Annex III

**Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child**

**Family name and first name:** Gudbrandsson, Bragi

**Date and place of birth:** 23 September 1953, Reykjavik, Iceland

**Place of residence:** Aegisida 56, Reykjavik, Iceland

**Nationality:** Icelandic

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**United Nations working languages:** English

**Current position/function:**

Former Director General of the Icelandic Government Agency for Child Protection in Iceland (1995-2018); Leading Expert on the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Promise project for implementing the *Barnahus* (the Children’s House) model in numerous European countries (2016 – ); Icelandic member of the Council of Europe Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (*Lanzarote Committee*)(2012 – ); Icelandic member of the CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk (CAR)(2002 – ).

**Other main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:**

Mr. Gudbrandsson has worked extensively within the framework of the Council of Europe (CoE) as a children’s rights expert participating in drafting various recommendations, standards, and conventions. He is the former Chair and a current member of the CoE *Lanzarote Committee*, the monitoring body of the *Lanzarote Convention.* Mr. Gudbrandsson has been a member of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Expert Group on Children at Risk from the outset and served as the first elected Chair. He is the founder of the Icelandic *Barnahus* (the Children’s House), an inspiration for a child-friendly and multidisciplinary response to child abuse in around twenty countries. Mr. Gudbrandsson has been a frequent presenter at international conferences and events on children‘s rights held by major NGOs and International Organizations, including ISPCAN (the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) and UNICEF.

**Educational background:**

Graduated with BA (Hons) in Sociology from the University of Kent at Canterbury (1973 - 1976); Postgraduate Studies at the University of Kent at Canterbury (1976 - 1978); Mr. Gubrandsson regularly attended international conference and courses specifically related to children’s rights, evidence based practices, child abuse and neglect, with recognized authorities in this field, such as ISPCAN (International Society against Child Abuse and Neglect) and NCAC (National Children´s Advocacy Centre).

**Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related experience:**

Designated expert on the Icelandic Government delegation submitting and presenting the periodic reports to the CRC; Speaker at the Day of General Discussion on Children without parental care (2005); One of the founding members of Save the Children in Iceland (1989); Member of the Icelandic National Committee for UNICEF (2009-2012); Member of working groups drafting the Convention on the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (2007); the CoE Recommendation of Rights of Children in Institutions (2005); the Recommendation on Positive Parenting (2006); the Guidelines for Child-friendly justice (2010); the Recommendation on child-friendly social services (2011).

**List of most recent publications in the field of children’s rights:**

Gudbrandsson, B. (2017). Foreword. In Johansson, Stefansen, Bakketeig and Kaldal (Eds.), *Collaborating Against Child Abuse: Exploring the Nordic Barnahus Model* (pp. v-xi)*.* Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillian.

Gudbrandsson, B. (2010). Towards a child-friendly justice and support for child victims of sexual abuse. In *Protecting children from sexual violence - A comprehensive approach* (pp. 84 – 96)*.* Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing.

Gudbrandsson, B. (2007). *Children at risk and in care* (Report accompanying Recommendation Rec(2005)5 on Rights of Children in Institutions). Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing.