switzerland	02.2013

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*Agnes Akosua Aidoo*

<b>Title</b>	Ms.
<b>Nationality</b>	Ghana
<b>Committee</b>	Committee on the Rights of the Child
<b>Date First Elected</b>	21/02/2007
<b>Date Term Expires</b>	28/02/2011
<b>Position on Committee</b>	Committee member
<b>Professional Background</b>	Policy advocacy on children's and women's rights Consultancy and advisory services to government, UNICEF, United Nations System in Ghana and NGOs on child rights, gender and development, poverty and vulnerability issues Research and policy analysis on early childhood development, and poverty, vulnerability and exclusion of children, youth and women in poverty reduction strategies in Africa Fund raising and voluntary services for school children's needs in education, health and sanitation through National Partnership for Children's Trust, Ghana Policy guidance and professional support to the Institute of African Studies and Africa Network of International Women's Empowerment Research Consortium
<b>Educational Background</b>	Ph.D. (History and Social Anthropology), University of California at Los Angeles, 1975 Research Fellowship, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1968-1969 M.A. (History and International Relations), University of Toronto, Canada, 1966 B.A. (History, English, Political Science), University of Manitoba, Canada, 1963 West African School Certificate Grade 1 and Advanced Level, Holy Child School, Ghana, 1957 and 1959
<b>Current occupation</b>	Consultant Adviser and Researcher (on Child Rights, Child Development and Protection; Gender and Development; Social Policy; Poverty, Vulnerability and Exclusion) Member, Board of Trustees, National Partnership for Children's Trust, Ghana Member, Advisory Board, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana Member, Africa Advisory Board, Int. Women's Empowerment Research Consortium
<b>Language</b>	English, French (Français)
<b>Working Language</b>	English

**Hadeel AL-ASMAR (Syrian Arab Republic)**

**Date and place of birth:** 15 May 1967, Amman, Jordan

**Working languages:** Arabic and English

**Current position/function:**

- UNESCO Coordinator for developing the Early Childhood Sector in Syria
- Board member of the NGO Rainbow for a better childhood
- Board member of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs
- Vice-President of (lie International Montessori School, Damascus (Syria)

**Main professional activities:**

- Established two charity kindergartens, one in Qunaitera Province, and the other in Orphaned Founding Care House, Damascus Province
- Established the first hall devoted to children in the Damascus National Museum as a pilot project for children to study historical ruins and museums
- Established the first Children Public Libraries in many provinces in Syria
- Member of the Committee for creating formulae and standards for books and Curricula of kindergartens as mandated by the Ministry of Education
- Member of the Principal Committee of Licensing Private Schools and institutes
- Developing a National Strategy for Early Childhood

**Educational background:**

- Masters degree in the Convention on the Rights of the Child from Lebanon University and the Arab Institute of Human Rights in Tunisia (2007)
- International diploma in Early Childhood Education by using Montessori Method from ICME British Center (2002)
- Bachelor's degree in Economics from Damascus University (1991)

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

- Member of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs (SCFA) committee establishing the first child protection unit in Syria, for child maltreatment, report and referral
- Participating in the development of Child Right Law in Syria (under development)

- Participated with the Ministry of Education in deliberating and preparing the executive instructions for the national private teaching law in 2005
- Participating in the municipal law for a Syrian Child Parliament and its by-law
- Conducting training and awareness courses for children on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in many Governorates of Syria

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

*Facts for life*, co-editor. SCFA and UNICEF, 2006.

Children Hearings research in Syria, 2007.

National Child Rights Law (in preparation), 2008.

UNESCO Early Childhood Center by-law, co-editor (in preparation), 2008.



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### ***Saudi Arabia's Candidate for CRC***

**NAME:** Al-Shehail, Aseil

**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1979 , New York, USA

#### **CURRENT POSITION/FUNCTIONS:**

First female diplomat in Saudi Arabia; at the Saudi Arabian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Main responsibilities: country representative on issues related to children's rights, women's rights, human rights, humanitarian affairs and agendas under the social, humanitarian and cultural affairs committee; participated in Saudi Arabian country reports and delegations on children's rights; Saudi Arabia's expert on presenting the country's position regarding prevention of and combating trafficking of women and children; work on numerous general assembly resolutions regarding children's rights; preparation of reports, analyses and recommendations related to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

#### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/FUNCTIONS:**

- Office of the Under-Secretary for Multi-lateral Relations at the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: coordination of national and international projects in the field of family and human rights; research, preparation and presentation of annual reports in the field of family, human rights, children's rights and women's rights
- Director of legal Research division at Prime Legal Support office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Main responsibilities: researching the role of the Saudi Arabian legal system in regulating matters affecting child custody and access, international care and foster care, adoption, criminalization of sexual relationship with children and minimum age limits for marriages
- World of Children Awards selection committee member. World of Children has awarded cash grants to 78 change makers, working in more than 50 countries worldwide. The largest global recognition and funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only issues - health including hunger and nutrition, education, safety, and human rights. United States, New York.



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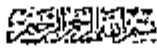


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**OTHER MAIN ACTIVITIES XN THE FIELD RELEVANT TO THE  
MANDATE OF THE TREATY BODY CONCERNED:**

- Lectured and participated in workshops on policy and practice to meet the standards of the Convention of the Rights of the Child as Associate Member
- of SUNSGLOW Center for the Study of the United Nations Systems and the Global Legal Order in New York
- Presented the Saudi Arabian position before the United Nations General Assembly Session in New York on various issues including children's rights
- Lectured at Fordham University School of Law in New York on the Convention on the Rights of a Child (CRC )
- Lectured at Seton Hall Law School In New Jersey on International Human Rights
- Co-Founder/Board Member of the Al-Majid Charitable Organization for Children and Women in Moahemeyah/Al Ghotghot central region, Saudi Arabia, the first organization dedicated to providing grants for children education and funding awareness initiatives for children's rights
- Board Member of the National Home Healthcare Charitable Organization in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an. organization dedicated to providing financial assistance for children in need of healthcare in Saudi Arabia directed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques wife Her Royal Highness Princess Hessah bint Trad AI Shaalan.
- Board Member of the Child Special Education Committee at the Al-Nakhil Child Special Education Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, an educational program dedicated to children with special needs in Saudi Arabia
- Active member at the World of Children Awards foundation in New York. The World of Children Awards foundation is dedicated to dramatically improving children's lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who work on behalf of children in need. It is the only global funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's only

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issues - health including hunger and nutrition, education, safety, and human rights. To date World of Children has awarded cash grants to 78 change makers, working in more than 50 countries worldwide

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Fall 2009	<b>New York University School of Law Fellowship Program</b> International Human Rights	New York, NY
Spring 2006	<b>Harvard University - Kennedy School of Government</b> Advanced Degree in Mastering Negotiation, And Building Sustainable Agreements	Cambridge, MA
2003-2005	<b>Suffolk University</b> Masters of Science, Political Science	Boston, MA
Spring 2004	<b>Sorbonne University</b> Advanced Degree in French History	Paris, France
1997-2001	<b>Merrimack College</b> B.S., International Relations	NorthAndover, MA

**LANGUAGES:**

Proficiency in Arabic and English, conversational French

**Jorge Cardona Llorens**, born in Valencia on 30 April 1957. He is currently Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Valencia.

*Special Graduation Award* (1980) and *Special PhD Award* at the University of Valencia (1984). *Teacher of Public International Law* at the Universities of Valencia (1980-1984; 1985-95; and since 2008), Alicante (1984-85) and Jaume I in Castellon (1995-2008). Director of the International Law Section at the *Bancaja International Centre for Peace and Development* (since 1997). Director (and founder) of the *Bancaja Euro-Mediterranean Courses on International Law* (since 1997). *Holder of the Henri Rolin Chair* at the Universities of Louvain-La-Neuve and Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2009), teaching seminars on « Quelle place pour les droits de l'homme et le droit international humanitaire dans les situations d'administration internationale de territoire? ». *Holder of the Jean Monnet Chair* in Community Law (since 1997). President of the *Mediterranean Institute of European Studies* (since 1999). President of the *Centre for Studies on Law and International Relations* ([www.cedri.org](http://www.cedri.org)) (since 2007). *Visiting Professor* at different Universities and University Institutes in Europe, Latin America and Africa.

UNESCO *Special Advisor* on: "Works of the Spirit as Common Heritage of Humankind" (1999-2000). *Agent for the Kingdom of Spain* before the International Court of Justice in the case of the Declaration of Independence of Kosovo. *Legal adviser* to diverse States on various international affairs and decisions. **Noteworthy among his professional activities in the field of human rights are:** Former member of the *Committee of wise men* appointed by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to study the reform of the Inter-American Human Rights System (1999-2001). *Legal expert* on human rights for the Conference of Ibero-American Ministers of Justice (COMJIB) (since 2008). **Among his activities in direct relation to the rights of children and young people, among others:** Within the framework of the activities of the COMJIB: *Rapporteur on the Promotion and protection of the human rights of underage persons within the framework of criminal proceedings* and drafter of the corresponding recommendation proposal approved by the Ibero-American Ministers of Justice; *Rapporteur on the Promotion and protection of the human rights of victims of crimes within the framework of proceedings, with special reference to underage victims and victims of gender crimes* and drafter of the corresponding recommendation proposal approved by the Ibero-American Ministers of Justice; *Member of the Committee appointed by the Ibero-American Youth Organization* for monitoring States' fulfilment of the *Ibero-American Convention on the Rights of Youth* (2010).

