



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and with reference to the latter's communication dated 1 July 2009, has the honour to inform that **the Government of Sri Lanka has decided to submit the nomination of Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, for re-election to the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW)**, for which elections will be held in New York on 3rd December 2009. Mr. Kariyawasam currently serves as a member of the CMW and his current term expires on 31st December 2009.

The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam is submitted herewith in accordance with the biographical data form contained in Annex III of the OHCHR communication under reference. The same has also been forwarded in electronic format.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 22 July 2009

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva

Attn: Ms. Carla Edelenbos,
Secretary to the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant
Workers and Members of their Families
(Fax: 022 917 9029)



Curriculum Vitae

Name and first name : Kariyawasam Prasad
Date and Place of birth : 21.03.1954 - Galle, Sri Lanka
Working Languages : English and Sinhala

(1) Current positions/functions ;

Additional Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka.
Responsibilities among others include, multilateral affairs, human rights, migration matters, bilateral affairs of the South Asian region.

(2) Experience on Human Rights issues specially in the context of the UN System;

The Alternate Representative of Sri Lanka at the 53rd, 54th and 55th Sessions of the UN Commission for Human Rights (CHR) held in Geneva and led the observer delegation of Sri Lanka to the 57th and 58th Sessions of CHR. At the 59th Session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, elected as a Vice-Chairperson and served in the Expanded Bureau of the 59th CHR. From 2005 to 2008 the Chairperson of the United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israel Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

(3) Professional activities in relation to the protection of the rights of Migrant Workers;

President of the Council of the International Organization for Migration in the years 2001 – 2002, and gained both practical and conference experience pertaining to issues with regard to migration and protection of migrant workers. Deputy Head of Mission in the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Riyadh from 1989 – 1992 and observed first-hand, travails of the migrant worker population living in the Middle East. The first Chairperson of the Committee on Migrant Workers and held this post until 2008, during the initial formative stages of the Committee on Migrant Workers and leading the evolution and consolidation of working methods and procedures of the committee, as well as the *advocacy* of the Convention. Chair of the Meetings of the Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Inter-Committee Meetings for the year 2004.

(4) Other Activities relevant to the Convention:

Key-note Speaker at the Public Conference on Migrant Workers and Human Rights organized by the Irish Human Rights Commission and the Law Society of Ireland held in Dublin, Ireland on 15th October, 2005.

Key-note Speaker at the 8th International Conference on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights held in Bolivia on 24th October, 2006.

Key-note Presentation on Globalization, Migration and Human Rights at the Seminar for Members of Parliamentary Committees Working on Human Rights and other Committees Addressing Migration Issues held at the Inter Parliamentary Committee (IPU) Headquarters in Geneva, on 24th October, 2007.

Represented Sri Lanka as well as the Committee on Migrant Workers at the Global Forum on Migration and Development International Conference held in Philippines on 27 – 30 October 2008.