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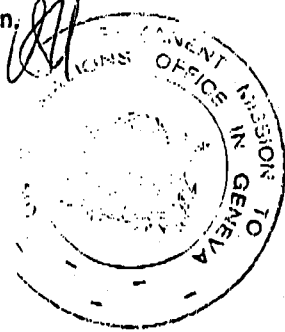
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its Note No. 119/ 2012 (MMG/ HR/ 7/1) dated 16th May 2012 informing of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius to present the candidature of Honourable Justice Paul LAM SHANG LEEN for re-election to the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture at elections to be held on 25th October 2012 in Geneva.

The Permanent Mission has further the honour to submit herewith the biographical data of Honorable Justice Paul LAM SHANG LEEN.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 29th May 2012

**Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland**

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Paul Lam Shang Leen (Republic of Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 4 July 1948, Port-Louis, Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Current position/function

Judge, Supreme Court of Mauritius for the last 18 years; Chairman of the Council of Legal Education; Chairman of the steering committee for the implementation of the judiciary for the electronic filing of cases and the management of court cases. Member of the Subcommittee on the Prevention Against Torture (2011 to 2012)

Main professional activities

Presently Presiding Judge of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court dealing with Corporate litigation, insolvency and bankruptcy; Arbitrator in construction disputes.

Educational background

1968: Higher School Certificate, Cambridge;

1970-1973: Professional Bar Exams - Council of Legal Education, London;

1974: Post-graduate diploma from the Council of Legal Education, London;

1976-1979: Licencié en droit, Université Aix-Marseilles;

1980: Diplômé Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Section Internationale) Paris.

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

Held position as Chairman of the Prisons' Board, Chairman of the Probation Board, Chairman of the steering committee for the computerization of the Supreme Court for the setting up of video-link with the prisons. Presided over numerous criminal cases since 1976 to 1992. From 1984 to 2007, presided over serious criminal cases before the Assizes with Jury and without jury and sitting as judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal. In 2008, Presiding Judge of the newly created Criminal Division of the Supreme Court dealing with numerous high profile criminal cases. Member of the panel to look into reforms in the Administration of Justice.

List of most recent publications in the field

None but has handed down several cases concerning the rights of the accused parties to a fair hearing, bail and police brutality. Has for the past nine years contributed in the discussion papers at the annual workshop organized by the Law Faculty, Trinity College, Dublin in topics including Human Rights, Fair Hearing, Discrimination, Capital Punishment, Sentencing, Independence of the Judiciary, the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

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