He has led and participated in more than twenty research projects funded by public and private bodies, among which are: the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, the Spanish Ministry of Education, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology, the *Generalitat* of Valencia, the BBVA Foundation and the Bancaja Foundation. **Among these projects, the following are especially related to the field of human rights:** "The protection of vulnerable persons and groups in international and European law"; "New trends and recent developments in peacekeeping and peace consolidation in territories



over which jurisdiction is exercised by a different body than that of the territorial State"; "Vulnerability for reasons of age, disability, immigration, gender, imprisonment and refugee status: Study on international and European protection"; and "International and European protection of the rights of persons with disabilities"

Member of the scientific committee of the *Revista Espanola de Derecho Internacional* (1990-98). Member of the editorial board of the *Gaceta Juridica de la Union Europea*, since 1989. He has authored around one-hundred and fifty publications on international law, in particular on the law of treaties, the law of international responsibility, the law of international organizations, human rights, peacekeeping and international security, among others. **Among these works, the following, among others, are especially related to human rights:**

- « L'incidence des organisations internationales sur les transformations du droit international: reflexions au terme du XXeme siecle », in *Les Droits de l'homme a l'aube du xxeme siecle. Karel Vasak Amicorum Liber*, Economica/Bruylant, 1999, pp. 975-1029
- "La funcion contenciosa de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (Consideraciones sobre la naturaleza juridica de la funcion contenciosa a la luz de su jurisprudencia)", in *El sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos en el umbral del siglo XXI*, Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, San Jose de Costa Rica, 2001, pp. 313-348
- "La proteccion de los derechos de los discapacitados en Europa", in *La proteccion de las personas y grupos vulnerables en el derecho europeo*, Madrid, 2001, pp. 333-356
- *Corte Penal Internacional (un estudio interdisciplinar)* (together with J.L. Gomez Colomer and J.L. Gonzalez Cussac), Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2003
- "La Internacionalizacion de los derechos fundamentales en la Constitucion de 1978", in *Derechos Fundamentales y libertades publicas, imdgenes para el XXV aniversario de la Constitucion*, Valencia, 2004, pp. 59- 67
- "La Promocion y la Proteccion de los Derechos Humanos de las personas con Discapacidad: en el camino de su reconocimiento Universal" (together with A. Sanjose), in *Proteccion internacional de Derechos Humanos. Nuevos desafios* (COURTIS, Christian and HAUSER, Denise, eds), Editorial Porrua Mexico, 2004, pp. 147-175
- "Derechos Humanos y personas con discapacidad en el marco de las Naciones Unidas: ^Hacia un cambio de rumbo?", in *Trends in the Internacional Law of Human Rights. Studies in honour of Profesor Antonio Augusto Canqado Trindade*, Porto Alegre, 2005, pp. 491- 550
- « Le droit de l'occupation, lex specialis du droit des peuples a disposer d'eux memes ? », in *Collegium*, no. 32, 2006, Brugge, pp. 67-78
- "El dialogo intercultural y el futuro de las relaciones euromediterraneas", in *Europa y el Mediterraneo. Perspectivas del dialogo euromediterraneo* (R. Martinez Dalmau ed.), Valencia, 2006, pp. 5-8
- "La Organizacion de las Naciones Unidas y las personas con discapacidad" in *La proteccion internacional de las personas con discapacidad* (C. Fernandez Liesa ed.), Madrid, 2007, pp. 96-127

- « Le principe des peuples a disposer d'eux memes et l'occupation etrangere », in *Droit du pouvoir, pouvoir du droit. Melanges offerts a Jean Salmon*, Economica/Bruylant, 2007, pp. 821-839
- "La proteccion de los derechos humanos de las personas con discapacidad en el marco de las Naciones Unidas: un nuevo paradigma de derechos humanos en el siglo XXI", in *La Segunda controversia de Valladolid: los derechos humanos en el siglo XXI*, Valladolid, 2007, pp. 67-83
- "Migracion y derechos humanos" in *Migraciones y desarrollo. II Jornadas iberoamericanas de estudios internacionales* (F. Aldecoa and J.M. Sobrino ed.), Madrid, 2007, pp. 47-63
- *La cooperacion al desarrollo y los grupos vulnerables* (together with Jordan Galduf, Jose M<sup>a</sup>), Valencia, 2007
- "Un cambio de paradigma en la proteccion de los derechos humanos: la Convencion de 2006 sobre los derechos de las personas con discapacidad" (together with Sanjose Gil, A.) in *Laproteccion internacionaly europea de los grupos vulnerables* (Sanz, S. and Ferrer J. eds.), Valencia, 2008, pp. 165-207
- « La responsabilite de proteger: Le role des organisations internationales » in *La responsabilite de proteger. Colloque de la SFDI de Nanterre*, Editions Pedone, 2008, pp. 319-325
- "Derechos humanos y capacidad diversa: la convencion internacional sobre los derechos de las personas con discapacidad" (together with Biel Portero, I.) en *Scritti in onore di Umberto Leanza*, Roma 2008, pp. 217-260
- "El derecho humano a una sociedad inclusiva e integradora" (forthcoming)

He has participated two hundred national and international conferences and debates, and has directed around fifty research works and ten doctoral theses, various of them **in the field of human rights**, such as, for example, "Protection of fundamental rights in the Community legal system: inadequacies and loopholes in the system", defended in 1998 by Susana Sanz; "The international system for the protection of economic, social and cultural rights: towards strengthening mechanisms for individual and collective appeals", defended in 2005 by Denise Hauser, and "International and European protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities", defended in 2009 by Israel Biel (all of which were awarded summa cum laude).

**Datasheet on the candidates postulating for organs created by virtue of  
international instruments relative to human rights**

Name and First name :

GASTAUD Bernard.

Date and place of birth :

10th january 1946, in Monaco (Principality of Monaco).

Working languages:

French, native language, English written and spoken, notions of Arabic.

Position :

- Legal Adviser for legal and international affairs to the Department of External Relations (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Monaco).

Main occupations :

- Analysis of the international conventions prior to incorporation into the law and order of the Principality of Monaco and contribution to the elaboration of legislation and regulation in order to implement the international law.
- Co-author and coordinator of the periodic reports of the Principality of Monaco submitted to the various committees.
- Member of the Monegasque delegation during the examination of the periodic report of the Principality of Monaco:
  - o Committee Against Torture, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004,
  - o Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006,
  - o Human Right Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008,
  - o Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010,
  - o Universal Periodic Review (EPU), Human Rights Council, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- Head of delegation:
  - o Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, Vienna, from 9 till 18 October 2006,
  - o Open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, Vienna, from 28 till 30 September 2009.
- Member of the Committee of legal advisers on public international law (C.A.D.H.I.), Council of Europe, since march 2005, Strasbourg.

Education :

Bachelor of Arts (Nice, France) ; Master degree of Arts (Nice).

Bachelor in law (Nice) ; Master degree in law (Nice) ; Doctorate in law (Nice).

Activities:

Member of the World Association of Children's Friends (A.M.A.D.E.) which is a non-profit child-advocacy NGO. It was founded in 1963 by HSH Princess Grace of Monaco to seek the promotion and protection of the rights of the child worldwide. Nowadays, it is chaired by H.R.H. The Princess of Hanover.

Manager within "Association Sportive de Monaco", sport association which is taking part to sport development of the children and the adolescents.

Publication :

Member of the management Committee of "Revue de Droit Monegasque".

He cooperates with Lexis Nexis company, French company in charge of publishing the Monegasque legislation and regulation.

**Peter GURAN (Slovakia)**

**Date and place of birth:** 11 May 1957, Marin, Slovakia

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

Head of international relations and children rights department of Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. Main responsibilities: preparation and presentation of annual report on the rights of the child in Slovakia; monitoring of actual problems of children in Slovakia; research in the field of family, human rights, children rights; project coordination; international cooperation.

**Main professional activities:**

Monitoring, data collection and research in the field of children rights, children advocacy and socio-legal counselling. Organization of seminar, round tables and trainings dealing with children issues. Comments and recommendations to the legislation in the field of family and human rights. Coordination of national and international projects in the field. Active participation at the work of most important EU organizations dealing with children rights. Participation at EU comparative studies and expertise of the particular aspects of children rights. Participation at the preparation and representation of the initial and first CRC report of Slovakia (October 2000) and second report (May 2007).

**Educational background:**

1976-1980 Department of sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia (Master in Sociology).

1981-1983 Department of Sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).

2009 Department of Politics, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).

Social courses: national level, family policy, gender equality, international level - organized by UN demography (Malta 1996), family and technology (Dublin 1998).

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

Associated member of ChildONEurope (Florence), since 2004 (co-author of studies, member of expert group to inter-country adoption in EU countries). Member of FORUM for children rights by EC, DG justice and home affairs since 2007. Member of "L\* Europe de l'Enfance" - EU intergovernmental group since 2002.

