

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and, with reference to the Note Verbale from the Secretary-General of the United Nations Ref: Kf/34/SPM2014 dated 21 January 2014, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius has decided to submit the candidature of **Mr. Dheerujlall Baramlall Seetulsingh**, for the byelection of the Human Rights Committee to be held in New York on 24 June 2014 to fill the vacancy arising following the resignation of Mr. K.P. Matadeen from Mauritius on 09 January 2014 for the remaining term until 2016. The dully filled-in biographical data of Mr. Seetulsingh is herewith attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius wishes to highlight that Mr. Seetulsingh proposes to resign from the Human Rights Advisory Committee if elected to serve on the Human Rights Committee.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Palais des Nations 1211 GENEVA 10

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Name and first name: SEETULSINGH Dheerujlall Baramlall

Date and Place of Birth: 21 November 1948 - MAURITIUS

Working languages: English, French, Kreol

Current position/function:

Chairman National Human Rights Commission, Mauritius since April 2001

Vice President Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, Geneva to mid-2014

Chairman Working Group on Communications of Human Rights Council, Geneva to mid-2014

Chairman Financial Reporting Council, Mauritius

Member of Executive Committee of the Association Francophone des Commissions Nationales des Droits de l'Homme

Main Professional activities:

- 1. **Judge**, Supreme Court, Mauritius (1998 to 2001)
- 2. **Solicitor-General**, Ministry of Justice, Mauritius (1994 to 1998)
- 3. **Head of Department of Law**, University of Mauritius (1992 to 1994)
- 4. **Part time Chairman**, Stock Exchange Commission (1987 to 1992)
- 5. **Chairman,** Tax Appeal Tribunal (1984 to 1994)
- 6. **Member** of Council, University of Mauritius (1985 to 1995)
- 7. **Member** of Council of Legal Education (1994 to 1998)
- 8. **Member** of Law Reform Commission (1995 to 1998)
- 9. **Part time Chairman** of Cane Planters and Millers Arbitration and Control Board (1992 to 1998)
- State Counsel to Principal State Counsel, Attorney General's Office, Office of Director of Public Prosecutions (1974 to 1984)

Educational background:

- 1. M.A. Hons. (OXON) Philosophy, Politics, Economics, University of Oxford, England (1971)
- 2. Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple, London (1973)
- 3. Diploma in French Civil Law, King's College, University of London (1973)
- 4. Government Legal Advisers' Course Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London (1981)
- 5. United Nations Fellowship in Human Rights School of Oriental and African Studies, University Of London (1984)

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

Was responsible in the Attorney General's Office to draft reports to Treaty Bodies and African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and presenting Country Reports to the Human Rights Committee, CERD, CRC. Cooperating with Commonwealth Human Rights Unit.

As Chairman of the NHRC, now works closely on issues like police powers, rights of suspects and victims, conditions of detention in prison, anti-discrimination issues and rights of minorities.

As the NHRC has a quasi-jurisdictional competence, he deals with complaints against violations of civil and political rights. He has assisted in the setting up of Human Rights Institutions compliant with the Paris Principles. He has acted as Observer for elections abroad.

On the Working Group on Communications of the Human Rights Council he deals with complaints against alleged violations of human rights by member states.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Drawing up reports of the National Human Rights Commission and making recommendations to authorities. Giving views on proposed legislation.

Working in drafting groups of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on the Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, International Solidarity, Traditional Values of Humankind, Right to Peace, Right to food and International Cooperation in Human Rights and doing research on Human Rights Topics.