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The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the provisions of articles 5 to 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment relating to the election of members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, the text of which is reproduced in Annex I attached.

The fifth meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be convened by the Secretary-General at the United Nations Office at Geneva on **Thursday 23 October 2014**. States parties will elect thirteen members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to fill the vacancies that will expire on 31 December 2014 (Annex II).

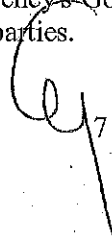
Pursuant to articles 6 and 7 of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite His Excellency's Government to submit its nomination(s) of candidate(s) for membership in the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. All documents relating to the elections will be available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cat/opcat/index.htm>.

The Secretary-General would like to draw attention to the General Assembly resolution A/68/L37 adopted on 9 April 2014 entitled "Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system" and its provisions 10 and 13 on the nomination and election of treaty body experts:

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

Nominations and biographical data should be submitted, using the attached form (Annex III), to the Secretary-General, c/o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, and in electronic Word document version to [ybabuzhina@ohchr.org](mailto:ybabuzhina@ohchr.org) with copy to [fnegreche@ohchr.org](mailto:fnegreche@ohchr.org), by **7 August 2014** at the latest. The biographical data of nominated candidates should not exceed 38 lines.

In accordance with article 6(3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General shall prepare a list, in alphabetical order, of all the persons nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them, and shall submit the list to His Excellency's Government, together with further information concerning the fifth meeting of the States parties.

  
7 May 2014