

**Name and first name:**

Petros Michaelides

**Date and place of birth:**

Agios Fotios – Paphos - Cyprus -15 March 1939

**Working languages :**

English –French

**Current position/function:**

Practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Cyprus (Law Firm Petros Michaelides and Associates)

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was elected to the Subcommittee on Prevention on 28/10/2010.

He is the Chairman of the NGO “The Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture and any form of ill-treatment”

He is a Professor of Human Rights at the Law School of Neapolis University, Cyprus

**Main professional activities:**

From 1967 to 1971 he practiced law in Cyprus. In 1971 he was appointed judge, a post that he held until March 1978 when he became Minister of Justice and as from May 1979 he was also the Minister to the President. In November 1980 he was appointed by the President of the Republic as Special Advisor on legal and human rights matters.

In 1981 he joined the Diplomatic Service. He was the accredited Ambassador of Cyprus to France, Italy, Austria, with concurrent accreditations to Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, San Marino. He served as well as the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, the U.N (Vienna) and the O.S.C.E. He was also the Director of Policy Planning and the Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since April 1999 Mr. Michaelides is a practicing lawyer – legal consultant in Nicosia.

**Educational background:**

He studied Law, Political and Economic Science at Athens University (1958 – 1963) and pursued Doctoral work in Constitutional Law and Political Science at Paris University 1 – Sorbonne. (1965 – 1967 ) D.E.A., Doctorat de l' Université.

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

He participated and/or represented Cyprus in various Ministerial Committees and Meetings of the Council of Europe , the OSCE and U.N. on Human Rights matters. He was a member of the Minister's Deputies Group on Human Rights and the Venice Conference on Democracy through Law.

As Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe he took part in the preparatory works for the Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He was among the first elected members of the CPT when it was set up in 1987. He was reelected consecutively and served the committee until December 2011. As Chairman of the Cyprus Committee for the Prevention of Torture he organized various seminars, lectures and workshops on the Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture in Cyprus, and on other subjects on Human Rights.

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

He is the author of various publications and articles on the Cyprus legal system and human rights and especially articles on the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on other International Bodies on Human Rights.