Member of expert groups and committees in the field of human rights and children rights in Slovakia (Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, National Council).

Long-term cooperation with UNICEF Slovakia (co-author of reports, active participation at seminars and meetings), representation of Slovakia by ICC NHRS in Geneva.

Former position (1994-1999): vice-director of Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies (affiliated to UN). 1999-2005, director general at Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, responsible for family policy and social inclusion.



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***Maria Herczog***

<b>Title</b>	Ms.
<b>Nationality</b>	Hungary
<b>Committee</b>	Committee on the Rights of the Child
<b>Date First Elected</b>	21/02/2007
<b>Date Term Expires</b>	28/02/2011
<b>Position on Committee</b>	Committee member
<b>Professional Background</b>	<p>Research and lecturing in the field of child welfare and child protection Member of the ECOSOC as a civil society representative Editor in chief of Family, Child, Youth professional journals</p> <p>Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned: In the past 15 years temporary expert and advisor on several related issues for UNICEF, WHO, Council of Europe One of the authors of the Alternative NGO Report on Hungary on the implementation of CRC in 2005 on behalf of the Family, Child, Youth association Participant in several international conferences as key note speaker, workshop leader, and in particular at many UNICEF events Participation in international research projects in EU framework - AGIS, Daphne etc.</p>
<b>Educational Background</b>	<p>1978 Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest 1989 Doctoral thesis on institutional care of children under the age of 3, Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest 1996 Ph.D. thesis on the dilemmas of the child protection system in Hungary, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest</p>
<b>Current occupation</b>	Senior Researcher, University lecturer
<b>Language</b>	Hungarian, English
<b>Working Language</b>	English

**Sanphasit KOOMPRAPHANT (Thailand)**

**Date and place of birth:** 20 September 1949, Thailand

**Working languages:** Thai and English

**Current position/function:**

Director of Center for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation (CPCR) in Bangkok; managing to protect abused and neglected children and to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the multidisciplinary approach through multidisciplinary network; building up multidisciplinary teams in nine major provinces of Thailand; establishing network of agencies in the Mae Kong Region to protect child victims of trafficking in the region and to prevent the vulnerable group from being trafficked.

**Main professional activities:**

- Identify and investigate child abuse and neglect including child trafficking; develop legislation on child protection; develop instruments for child protective services on monitoring the child and the family; identification of abuse and neglect, family assessment tools, guidelines for management of treatment for child victims and their families, social reintegration of victims and develop prevention measures to make family, school and community be safe places for children
- Participating in many national bodies such as National Child Protection Committee, the Subcommittee on Legislation for the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to establish National Policy on Child Protection and implement the legal protection of any children in Thailand
- Acting as legal adviser to government and non-governmental agencies on how to implement, interpret and enforce the law, particularly on Child Protection Act 2003, Victim of Domestic Violence Protection Act 2007 and the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act 2008

**Educational background:**

Bachelor's degree in Economics, Bachelor's degree in Law and Honorable Doctor of Social Work, Thainmasat University (Bangkok).

2000 Training on "Child Witness Support" at the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua.

1997 International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights, University of Ghent (Belgium).

1985 Law and Human Rights training course, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague (Netherlands).

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*Hatem Kotrane*

Title	Mr.
Nationality	Tunisia
Committee	Committee on the Rights of the Child
Date First Elected	13/02/2003
Date Term Expires	28/02/2011
Position on Committee	Committee member
Professional Background	<p>Main professional activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1993-2000 Expert consultant for UNICEF, in particular providing support for the drafting of State reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Tunisia (1994 and 1999), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1997) and Oman (1998); and at numerous seminars on various subjects related to the rights of the child (Beirut, 1997; Riyadh, 1997; Muscat, 1998; Tehran, 2000)</li><li>- 1993-1999 ILO expert consultant for the revision of labour law in Yemen (Sanaa - 2001), Lebanon (Beirut - - 1993 and 1999) and Kuwait (Kuwait City - 1996-1997); for the preparation of labour law in Palestine (Ramallah - 1995 and 1998); and for moderating round-table discussions on international labour standards (Amman - 1997) and on the resolution of collective labour disputes (Muscat - 1997)</li><li>- Director of the National Institute of Labour and Social Studies (INTES), University of Tunis 3, 1991-1997</li><li>- Professor of private law since 1988</li><li>- Senior lecturer in private law since 1984 (passed the agregation competitive examination in private law, session of 1984)</li><li>- Assistant lecturer in private law since 1982</li></ul> <p>Other relevant activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Scientific and legal adviser of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (since 1999)</li><li>- President of the Conference of Arab States on the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, UNESCO, Tunis, 1996</li><li>- Founding member and Vice President of the Tunisian Association of Social Law (1985-1995)</li><li>- Consultant and arbiter (domestic and international arbitration)</li><li>- General Rapporteur of the Conference of French-speaking Countries, in preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights, Libreville (Gabon), 1993</li><li>- Member of the official delegation of Tunisia to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993</li><li>- Member of the Higher Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (since 1991)</li></ul>



- Visiting professor at the Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV (1989), and the University of Nice (1990), and associate professor at the University of Paris VII (1991)
- Executive member of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security (since 1987)

Most recent publications in the field:

- 2002 Report of the independent expert on the question of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (document E/CN.4/2002/57, 12 February 2002)
- 2002 La justiciabilite des droits culturels, report submitted to the "Diversite et droits culturels" round table organised by the International Organisation of la Francophonie in collaboration with the Arab Institute of Human Rights, Tunis, 21-23 September 2002 (forthcoming)
- 2001-2002 Droit des obligations: le contrat et la responsabilite civile, CPU, Tunis (in preparation)
- 2001-2002 Traite de droit du travail tunisien, CPU, Tunis (in preparation)
- 2000 Le droit tunisien du travail et les mutations internationales, in Melanges Habib Ayadi, CPU, Tunis
- 2000 Liberte, egalite, solidarite: actualite en droit du travail, in Melanges Mohamed Charfi, CPU, Tunis (forthcoming)
- 2000 Mondialisation de l'economie et defi de la cohesion sociale, CPU, Tunis
- 2000 "The Tunisian child protection code: general principles and protection mechanisms", lecture given in Tehran as part of the training seminar organized under UNICEF auspices (Tehran)
- Strategie de promotion de l'integration nationale et de l'harmonie sociale: education aux droits de l'homme, role des media et role de la societe civile, research paper for the Office of the United Nations High - Commissioner for Human Rights, expert seminar on "The prevention of ethnic and racial conflicts in Africa", 4 6 October 2000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1999 Le code de protection de l'enfant (annotated), UNICEF publications, Tunis
- 1999 "Le droit a l'education des categories vulnérables dans le respect de leur identite: le cas des enfants immigrés", lecture given in Messina (Italy) as part of the international seminar organized by the International Centre for Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies, UNESCO (forthcoming)
- 1998 "La clause sociale, vue d'en bas", in Dimension sociale de la mondialisation de l'Economie", Comptresec publication, Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV
- 1997 "Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels entre les espaces de la famille, de l'école et de l'entreprise", speech addressed on 10 December to the President of the Tunisian Republic on the occasion of World Human Rights Day, published in the Revue tunisienne de droit, 1997
- 1997 "Vers un nouveau droit de la mobilité", in Journees de l'entreprise, publication of the Arab Institute of Company Directors
- 1996 "Le Code de protection de l'enfant: Principes généraux et mecanismes de protection", in Arab Review of Human Rights, 1996
- 1995 Legislation du travail, flexibilité du marché du travail et besoins de l'entreprise, in Travaux préparatoires au IXeme plan de développement économique, Etude strategique No. 10, Tunis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1995 Introduction a l'etude du droit, C.E.R.P, Tunis</li><li>- 1995 "Protection of the child in Tunisian labour law: current situation and prospects", in Public hearings on international child labour, U.S. Department of Labour, Washington, 1995</li><li>- 1993 La Tunisie et les droits de l'enfant, UNICEF publications, Tunis</li></ul>
<b>Educational Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Doctorate in social law, 1982, University of Paris 1, Pantheon Sorbonne, thesis on the subject of public order in international social law</li><li>- Diplome d'etudes approfondies (D.E.A.) in private international law and international commerce, 1981, University of Paris 1, Pantheon Sorbonne</li><li>- Diplome d'etudes approfondies (D.E.A.) in social law, 1978, University of Paris 1, Pantheon Sorbonne</li><li>- Degree in private law, 1977, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis</li></ul>
<b>Current occupation</b>	Professor-Director, Department of Private Law in the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, University of Tunis. Commission on Human Rights independent expert on the question of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
<b>Language</b>	English, Arabic and French
<b>Working Language</b>	English, French

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

- Member of the National Committee of Child Protection (2004-2010)
- Member of the National Committee of the National Youth Promotion Bureau (2002-2008)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Child Protection Act (2003)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Thai National Human Rights Commission Act
- President of the Coordinating Committee for Human Rights Organizations in Thailand
- Treasurer of the Coalition to Fight Against Child Exploitation (FACE)
- Legal adviser and assistant to the treasurer of the Foundation for Children
- President of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), 2008-2010
- Advisory board of research on "problems and trend of child labour in Thailand and effect to the child labour future development", TDRI2001
- Researcher on Measure of the Suppression and Prevention of Children and Women Trafficking in Thailand (2002-2003)

