



REFERENCE: CMW/bs

Subject: Eighth meeting of States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Missions of the States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (the Convention), and has the honour to refer to the upcoming elections of the members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (the Committee), which will take place during the eighth meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. The eighth meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened on **28 June 2017** at 10:00 a.m. at United Nations Headquarters in New York in Room CR 3 (CB). For an updated list of States parties to the Convention as well as the certified true copy of the Convention, please refer to the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet, Status of Treaties, Chapter IV-13 at <http://treaties.un.org>.

At the meeting, the States parties will elect seven members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2017 (Annex I). The members of the Committee will be elected by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by the States parties. Each State party may nominate one person from its own nationals, in accordance with article 72, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention. In this regard, it is noted that seven members of the Committee will continue to serve on it until 31 December 2019 (Annex I). The terms of members elected shall begin on 1 January 2018 and expire on 31 December 2021. Information on the requirements, responsibilities and entitlements of being a member of the Committee can be found in Annex II.

The provisions of the Convention relating to elections of experts are contained in article 72 of the Convention, the text of which can be found in annex III. In brief, the Committee shall be composed of nationals of the States parties “of high moral standing, impartiality and recognized competence in the field covered by the Convention,” in accordance with article 72, paragraph 1(b) of the Convention. Under paragraph 2(a) of article 72, consideration should be given to “equitable geographical distribution, including both States of origin and States of employment, and to the representation of the principle legal systems”. Article 72, paragraph 2(b) provides that the “members shall be elected and shall serve in their personal capacity”. Members of the Committee may also be re-elected if re-nominated, pursuant to paragraph 5(c) of article 72 of the Convention.

The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to General Assembly resolution 68/268, adopted on 9 April 2014 entitled “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” and its paragraphs 10 and 13 on the nomination and election of treaty body experts:

10. *Encourages* States parties to continue their efforts to nominate experts of high moral standing and recognized competence and experience in the field of human rights, in particular in the field covered by the relevant treaty, and, as appropriate, to consider adopting national policies or processes with respect to the nomination of experts as candidates for human rights treaty bodies; and

13. *Encourages* States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instrument, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principle legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

In accordance with article 72, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for membership of the Committee to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at Geneva, Switzerland, by **31 March 2017** at the latest. The electronic version of the curriculum vitae of the candidate should be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee in accordance with the biographical data form contained in Annex IV.

All nominations and biographical data should be submitted to the CMW Secretariat in both hard copy and in electronic version (Word format):

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After 31 March 2017, the deadline for the submission of nominations, the Secretary-General shall submit to the States parties the list of nominations together with relevant information concerning the eighth meeting of the States parties to the Convention, in accordance with article 72, paragraph 3 of the Convention. All relevant information, including an electronic version of the biographical data form, is also available on the webpage of the Committee under "Meeting of States parties/Elections" at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx>.

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