

## **Annex II**

### **Biographical data form of Ms. Dorcas Ama Frema COKER-APPIAH Candidate of Ghana to CEDAW**

Name and first name: **COKER-APPIAH, Dorcas Ama Frema**

**Date and place of birth:** Wenchi, 17 AUGUST 1946

Working languages: **English**

#### **Current position/function:**

Executive Director, Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, Accra, a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of women in Ghana.

Member, CEDAW, (2007 – 2010)

#### **Main professional activities:**

Chairperson, Board of Women in Law and Development in Africa,(WiLDAF) a regional network of individuals and organizations using law as a tool for development of women in Africa, based in Harare Zimbabwe ;

Member, Board of Women, Peace and Security Network, (WiPSEN)Africa, an organization working on peace and security issues in countries emerging from conflict. (2008 to date)

Member, Steering Committee, Network of Women's rights in Ghana (NETRIGHT)

Member, International Federation of Women Lawyers, (FIDA) Ghana

#### **Educational background:**

LLB (Hons), University of Ghana, 1970, Professional certificate in Law, 1972,  
Called to the Ghana Bar and Member, Ghana Bar Association, October 1972

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

- i. . Member, Group of experts to Liberia to assess needs of government of Liberia in implementation of CEDAW , June 2006
- ii. Facilitator, training workshop for staff of Ministry of Gender, Liberian to write CEDAW report , March 2007,
- iii. Facilitator, validation of Sierra Leone's CEDAW Report, October 2006
- iv. Member, Group of experts to Sierra Leone to assess needs of Government of Sierra Leone in implementing CEDAW, October 2004 organized by UN Division for Advancement of Women

- v. Facilitator, training workshop for staff of Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Sierra Leone, 4 – 8 April, 2005 organised by UN Division for the Advancement of Women
- vi. Facilitator, training of women in Political leadership in Liberia, organized by Office of Gender Advisor, UNMIL, June 2005 in Liberia Monrovia.
- vii. Member, Advisory Committee on Secretary General's Study on Violence against Women

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

- a. "A Guide to Developing a Community Response to Violence against Women in Ghana".  
A publication of Gender Studies and Human rights Documentation Centre. (2008)
  - b. Co-writer with Clara Fayorsey and Christine Dowuona-Hammond "Societal influences on the conduct of conjugal relations" in Women and Law in West Africa, "Gender Relations in the Family – a West African Perspective" Edited by Akua Kuenyehia (2003)
  - c. Co-editor, Coker-Appiah – Cusack, "Breaking the Silence and Challenging the Myths of Violence against Women and Children in Ghana. Report of a National Study."(1999)  
Publication of Gender Studies and Human rights Documentation Centre
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