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

- *Handbook on the Management of Treatment for Child & Woman Victims of Trafficking*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-91395-3-4), 2003
- *Practical Handbook for Multidisciplinary Team on Handling of Child Protection*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-685-038-5), 2004

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*Yanghee Lee*

Title	Ms.
Nationality	Republic of Korea
Committee	Committee on the Rights of the Child
Date First Elected	13/02/2003
Date Term Expires	28/02/2013
Position on Committee	Committee member
Professional Background	<p>Main professional activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Founder and President of the Korean Society for the Rights of Children with disabilities</li><li>- Vice-Chair of the Korean Association for Child Studies</li><li>- Co-Founder and Governing Board Member of Korean Council for Children's Rights</li><li>- Governing Board Member of the Korean Association for the Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect</li><li>- Member of the Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry</li><li>- Member of the Korean Counseling Psychological Association</li><li>- Member of the Korean Developmental Psychology Association</li><li>- Member of the Korean Association for Special Education</li><li>- Member of the Ministry of Justice Advisory Committee</li></ul> <p>Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Co-drafter of General Comment No. 9 Rights of Children with Disabilities</li><li>- Inaugural Lecture for the Executive Masters Program (Sion, 2007)</li><li>- Chaired the Regional Workshop for the Implementation of the Concluding Observations to CRC for 8 Francophone African States (Burkina, Faso, 2007)</li><li>- Oral Report to the GA (New York, 2007)</li><li>- Addressed CRC-CEDAW Symposium (Bangkok, 2007)</li><li>- Addressed 'World Fit for Children in a Europe Fit for Children' (San Rossore, 2007)</li><li>- Town Hall Meeting and Round Table Discussion during World Fit fir Children +5 (2007)</li><li>- Delivered Third Annual Lecture at Children's Law Center (Belfast, 2008)</li><li>- Keynote Speaker at Symposium on Framing Legal and Human Rights Strategies for Change " Expanding human rights to persons with disabilities: Laying the groundwork for a 21st Century Movement" (University of Washington, 2008)</li><li>- Keynote Speaker at Third International Policy Conference on the African Child: Child Poverty in Africa, "Child Rights, Child Wellbeing and Child Poverty" (Addis Ababa, 2008)</li><li>- Addressed the Executive Board Meeting of UNICEF (New York,</li></ul>

	<p>2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addressed Council of Europe initiative against corporal punishment of children: International launch Zagreb, 2008)</li> <li>- Addressed EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM: Ethics and paediatric clinical research in Europe (Marseilles, 2008)</li> <li>- Addressed Global Summit for International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Chicago, 2008)</li> </ul> <p>List of most recent publications in the field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everyone has a right to be happy: Children's rights education program. Korea, 2005</li> <li>- A Study on the Development of Self-Regulation Rating Scale. Journal of Korean Council for children's Rights, 2005</li> <li>- A Study of the parental Attitudes, Stress, and Coping Behavior in Mothers of Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders(PDD). Journal of Human Life Sciences, 2005</li> <li>- Validity and reliability of the Korean version of Multidimensional Students' Life Satisfaction Scale(K-MSLSS). The Korean Journal of Developmental Psychology, 2005</li> <li>- Effect of group art therapy on depression, self-concept and life satisfaction in children of single parents. Journal of Human Life Sciences, 2006</li> <li>- Development of a Web-Based "Think World" program to decrease aggression and increase problem solving skills of elementary school students. The Korean Journal of Counseling and Psychotherapy, 2006</li> <li>- Foreword to Children as Active Citizens Government commitments and society's obligations for children's civil rights and civic engagement in East Asia and the Pacific: A policy and programme guide. Unicef, 2007</li> <li>- 18 Candles in 18 Candles, IDE &amp; OHCHR, 2007</li> <li>- Children and their rights, Korea, 2007</li> <li>- Development and validation of the resilience scale for children in Grade through 6. Korean Journal of Child Studies, 2007</li> <li>- Child maltreatment and resilience: Mediating effects of cognitive function and social support, Korean Journal of Child Studies, 2008</li> </ul>
<b>Educational Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Science in French (minor in Chinese), Georgetown University (USA)</li> <li>- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped, University of Missouri-Columbia (USA)</li> <li>- Ph.D in Early Childhood (Support Area in Child and Family Development), University of Missouri-Columbia (USA)</li> </ul>
<b>Current occupation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child</li> <li>- Professor at Sungkyunkwan University (Joint appointment: Faculty of Law and Department of Child Psychology and Education)</li> <li>- Executive Board Member of the Korean Committee for UNICEF</li> <li>- Member of the National Coordinating Committee on Children's Policy</li> <li>- Advisory Member of National Human Rights Commission</li> <li>- International Board of Trustee Member of African Child Policy Forum</li> </ul>

<b>Language</b>	Korean (Hankuko), English and French
<b>Working Language</b>	French, Spanish, English
	<p>Professor Yanghee Lee has been a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child since 2003 and has served as its Chair since May of 2007. She has been reelected as Chair of the Committee in May of 2009. A national of the Republic of Korea, Dr. Lee holds memberships in numerous societies and associations including the Korean Society for Special Education, the Korean Psychological Association, Korean Counseling Psychology Association, and has served as vice-president of the Korean Association of Child Studies. She is a founding member of the Korean Association for Persons with Autism, the Korean Council for Children's Rights, and the Korean Society for the Rights of Children with Disabilities. She serves on the Executive Board of the following: Korean Association for Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Korean Council for Children's Rights, the UNICEF National Committee of Korea, and Save the Children Korea, Advisory Committee of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, and Advisory Committee for Human Rights Education of the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Dr. Lee received her B.S. in French from Georgetown University and her M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees in Early Childhood Special Education for the Handicapped from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has been a faculty member of the Department of Child Psychology and Education with Sungkyunkwan University since 1991. She has held various academic posts including Chair of the Department of Child Psychology and Education, Dean of Continuing Education, and Dean of Human Life Sciences. Currently she holds joint appointment in the School of Law.</p> <p>She has published numerous articles and books on identification, treatment, and prevention of developmental disabilities; child abuse and neglect; early intervention; development and validation of diagnostic tools and therapeutic intervention programs; and counseling young children. In addition, Dr. Lee has developed educational and play materials for the education of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. She has delivered several key note speeches at numerous International Conferences and World Congresses, including the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children held in Rio; World Congress for ISPCAN held in Hong Kong; Third Regional Congress for ISPCAN in Saudi Arabia; Africa Child Policy Forum held in Addis Ababa; and Council of Europe International Launch for Campaign against Corporal Punishment. She is the guest editor for the <i>2009 Child Abuse and Neglect: International Journal</i> Special CRC Anniversary Issue.</p> <p>Dr. Lee has been the recipient of many recognitions and awards including the 2007 Year of the Woman Award (Korea) and the 2008 Sungkyun Family Award.</p>

**Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies**

**Name and first name:** Madi, Gehad

**Date and Place of Birth:** 13/11/1951, Egypt

**Working languages:** English, German, French, Arabic

**Current position/ function:**

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Mr. Gehad Madi is Egypt's Assistant Foreign Minister and Director of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps Department.

**Main professional activities:**

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Mr. Madi is a career diplomat and was Egypt's Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2004 - 2008) and to the Republic of India (1998 - 2002). Prior to that, he served as Egypt's Deputy Head of Mission to the United Kingdom, Counsellor and Legal Advisor to Egypt's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, and Egypt's Embassy in Bonn. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Madi was Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights, Humanitarian and Social Affairs and from 1997 to 1998 he served as Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs. In both capacities, he participated in several sessions of the UN General Assembly, and the UN Commission on Human Rights. He was also the Legal Advisor to the Egyptian Delegation to the 1997 Kyoto Conference on Global Climate Change, and from 1988 to 1990 was the Rapporteur of the UN Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. He was spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1984 to 1986.

**Educational Background:**

(5 lines maximum)

BA in German Language and Literature, Ain Shams University, Egypt (1975).  
LLB, Ain Shams University (1986).

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

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In his capacity as Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights, Humanitarian and Social Affairs, Mr. Madi oversaw matters pertaining to the implementation of Egypt's international human rights obligations, including in the field of the rights of the child. Egypt was among the first countries to ratify the CRC, and witnessed a number of significant developments, during Mr. Madi's tenure, including the ratification of the two Optional Protocols on involvement of children in armed conflict, and sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the ILO Convention 182 on the worst forms of child labour. This period also witnessed the launching of a national campaign to amend the 1996 Child Law, which culminated in the approval by parliament, in 2008, of a large number of important legislative reforms, including criminalization of FGM and raising the minimum marriage age for girls. Mr. Madi also played an instrumental role in establishing Egypt's National Council for Human Rights.

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

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Mr. Madi's writings, analyses and reports in the field of human rights were presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to relevant government departments, and to the Egyptian parliament for the purposes of formulating policies and strategies, as well as enacting legislation on human rights related issues.

**Marta Maura**s is a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, elected by States Party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the period 2009-2013. She is an independent consultant in social policy, human rights and international relations.

