

## **ADVANCE UNEDITED VERSION**

### **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:** LALLAH Rajsoomer

**Date and place of birth:** September 1933, Mauritius.

**Working languages:** English and French.

**Current position/function:**

(5 lines maximum)

Member of the UN Human Rights Committee. Membership expires in December 2008. Has served successively as Rapporteur and Chairperson of the Committee. Private Practice as a Law Consultant mostly on Human Rights Protection, Constitutional and Public Law, as well as Civil and Criminal cases. Also serves as Arbitrator in national and international Arbitrations.

**Main professional activities :**

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Initially practised as a barrister before eventually serving as Assistant Solicitor-General and subsequently as Parliamentary Counsel in the Ministry of Justice in Mauritius. Then served as Special Adviser in legal matters at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London (UK), assisting Governments belonging to the Commonwealth, mainly on Constitutional questions and the enactment of appropriate legal infrastructure for Resources Development and Exploitation. Returned to Mauritius and served as a Judge of the Supreme Court for 15 years before retiring as Chef Justice.

**Educational background:**

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Obtained a BA (Honours) in Jurisprudence at Oxford University (UK) and subsequently an MA. Qualified as a Barrister-at-Law at the Middle Temple, London (UK). Was awarded a UNITAR fellowship held at The Hague Academy of International Law.

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

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Served as Special Rapporteur of the former UN Human Rights Commission on the situation of Human Rights in Chile (1983 and 1984) and in Myanmar (1996 to 2000). Member of the Group of three Eminent Persons appointed by the Secretary General of the UN to assess existing material relating to genocide in Cambodia and to recommend appropriate measures to the Security Council. Chair of the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Governing Body of the ILO to investigate certain industrial complaints in Nigeria. Member of the Fact Finding and Conciliation Commission appointed by the ILO to investigate industrial complaints made

by COSATU against the Government of South Africa. Member of the High-Powered Commission appointed by Commonwealth Heads of State and Government for the setting up of human rights machinery for the Commonwealth.

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

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Papers on the domestic application of international human rights norms for Seminars for Chief Justices and other Judges of the Commonwealth, including Law Associations. Papers on the evolving jurisprudence of the Human Rights Committee for similar Seminars.. (Commonwealth Secretariat Publications).

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