**Biographical data form of Mr. Anwar KEMAL**

**Name and first name:** KEMAL, Anwar

**Date and place of birth:** 16 January 1943, Bhopal, India

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

In 2007 Mr. Kemal was accepted by CERD to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Agha Shahi. In 2010 he was elected by the States Parties for a full term. 2010-2011 served as Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. 2008-2009 served as Vice Chairman and Member, Early Warning Working Group of the Committee. Mr. Kemal served as Rapporteur for the Republic of Korea, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Canada.

**Main professional activities:**

During Mr. Kemal’s Chairmanship (2010-11), CERD considered a record 44 State party reports, which helped to clear the backlog of pending reports. *The General Assembly* **welcomed “the efforts made by the Committee to erase the backlog of reports pending consideration,” (Para 15 of UNGA resolution on ICERD at its 67th Session in 2012).** With the support of the Committee and the Secretariat, Mr. Kemal improved the quality of interaction with States parties, resulting in focused, constructive, mutually respectful dialogue under improved time management. *The General Assembly* **expressed “its appreciation for the efforts made so far by the Committee to improve the efficiency of its working methods, including with a view to further harmonizing the working methods of the treaty bodies,” and encouraged “the Committee to continue its activities in this regard”. (Para 11 of UNGA resolution on ICERD at its 67th Session in 2012).**

**Educational Background:**

M.A. in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (1964). (John Boyer scholarship award). Cultural exchange student at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok (1961-63). Subjects of Study: Constitutional Development in Thailand; Role of the Military in Thai Politics. B.A. at Government College, Lahore (1960). Woodrow Wilson Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre, Washington DC (1995).

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

Mr. Kemal participated in the Dublin process aimed at strengthening the Human Rights Treaty Body system; attended expert-level meetings in Poznan, Seoul, Dublin as well as consultations with States parties at Sion. Addressed High-Level meeting on 10th Anniversary of the DDPA at UN headquarters 22 Sept 2011, also Chairpersons meetings in Brussels and Geneva. Addressed UNAR conference in Rome (March 2011) and launch of UNESCO-USA-Brazil project on Teaching Respect for All (January 2012). During Mr. Kemal’s tenure, CERD enhanced interaction with members of civil society (NGOs) by meeting them weekly with simultaneous interpretation, apart for the traditional informal lunch-hour meetings.

1978-82, as ACABQ member and Vice Chair/Acting Chair of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the UN, Mr. Kemal acquired valuable experience in Budgetary & Financial matters, relevant to one of the current challenges facing the Treaty Body System.

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

*Committed to Pursuing an Unfinished Project: Creating space for cultural diversity and flourishing cultures.* (Spring 2009 Issue of *SaengSaeng,* a journal published in Seoul in association with UNESCO).