During 2008, Maura was the Special Envoy of UNICEF for Latin America and the Caribbean. Before that she served for two years as Secretary of the Commission at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Between 1998 and 2005 she was called to serve in the Office of Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan as Director for Economic and Social Affairs. As such she contributed to the reform agenda of the UN, the Millennium Summit and the establishment of the Millennium Development Goals; she coordinated the SG's programme against HIV/AIDS and helped organize the General Assembly Special Session on the subject; participated in the design of peace operations in Kosovo, East Timor and Iraq; coordinated the implementation of an annual joint programme of exchanges with the European Union, among others. From 1992 to 1998 she was the UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Bogota, Colombia, leading key changes on the adoption of child rights and introducing modern management practices. Her association with UNICEF started in 1974 serving as regional adviser on women's affairs in Latin America and the Caribbean based in Santiago, Chile, senior planning officer in Pakistan, Representative in Mozambique and Swaziland and Chief of the Sub-Saharan Section in Headquarters, New York.

Maura is Chilean, sociologist from the Catholic University of Chile, holds certificates on Public Administration from the University of Connecticut and in Ontological Coaching from the Newfield Institute. She is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations of Chile and of the National Observatory on Public Policies and Children; she also is a director in the Board of Latinobarometro and in the Council of ComunidadMujer. She speaks Spanish, English, French and Portuguese.

Educational background:

**Sociologist/Licenciada en Sociologia, Catholic University of Chile.**

**Certificate in Public Administration, University of Connecticut, USA .**

**Diploma in Ontological Coaching, The Newfield Group, USA.**

Professional activities:

**2009-2013: Member of the United Nations Committee on Child Rights**

**2008: UNICEF Special Envoy for Latin America**

**2005 - 2007: Secretary of the Commission, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile**

**1998 - 2005: Director for Economic and Social Affairs in the Office of the UN Secretary-General and Director of the Office of the UN Deputy Secretary-General, New York, USA**

**1992 - 1998: Regional Director, The Americas and Caribbean Regional Office, UNICEF, Bogota, Colombia**

**1988 - 1992: Head of Africa Section, UNICEF, New York, USA**

**1984 - 1988: UNICEF Representative for Mozambique and Swaziland, Maputo, Mozambique**

**1980 - 1984: Senior Planning Officer, UNICEF, Islamabad, Pakistan**

**1977 - 1979: Project Officer, UNICEF Regional Office, Santiago, Chile**

**1974 - 1977: Consultant, UNICEF Regional Office, Santiago, Chile**



**1972 - 1974: Lecturer and Researcher, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro,  
Catholic University of Chile**

List of most recent publications in the field:

**"Derechos de la Infancia, Supervivencia y Desarrollo, y Politicas Publicas", a ser publicado en Revista DNI, Costa Rica, junio 2009.**

**"La Adolescencia y la Juventud en las Politicas Publicas de Iberoamerica" Revista FORO Chile 21, julio 2008. Ano 8 - N°77.**

**"An Era of Women's Leader's Rising?" International Women's Forum Global Conference, Buenos Aires, May 4-6, 2008.**

**"Políticas Públicas y Protección Integral de Niños y Niñas", VI Encuentro de Gobernadores y Gobernadoras por la Infancia, la Adolescencia y la Juventud, Hechos y Derechos. Paipa, Colombia. Junio de 2008.**

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**Annex III**

**Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies  
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Name and first name: **SANDBERG, KIRSTEN**

Date and place of birth: 1 April 1954

Working languages: English / Norwegian

**Current position/function:**

Professor, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo / Specializing in Child Law.

**Main professional activities:**

2004 - date	Professor, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo
2009 Sept-Dec.	Visiting fellow at the Law department, European University Institute, Florence
1991 - 2003	Assistant Professor, University of Oslo. Teaching child law, women's law, public administration law and social security law.
1988, Jan.-March	Acting Judge in the Court of Appeal, Northern District. Civil law cases.
1986, April-May	Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago Law School
1985-1990	Research Fellow/Lecturer, Institute of Women's Law, Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.
1982-1984	Deputy Judge in the County Court of Troms0.
1980-1982	Executive Officer in the Ministry of Justice, Legal Department, Oslo. Public administration law, private law, child law, maritime law.

**Educational background:**

2003	Dr.juris, University of Oslo
1980	Law degree (Cand.Jur.), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

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

- 2006 - 2011: Project leader of the research project "Children's rights: The significance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in administrative and court practice", financed by the Norwegian Research Council.
- 2009-date: Participating in research cooperation between the Law Faculty in Oslo and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, on the Implementation of Treaties on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in China and Norway

- 2009-date: Member of the steering committee of KIS (Kunnskap i skolen - Knowledge in School), an interdisciplinary research area of the University of Oslo
- 2003-date: Member of the editorial board of the Norwegian Journal of family law, inheritance law and child protection law
- Deputy member of the Council of the Norwegian Centre for Child Research at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- 1988: Part of a formal delegation to Costa Rica to discuss equal status law, under the Norwegian Ministry of Development Co-operation
- 1987-89 in Oslo and 1990 in Harare: Lectures in women's law and child law at the NORAD Diploma Course for female lawyers from Southern and Eastern Africa
- 1981-1982: Norway's representative in the Council of Europe Expert Committee against terrorism

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

##### **Books:**

Hostmaelingen, N. Kjørholt E.S., Sandberg, K. (ed.): The Convention on the Rights of the Child - Children's Rights in Norway (*Barnekonvensjonen - barns rettigheter i Norge*), Oslo: Universitetsforlaget 2008

Sandberg, K: *The question of returning children after foster placement (Tilbakeføring av barn etter omsorgsovertakelse)*. Oslo: Gyldendal Akademisk 2003. 452 p. (doctoral thesis)

##### **Articles:**

Norway: The Long and Winding Road towards Prohibiting Physical Punishment (forthcoming 2010), in Durrant, J. and Smith, A., *Realizing the Rights of Children; Global Progress towards Ending Physical Punishment*, London: Routledge

Children's right to take part in decisions (Barns rett til medbestemmelse - et juridisk perspektiv) (forthcoming 2010), in Kjørholt, A.T., *Children as new citizens - in the best interest of the child? (Barn som nye samfunnsborgere ~ til barnets beste?)* Oslo: Universitetsforlaget

Children's right to participate in health care decisions, in Sinding Aasen, H. and Halvorsen, R., *Human rights, dignity and autonomy in health care and social services: Nordic perspectives*, Intersentia, Belgium 2009

Children's rights and possibilities - an overview of legal and practical consequences of the CRC and human rights (Barns rettigheter og muligheter - en oversikt over juridiske og praktiske konsekvenser av barnekonvensjonen og menneskerettighetene), in Barneombudet (the Children's Ombudsman) (ed.) *Children (Barn)*, Oslo: Universitetsforlaget 2009, p. 92-111

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*Awich Pollar*

<b>Title</b>	Mr.
<b>Nationality</b>	Uganda
<b>Committee</b>	Committee on the Rights of the Child
<b>Date First Elected</b>	23/02/2005
<b>Date Term Expires</b>	28/02/2009
<b>Position on Committee</b>	Committee member
<b>Professional Background</b>	<p>Professional experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2000, Re-joined the National Army and promoted to the rank of Captain</li><li>- 1995, Organized and mobilized children to present their views during the Constitutional Review Commission</li><li>- 1992, Was instrumental in presenting children's views (advocacy) leading to the enactment of the Child Statute of Uganda National Programme of Action for Children (UNPAC)</li></ul> <p>Experience as a child soldier (1983-1985):</p> <p>1983-1986</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- As a child soldier, was the commander in charge of evacuating children and women to safe areas behind the battle lines</li><li>- Was supervisor of the distribution of food to children and women behind the battle lines</li><li>- Commander of immunization exercise at one time during the war</li><li>- Actively participated as commander of the guards of humanitarian centres like hospitals during the war</li></ul> <p>Post-armed conflict experience:</p> <p>2002, Organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent organizations during peace talks with Uganda National Rescue Front II (UNRFII)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Counselling other ex-child soldiers who were reporting to the Government of Uganda</li></ul> <p>1992-1995, Was a research assistant to many international organizations carrying out research on child soldiers (UNICEF) and Network of Researchers and Research Users of Uganda (NURU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1987, Picked as a peer child soldier to discourage other children from joining rebel forces</li><li>- 1986-1987, Conducted mass-media campaigns for child soldiers to go back to school. Led the operation of screening for child soldiers from army units nationwide to return them to school</li><li>- 1986-to date, Strong advocacy for the rights of child soldiers</li><li>- 1986-1995, Became liaison officer for the child soldiers after we had returned to school</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1986-1990, Was instrumental in helping ex-child soldiers locate their families and homes after the war -Organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent parties during peace talks on conflict. This was a very difficult and lengthy exercise since many did not know where they came from</li><li>- Led a committee that negotiated with hostile communities to accept ex-child soldiers to be re-integrated in their localities</li><li>- 1987-1988, Organized and led television and radio programmes to discourage children from joining the armed forces</li></ul> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chairman of Makerere University Counselling Group to erase the social stigma against child soldiers</li><li>- Over 2, 000 child soldiers returned to school, many of whom are professionals and university graduates; 80 per cent completed high school education</li></ul>
<b>Educational Background</b>	<p>Educational background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2000, Law Development Centre, Postgraduate diploma in legal practice (Bar course). During internship, trained in parliamentary legal procedures and draftsmanship</li><li>- 1999, Makerere University, LLB (Honours)</li></ul> <p>1995, Kampala, trained in HIV/AIDS, counselling to help child soldiers</p> <p>At 13 years of age, I left school and became a child soldier in 1983. Pursuant to the Government's policy of demobilizing child soldiers and re-integrating them into schools and the society, I, like many other ex-child soldiers, returned to primary school in 1986</p>
<b>Current occupation</b>	<p>1999-to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Practised law in one of the principal organs of Government. Engaged in establishing Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms (ADR) in legal matters concerning child soldiers faced with litigation</li><li>- Provided Legal Aid Services to children in Family Courts</li></ul>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Working Language</b>	English

