**Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee against Torture**

**Name and first name:**

İşcan, Erdoğan Şerif

**Date and place of birth:**

14 April 1954, Istanbul, Turkey

**Working languages:**

English (excellent), German (medium), French (modest), Turkish (mother tongue)

**Current position / function:**

- Retired ambassador, over forty years of career in diplomacy.

- Lecturer at several universities on international organisations, human rights and humanitarian law, migration and refugee issues, countering terrorism while ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law.

- Contributor to think tanks on the topics mentioned above.

**Main professional activities:**

- Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe (CoE), Strasbourg (2014-2018).

- Deputy Undersecretary for general political affairs, MFA (2013-2014).

- Director General for multilateral political affairs, MFA (2011-2013).

- Ambassador to South Korea (concurrently accredited to North Korea) (2009-2011).

- Ambassador to Ukraine (2005-2009).

- Director for the Council of Europe and Human Rights, MFA (2001-2005).

- Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Office in Geneva (1999-2001).

- Consul General at London (1996-1999).

- Earlier postings include Bonn, Vienna (CFE negotiations), Frankfurt and Doha.

**Educational background:**

- Graduated in 1978 from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, studied political science and international law.

**Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture:**

- Agent of Government before the European Court of Human Rights (2014-2018).

- Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention (CoE Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence) (2015-2018).

- Chair of the Group of Rapporteurs on democracy education and culture (GR-C) of the CoE Committee of Ministers (2017-2018).

- Member of the Governing Board of the European Wergeland Centre (EWC), based in Oslo, promoting education for democratic citizenship and human rights (2017-2018).

- Interlocutor to the CPT (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) (2014-2018).

- National liaison officer for the CPT (2001-2005).

- National coordinator for execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (2001-2005).

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

- Collected speeches delivered at the UN and the CoE.

- Various reports and written submissions throughout diplomatic service on international law, human rights and humanitarian law, migration and refugee issues as well as counter-terrorism.