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Subject: Elections of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to draw the attention of Your Excellency's Government to the provisions of article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child relating to the election of members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the text of which is attached in Annex I.

The eighteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters in New York on **30 June 2020**. States parties will elect nine members to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 28 February 2021 (Annex II). The terms of members elected will commence on 1 March 2021 and expire four years later on 28 February 2025.

The Secretary-General, in accordance with article 43, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Convention, has the honour to invite Your Excellency's Government to nominate one candidate for membership of the Committee no later than 30 April 2020. Each State party may nominate one person from among its own nationals, in accordance with article 43, paragraph 3, of the Convention.

Pursuant to article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention, "[t]he Committee shall consist of eighteen experts of high moral standing and recognized competence in the field covered by this Convention ... and shall serve in their personal capacity, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution, as well as to the principal legal systems".

The current membership of the Committee consists of 10 women and 8 men, who come from the following regions: three from Latin America and the Caribbean; seven from Africa; three from Asia-Pacific; two from Eastern Europe and three from Western Europe and other States. Regarding the nine members whose term will end on 28 February 2021, six are women and three are men, who come from the following regions: one from Latin America and the Caribbean; three from Africa; two from Asia-Pacific; two from Eastern Europe and one from Western Europe and other States

The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to General Assembly resolution A/RES/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, in which the General Assembly:

- "*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;" (para. 10)

- "Encourages States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographic distribution, the representation of different forms of civilisation and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies;" (para. 13).

All the documents relating to the elections are available on the website of the Committee: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/Elections.aspx>

Nominations and relevant biographical data should be submitted using the attached form (Annex III), to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Secretariat of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, in **electronic Word format** to crc@ohchr.org by **30 April 2020** at the latest.

The Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4 of the Convention, shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them, and shall submit the list to Your Excellency's Government together with information concerning the eighteenth meeting of the States parties.

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28 February 2020