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                                 Consultant Plastic Surgeon  
                                 2 Children - Dinal and Varuni

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### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

MBBS, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo - 1969

Masters in Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA. - 1975

Fellow of the College of Community Physicians, Sri Lanka, - 2007

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### WORK HISTORY AND JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

2007 to date

Assignments

- Consultant to the office of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation and Ministry of Justice.
- Advisor, National Child Protection Authority (NCPA).
- NCPA nominee on the UNSC 1612 Sri Lanka Task Force on children affected by armed conflict. This included strengthening mechanisms within government institutions including the National Human Rights Commission, the National Child Protection Authority to monitor child rights violations in relation to the conflict in Sri Lanka. Policy guidelines were developed in relation to the Rehabilitation of Child Combatants, Implementation of rehabilitation programmes and preparation of the special gazette in relation to such children which was issued in December 2008.
- Advisor to the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Development.
- Initiated the establishment of protection centres for children in camps for Internally Displaced Persons during the aftermath of the escalation of violence and the final stages of the conflict in May 2009. This was undertaken in collaboration with the College of Pediatricians and the NCPA.
- Provides technical support to The National Task forces on the subject areas of Children Affected by the Conflict and the Trafficking of Children and Women set up in the Ministry of Child development and Women's Empowerment.

1005/2007

- Consultant to B.O. Preparation of a report on the Development of Time Based Programmes on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, for ILO / IPEC Colombo.
- Study undertaken to determine Health indicators related to implementing CEDAW for the Centre for Women's Research, Colombo and UNFPA.
- Contributed to the report published by the Centre for Women's Research on engendering the MDGs.
- Chairperson National Child Protection Authority (NCPA).
- Developed policy framework for Community Based Strategies for Tsunami affected children who had lost both parents.
- Chairperson NEHA Trust Fund for Tsunami affected children.
- Executive Director South Asia Womens Fund.
- Consultant to Sri Lanka Peace Secretariat on children affected by the conflict with special reference to the forcible recruitment of children as combatants.

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2003/2004

- Provided technical consultancy services to the United Nations Organization on Drugs and Crime/Regional Office (UNODC), New Delhi, and the Dangerous Drugs Board, Colombo.
- Consultant to the UNFPA Colombo in relation to the Preparation of a report on Population and Development.
- Provided consultancy services to the Human Rights Centre, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo / Evaluation of Human Rights training for Law Enforcement Officers.

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2003

Provided consultancy Service to the UNICEF office Colombo and regional office in Kathmandu on the following topics -

- Assessment of Child Abuse and Exploitation in Sri Lanka for the South Asia Regional Office of UNICEF in Kathmandu.
- Report on teacher shortages in conflict affected areas for the UNICEF Office, Colombo. This was used for advocacy with the Ministry of education to correct such shortages.
- Report on developing and implementing "Child Friendly Schools" for the UNICEF Office, Colombo. Subsequently this was adopted by the Ministry of Education and is being implemented.

1977 - 2003 National Professional Officer with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),  
Colombia

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1998 - 2003

- Planned and developed new programme thrusts in relation to Early Childhood Care and Development, Basic Education, HIV/AIDS prevention and control, Adolescent Health and initiatives in relation to the protection of children from abuse and exploitation.
  - Developed programmes related to Child Protection with the Judiciary law enforcement Authorities, Probation and Child Care and the NGO sector.
  - Initiated programmes related to Women's Rights, Gender equality and gender based violence.
  - Innovative programmes introduced related to the establishing of "safety nets" at the community level for children of migrant mothers, the "Child Friendly School Concept", promotion of social protection through education using the non-formal education infrastructure to prevent Child Labour.
  - Planned and implemented strategies related to an "Every Child in School" campaign particularly for conflict affected areas as part of a post-conflict initiative focused on education as a building block for peace. This also includes extension to other areas within the context of the Regaining Sri Lanka concept.
  - Introduction of programmes on the Prevention of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Abuse within the context of Life Skills Based Education through schools with the collaboration of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.
  - Initiated "Youth Friendly Services" in the Health sector.
  - Founder Board member, National Child Protection Authority.
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1990 - 1993

- Liaised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, preparation of the Children's Charter and the setting up monitoring systems.
- Appointed as a member of the National Committee on the CRC. Contributed to the preparation of the first, second, third and fourth (combined) country reports on the UNCRC as well as the report on the Optional Protocol on Children Affected by the Conflict.



- Planned and developed initiatives related to the implementation of CEDAW with special emphasis on gender based violence, with a special emphasis on health aspects.
- Developed community based public health initiatives related to Child Mental Health including Psycho-social interventions for children living in conflict affected areas.
- Facilitated the effective implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and introduction of programmes on Gender Based Violence, particularly, domestic violence, rape and incest.
- Appointed a member of the Presidential Task Force on the Prevention of Child Abuse in 1997 to plan and develop the National Child Protection Authority as an Act of Parliament.
- Planned and implemented HIV/AIDS and STI prevention campaign with special emphasis on adolescents and Youth and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.
- Responsible for planning and implementing programme related to the Protection of Children affected by the Armed Conflict including the implementation of interventions on Health, Nutrition Education and Psycho-social. This covered the period from 1995 – 2000. This included the planning and implementation of National Immunization Day with the declaration of “Days of Tranquility” and “Corridors of PEACE for Polio Eradication” in collaboration with the President’s Office, Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Health and Rotary.

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#### 1979 – 1999

- Responsible for the planning and implementation of the Health and Nutrition related Programme components of the UNICEF country programme executed by the Ministry of Health. These included Universal Child Immunization, Universal Oral Rehydration Therapy, promotion of Breast Feeding including the enactment of legislation on a Code to control the marketing of Infant Formula, the ‘Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative’ and the promotion of Growth Monitoring and related nutrition interventions. The Child Health Development Chart was introduced to Sri Lanka for the first time and made available to all infants and preschoolers. A plan to produce local ORS termed “Jeevanee” was undertaken in collaboration with the State Pharmaceutical Corporation through the Family Health Bureau/ Ministry of Health.
- Child Mental Health initiatives were introduced as a component of Child Health. Key achievements included reaching Universal Child Immunization in 1989 in December, one year ahead of the global goal. The first plant to produce local ORS (JEEWANEE) was established at the State Pharmaceutical Corporation. Planning and implementing services for children affected by the conflict in the North, East also in the South. This was mainly focused on providing Maternal and Child Health Services.
- Responsible for collaborating with the Family Health Bureau / Ministry of Health and the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to introduce Maternal

Death reporting as part of the Immunization coverage system set up from 1985 to attaining Universal Immunization. This was further developed later into a regular maternal death audit.

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1977 - 1979

- Responsible for the implementation of the Family Health Component of the UNFPA Country Programme, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. This was executed by UNICEF. The main programme areas included the provision of Maternal and Child Health Services with Family Planning as an integral component. Other components were the setting up of Estate Family health using mobile services, promotion of Nurse Midwifery Education, Family Health Education and urban health for families living in slums and shanties in Colombo.
- Responsible for the implementation of the UNICEF assisted programmes in Health and Nutrition which included Expanded Programme on Immunization, Maternal Health, Infant and Young Child Nutrition, Promotion of Child Health in Estates, Urban Slums and promoting of Primary Health Care in New Settlements (Muhaweli II area).
- Collaborated on the development of Nutrition policies through the Food and Nutrition Policy Planning Division, of the Development Planning Unit of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning.

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1977 - 2003

Undertook short term consultancies at the UNICEF Regional Offices in Amman, Kathmandu and Bangkok.

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1971 - 1977

- Medical Officer / Project Director Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka.
- Medical Officer, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, U.K.

### Annex III

#### Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies (Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

**Name and first name:** Dr. Hirunthi Wijemanne

**Date and place of birth:** 10.05.1943, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Working Languages:** English

**Current position/function:**  
(5 lines maximum)

Advisor/ Consultant to the Ministry of Justice, National Child Protection Authority, the Department of Probation and Child Care and the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment with special reference to the implementation of laws, policies and practices which promote and protect the rights of Children

**Main professional activities:**  
(10 lines maximum)

- Advocacy on child rights with focus on conflict areas, child labour and child abuse and exploitation through mass media networks, seminars and written medium.
- Capacity building of key government institutions responsible for the delivery of services for children.
- Sharing of lessons learned on successful programmes such as the eradication of polio, establishment of the National Child Protection Authority, based Early Childhood Development, and the rehabilitation and re-integration of child combatants.
- Providing expertise to research institutions, universities and NGO's committed to undertaking research on hitherto unaddressed Child Rights issues.
- Formulating systems to monitor Child Rights particularly at community level, to ensure translation of policies to action and an impact on children.

**Educational Background:**  
(5 lines maximum)

- Medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (1969)
- Masters Degree in Public Health, from the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Mass. USA, 1975
- Fellow of the Sri Lankan College of Physicians, 2007

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the treaty body concerned**  
(10 lines maximum)

- Providing consultancy services in relation to law reform on Child witnesses and victims, juvenile justice, Child friendly court procedures and law enforcements, trafficking in persons with special reference to women and children.

- Providing advisory services to the National Child Protection Authority with special reference to sexual abuse and the worst forms of Child Labour. This includes improving, monitoring and reporting access to therapy/counseling, effective law enforcement and medico - legal aspects and children in the Tsunami affected and post conflict areas.
- Consultancy services to the Department on Probation and Child Care in relation to Children in institutions both as a result of conflict as well as natural disasters; and promotion of alternate care at community level).

**List of most recent publications in the field**  
(5 lines)

- Child Recruitment, rehabilitation and re-integration of child combatants.
- Policy framework for the protective care, rehabilitation and re- integration of child combatants
- The sexual exploitation of children with special reference to commercial sex networks
- Strategic Framework for Time - Bound programmes to eliminate the worst forms of Child Labour.
- Strengthening national capacity to respond to Child rights violation of conflict affected children.

**Susana VILLARAN DE LA PUENTE (Peru)**

**Date and place of birth:** 16 August 1949, Lima, Peru

**Working languages:** Spanish, English and French

**Current position/function:**

President of the Institute for Public Safety, with projects in Chilca, Huancayo, Tacna, Ayacucho and Cajamarca. Consultant for the Colombian human rights programme of Management Sciences for Development (MSD) on the preparation of a compendium of jurisprudential standards of the universal and inter-American system of human rights on the use of force and firearms, and the handbook and rules of the Colombian National Police on the use of force and firearms.

**Main professional activities:**

In the past two years:

Projects related to the prevention of violence, working with children and young people, preparing "maps of fear" for districts and provinces, to improve district, provincial and regional plans for public safety. Consultancy services on compensation and reparation for victims of the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. Impact assessment of the decade-long presence in Colombia of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Evaluation of the Guatemalan Presidential Human Rights Commission. Preparation of handbook for torture victims.

**Educational background:**

Teacher, first-class (secondary school). Degree certificate.

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

- Public policies on childhood and adolescence: social programmes, prevention of youth violence; establishment of a national programme to prevent and deal with physical, psychological and sexual abuse; national consultations on the National Action Plan for Children and Adolescents; establishment of the Organized Youth Initiatives Project, a policy on teenagers and young people (a grant fund in Peru); evaluation and proposal for reform of the National Family Welfare Institute as regards children and young people at social risk.
- Disputes concerning children's law before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; monitoring the situation of children in countries in the hemisphere, through publication of chapters on the rights of children and young people in country reports.

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

"La infancia y sus derechos en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos" (Children and their rights in the inter-American human rights system).

"El derecho a la educación: buenas prácticas de exigibilidad en el hemisferio" (The right to education: good practice in enforceability in the hemisphere) (in preparation).

**Kamla Devi VARMAH (Mauritius)**

**Date and place of birth:** 14 March 1960, Mauritius

**Working languages:** English and French

**Current position/function:**

- Attorney at law (Bachelor of Laws), attending to cases at the level of the Supreme Court and other courts in Mauritius
- Chairperson of the National Children's Council (a national para-statal body and national forum where both governmental and non-governmental organizations work for the protection, development and welfare of children)
- Part-time Legal Adviser for the Municipal Council of Curepipe, the State Trading Corporation, Mauritius Telecoms Ltd and the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd

**Main professional activities:**

- Under the National Children's Council Act 2003, one of the key objectives of the National Children's Council is to "promote activities for the welfare of the children in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child"
- As per article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the responsibility of the State to protect children from all forms of abuse by parents or others responsible for the care of children, the NCC is presently managing a shelter for women and children in distress. Eighty children inmates are sheltered there
- As per article 42 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, under which the State takes the commitment to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known to both children and adults, the NCC is holding a yearly calendar of talks and participatory workshops on the Convention at pre-primary, primary and secondary schools and in the community at large: 38 participatory workshops were held at pre-primary schools: 316 talks were held at primary schools and 226 talks at secondary schools; 46 participatory workshops were held at primary level, and 25 participatory workshops at secondary level
- As per article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on sexual exploitation, NCC has carried out 437 talks which were attended by 5,641 students, 281 teachers and 2,200 children members of Kids and Teens Clubs
- Pursuant to article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that the aim of education is to develop children's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to the fullest potential, NCC is managing two Creativity Centres (on the model of Bal Bhawan-Childrens' Centres in India)
- Pursuant to article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on freedom of association and article 31, on leisure, recreation and cultural activities, the NCC is running 24 Kids and Teens Clubs

**Educational background:**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Mauritius

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

- I have been fully involved in the introduction and implementation of the Parental Empowerment Programme, the Community Child Protection Programme at district level and the Community Child Watch in several localities of Mauritius
- In September 2006, I attended an International Conference on Preventing, Combating and Trafficking in Women and Children in Commercial Sexual Exploitation in New Delhi, India
- In November 2008, I will attend the Third World Congress of ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) in Brazil
- I am presently writing a paper on children's rights

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

A child-friendly version of the various articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the National Children's Council (in French).

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*Jean Zermatten*

Title	Mr.
Nationality	Switzerland
Committee	Committee on the Rights of the Child
Date First Elected	23/02/2005
Date Term Expires	28/02/2009
Position on Committee	Committee member
Professional Background	<p>Main professional activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1973-1980, Clerk, then judge "ad hoc" at the juvenile court, Fribourg (Switzerland)</li><li>- 1989-2002, Lecturer at the University of Fribourg (Arts Faculty, Social Work and Law Faculty)</li></ul> <p>2002, Initiated and launched the Executive Master on Children's Rights, in collaboration with the University of Fribourg and the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bosch</p> <p>Other relevant activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2000-2003, Charged by the Swiss Confederation to draft a project for the first unified law for the criminal procedure for minors (OFJ)</li><li>- 2000, Initiated the interactive website <a href="http://www.childsrights.org">www.childsrights.org</a>.</li><li>- 2002, Charged by the cantons of French-speaking Switzerland and Ticino to draft an inter-cantonal concordat on the implementation of measures for young offenders (adopted in October 2003)</li><li>- May 2002, Attended the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the rights of the child</li><li>- November 2003, Collaborated in the creation of the first Swiss children's rights network bringing together more than 50 Swiss NGOs</li><li>- August 2003, Commissioned by the canton of Valais to draft law implementing the new Federal Law on the criminal statute for young offenders</li><li>- January 2004, Commissioned by the canton of Geneva to evaluate the cohabitation educators/guards at La Clairiere, a detention and observation centre for young offenders</li></ul> <p>Board membership:</p> <p>1982-1994 Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family (IAMYF)</p> <p>1984-1990 President of the Swiss society for criminal law for juveniles</p> <p>1986-1994 Member of the board of experts for the revision of the Swiss Criminal Code</p> <p>1994-1998 President of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family (IAMYF)</p> <p>1994-present Founder and director of the IDE</p> <p>1998-present Founder and vice-president of the Fondation Sarah Oberson</p>



1983-1997 President of the management board of the Rives-du-Rhone homes (institutions for young drug addicts)

1988-1999 Member, then vice-president of the Valais Committee against drug addiction

1983-present Member of the board of the St. Raphael institution (for adolescents in difficulty)

2001 - present Founder member and member of the council of the "Mafli Children" foundation, an organization helping children to realize their personal project ([www.lesenfantsdemaflil.org](http://www.lesenfantsdemaflil.org))

2003-present Member of the board of directors of the Robert Schumann Institute for Europe

Programmes, courses, conferences:

Organization in Sion of one-week training courses on juvenile justice upon UNICEF request:

- June 1999, For senior officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran in collaboration with UNICEF Iran
- December 2002, For senior officials of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in collaboration with UNICEF Macedonia
- March 2003, For Turkish magistrates in collaboration with UNICEF Turkey
- October 2003, For senior officials of the Republic of Moldova in collaboration with UNICEF Moldova
- August 2004, For senior officials of Mauritania in collaboration with UNICEF Mauritania

Regional conferences and programmes:

- September 1999 Tunis: Director and speaker at a general course on the rights of the child for 200 childhood professionals from Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Jordan
- 2002-present, Balaton Lake, Hungary, and Borovets, Bulgaria: Co-director of a three-year training course for social workers in Eastern Europe (10 countries) in partnership with the International Social Service
- 2002-present, La Somone and M'Bour, Senegal: Co-Director of a three-year training course for childhood professionals in Western African countries (11 countries) in partnership with the International Social Service
- April 2002, Tripoli: Participation at the Conference Mediterranee-Europe, Dialogue Afrique-Europe-Mediterranee, Institut Robert Schumann pour l'Europe (audience: politicians of the North African countries and the Middle East)
- June 2002, Istanbul: Speaker at the Forum on Juvenile Justice, organized by the World Academy for Local Government and Democracy (WALD) (audience: magistrates, senior officials, lawyers and professors)
- March 2003, Burkina Faso: Co-director of a three-year training course for childhood professionals from French-speaking African countries, in partnership with the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie
- October 2003, Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland: Conference de reconciliation de Cote d'Ivoire, chair and introductory lecture "L'Enfant, instrument de paix" (audience: Cote d'Ivoire warring factions)
- October 2003, Geneva and Sion: Co-director of the training course on juvenile justice for decision makers from Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, organized with CASIN

National programmes and conferences:

- August 2000, Sion, Switzerland: Director and speaker at a one-week

training for MECA (Middle East Children Association, NGO gathering of Palestinian and Israeli teachers)

- May 2000, Bogota: Organized a seminar "Proteccion de los derechos del nino", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of Sergio Arboleda University
- May 2000, Mendoza, Argentina: Speaker at a seminar on juvenile justice at the University of Aconcagua, on "Taking care of young offenders: an international perspective"
- May 2001, Cordoba, Argentina: Congreso sobre la Convivencia escolar y violencia, lecture "La violencia y la escuela" (audience: teachers, social workers, parents and students)
- May 2001, Buenos Aires: Organized a seminar "Derecho de los ninos y mediacion", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of the Catholic University (audience: working mediators, mediators in training, family law professionals)
- May 2001, Bogota: Organized a seminar "Proteccion de los ninos victimas del conflicto armado", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of the Sergio Arboleda University, the Foundation "Cultura para la Paz" and the "Alto Comisionado para la paz" (audience: people involved in the issue of childhood, displacements and justice)
- November 2001, Yangon: General director and speaker at a three-year training course, present with the collaboration of the Centre for the Humanitarian Dialogue for 120 childhood professionals from various State ministries, NGOs, monasteries, universities and schools
- May 2002, University of Sherbrooke, Canada, Foundation Charles Coderre, presentation "La prise en charge des mineurs delinquants; quelques eclairages a partir des grands textes internationaux et d'exemples europeens" (audience: professionals of juvenile justice (magistrates, lawyers, policemen, psychologists, social workers))
- June 2002, Rome: Speaker at the Congress of the Italian Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family: "Is Juvenile Justice endangered?" (audience: professionals in the fields of juvenile justice (magistrates, lawyers, policemen, psychologists, social workers))
- May 2003, Buenos Aires: Speaker at the seminar "Violence in the Family; Juvenile delinquency", Catholic University (audience: teachers, social workers, parents and students)
- April 2004, Istanbul, Turkey: Co-animator and speaker for lawyers, magistrates, policemen and students at Behagesehir University: "The new Swiss criminal statute for young offenders" and "Institutions for young delinquents in Switzerland", and University of Maltepe, Istanbul "The Swiss system of juvenile justice"

Recent conferences in Switzerland:

2003

- 30 May, Geneva "Dedans ou Dehors, l'integration des mineurs delinquants", Club international de Pediatrie sociale (audience: doctors and workers in public health)
- 12 September, Fribourg "Les jeunes mineurs migrants delinquants. La fin des illusions educatives?" Congres europeen de criminologie juvenile (audience: criminologists, senior officials, professors and students)
- 26 September, Sion "La place de la mediation dans la nouvelle Loi federale regissant la condition penale des mineurs", Symposium europeen de mediation penale, IUKB (audience: European mediators fully trained or still in training)
- 27 September, Fribourg "The best interest of the Child as defined by the CRC, EMCR" Universite de Fribourg

13 November, Pramont "La nouvelle loi federale regissant la condition penale des mineurs", Societe valaisanne du patronage (audience: penal establishment professionals)

- 19 November, Sion "Jeunes delinquants. Quel soutien par les nouvelles dispositions penales?" Meeting of prison chaplains of French-speaking Switzerland

2004

- 15 January, Les Rasses "Les jeunes en 2004. Faut-il en avoir peur?" Gastroforum 2004 (audience: people working in catering)

- 9 February, Sion "Enfants violents, enfants derangeants; nos enfants", Rotary Club

- 12 February, Fribourg "Enfance, adolescence, violence, Fatalite?" University of Fribourg, Faculte des lettres, et Societe fribourgeoise de Philosophie

- 11 March, Geneva "Quelles dispositions d'application a prevoir par les cantons a la suite de l'adoption de la nouvelle loi federale regissant la condition penale des mineurs?" (audience: juvenile court judges)

- 13 March, Lausanne "La mediation et la Justice des Mineurs", Fondation Education et Developpement, Universite des droits de l'Homme

- 24 March, Geneva "La Violence dans la Societe. Les reponses du terrain", Institut national genevois, public meeting

- 23 April, Salvan "Les jeunes toxicomanes; quelle evolution? Quelle prise en charge?"

- 29 April, Sion Cafe-rencontre. Le cannabis? faut-il en avoir peur? Femmes rencontres-Travail, public meeting

- 23 June, Geneva, Geneva University, Faculty of Medicine, Formation en sante publique et droit humanitaire, "La Convention des droits de l'enfant. Un nouvel instrument international"

Most recent publications in the field:

- 12 petits contes pour ne pas s'endormir, Saint-Maurice, Editions Saint-Augustin, to be published in September 2004

- Droits de l'enfant et SIDA: du tabou aux strategies d'intervention./The rights of the child and HIV/AIDS: from taboos to intervention strategies, IDE, 2004 (ed.)

- Les Droits de l'Enfant. Et les filles? IDE, 2003

- L'Enfant et la Guerre, IDE, 2002 (ed.)

- Tribunal des Mineurs Le petit tailleur et autres histoires de galere, Saint-Maurice, Editions Saint-Augustin, 2002

- Etrangers, Migrants, Refugies, Requerants, Clandestins ... et les Droits de l'Enfant? IDE, 2001 (ed.)

- 100 Ans de Justice Juvenile: Bilan et Perspectives, IDE, 2000 (ed.)

- Un Champion a Tout Prix. Les Droits de l'Enfant dans le Sport, IDE, 1999 (ed.)

- Enfants et Travail. Une Coexistence Acceptable? L'Approche des droits de l'Enfant, IDE, 1998 (ed.)

- Une Convention, Plusieurs Regards. Les Droits de l'Enfant entre Theorie et Pratique, IDE, 1997 (ed.)

- L'Archer Blanc, de la Dependance a l'Initiation, Chapelle sur Moudon (Switzerland), Ketty and Alexandre Editions, 1994 (co-author P.Y. Albrecht)

- Nouvelles Tendances dans le Droit Penal des Mineurs, Rapport Criminologique de l'Institut Max Planck, Freiburg, 1989 (co-author F. Dunkel)

	<p>Important articles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Des droits de l'enfant et de quelques defis", Journal de l'Organisation mondiale de l'enseignement prescolaire, August 2004</li> <li>- "A la Sante des Enfants! Evolution des droits de l'enfant et du droit a la sante", La Sante, Cycle de vie, Societe et Environnement, Realites sociales, Lausanne 2004</li> <li>- "L'interet de l'enfant, de l'analyse litterale a la portee philosophique" IDE Working report 2-2003</li> <li>- "La prise en charge des mineurs delinquants: quelques eclairages a partir des grands textes internationaux et d'exemples europeens" Revue de droit de l'Universite de Sherbrooke, vol. 34, 2003-04</li> <li>- "La Justice des mineurs est-elle en danger?" Domaine Public, 27 September 2002</li> <li>- "Les principaux instruments internationaux en droits de l'enfant", <a href="http://www.childrights.org">www.childrights.org</a></li> <li>- "100 anos de Justicia juvenil", Minoridad y Familia, 1997, Santa Fe, Argentina</li> <li>- "De quelques caracteristiques de l'intervention judiciaire face aux mineurs delinquants", Revue valaisanne de jurisprudence, 1996</li> <li>- "Face a l'evolution des droits de l'enfant, quel systeme judiciaire: systeme de protection ou systeme de justice?" Revue internationale de criminologie et de police technique, No. 2, 1994</li> <li>- "Les objectifs du droit penal des mineurs", Revue valaisanne de jurisprudence, 1995</li> <li>- "Reflexion sur les realites de la justice des mineurs et la separation des fonctions judiciaires", Revue penale suisse, vol. 107, 1990</li> <li>- "Revision des dispositions applicables aux mineurs", Jeunesse et Delinquance, 1988</li> </ul>
<b>Educational Background</b>	<p>1968 Baccalaureate B (Latin-English), College of Sion (Switzerland)  1972 Law Degree, University of Fribourg (Switzerland)</p>
<b>Current occupation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1980-present, President and dean of the juvenile court of the canton of Valais (Switzerland)</li> <li>- 1994-present  - Founder and Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE)</li> <li>- 1998-present, Co-founder and member of the Fondation Sarah Oberson</li> </ul>
<b>Language</b>	French, German (Deutsch), English, Italian, Spanish
<b>Working Language</b>	French, English, Spanish