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**Meeting of the States parties**

**Seventh meeting**

New York, 12 June 2023

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election, in accordance with article 26 (4) of the International   
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,   
of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace   
those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2023**

Election of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2023

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 26 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the sixth meeting of the States parties to the Convention is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 12 June 2023, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances from a list of persons nominated by States parties from among their nationals (sect. II) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2023 (sect. I). Five members will continue to serve on the Committee until 30 June 2025 (sect. III).

2. In compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the present note contains information on the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members (sects. I and II). The biographical data of current members can be found on the web page of the Committee (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/Membership.aspx).

3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the Assembly encouraged 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.

I. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 30 June 2023

| *Member* | *Country of nationality* | *Member since* |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| Olivier **De Frouville** | France | 2019 |
| Matar **Diop** | Senegal | 2020 |
| Barbara **Lochbihler** | Germany | 2019 |
| Juan José **Lopez Ortega** | Spain | 2019 |
| Carmen Rosa **Villa Quintana** | Peru | 2019 |

II. Persons nominated by States parties

4. In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 9 December 2022, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within three months. All curricula vitae received by 6 April 2023 are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after that date.

5. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

| *Candidate* | *Nominated by* |
| --- | --- |
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| Mohammed **Al-Obaidi** | Iraq |
| Olivier **De Frouville** | France |
| Matar **Diop** | Senegal |
| Fidelis Edge **Kanyongolo** | Malawi |
| Barbara **Lochbihler** | Germany |
| Salamata **Sawadogo** | Burkina Faso |
| Carmen Rosa **Villa Quintana** | Peru |

III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 30 June 2025

| *Member* | *Country of nationality* | *Member since* |
| --- | --- | --- |
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| Juan Pablo **Alban Alencastro** | Ecuador | 2021 |
| Mohammed **Ayat** | Morocco | 2021 |
| Suela **Janina** | Albania | 2021 |
| Milica **Kolakovic Bojovic** | Serbia | 2021 |
| Horacio **Ravenna** | Argentina | 2021 |

Annex

Curricula vitae[[1]](#footnote-1)\*

Mohammed Al-Obaidi (Iraq)

[Original: English]

**Date of birth:** 28 November 1971

**Working language(s) of the United Nations:** English and Arabic

**Current position/function:**

* Head of Human rights departments –Ministry of Justice 2018-2023.
* Legal expert in Iraqi legislation, international humanitarian law and international human rights law.
* Providing support to UNITAD with the authorization of the Iraqi government.
* Human rights trainer.
* work partly with Iraqi civil society.

**Main professional activities:**

* Preparing draft laws on human rights
* Supervising and assisting postgraduate students
* Supervising the human rights file and following up the implementation of the international obligations of Iraq.
* Contribute to building the national mechanism concerned with following up the implementation of international recommendations.
* Supervising the preparation of government Human Rights reports.
* Responsible for following up the national plan for human rights.
* Contribute to the drafting of the missing persons law in Iraq and the national policy for missing persons

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced:**

* Membership of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances 2011-2017
* Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances2011-2015
* Training security forces and the judiciary on the Convention CED
* Supervising the national research team for victims of enforced disappearance in Iraq
* Preparing a draft law on protection from enforced disappearance in Iraq

**Educational background:**

* Bachelor of law 1992-1993
* Master of International law 1997
* PhD of International law 2005
* Diploma in Human Rights of women in MENA region– Raol Wallenberg institute – Sweden – 2007.
* Diploma in Training on Human Rights (training of trainer ) Raoul Wallenberg institute 2012

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1- Study in human rights of persons with Disabilities 2006

2- Study in international system of human rights compliances against human rights violations 2006

3- Study in private security companies and their impact on full enjoyments of human rights 2007

4- Study about trafficking in persons 2008

5- Study in human rights violations and crimes committed in Iraq during the 1968 - 2003 (2012 )

6- - The protection of the marine environment from oil pollution case study of Iraq during the Second Gulf War, Baghdad University – college of Law, 2005

7 - The legal system for special missions, Nahrain University college of Law 1997

8-Training manual on human rights**.**

9- Explanation of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (in progress)

Olivier de Frouville (France)

[Original: English/French/Spanish]

**Date of birth:** 28 February 1972

**Working language(s) of the United Nations:** French, English

**Current position/function:**

Professor at Paris II University (Panthéon-Assas), Director of the Paris Research Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (CRDH), member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF)

**Main professional activities:**

2019-2023: member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances

2015-2018: member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

2008-2014: member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

April 2012-October 2013: Chair-Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

2013-2014: member of the United Nations Coordination Committee of Special Procedures

2009-2015: member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (CNCDH)

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced:**

1998-2006: representative of the FIDH during the drafting of the United Nations Convention on Enforced Disappearance. 2008-2014: member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. Organizer of three conferences on enforced disappearances (in 2007, 2012 and 2019). Co-director of an enforced disappearance research programme in cooperation with the University of Buenos Aires (2017-2019).

**Educational background:**

1993-1994: Master 2 in Human Rights and Public Freedoms (ranked first). 1994-2001: PhD in Public Law. First class honours, commended by the jury. Three thesis prizes. 2005: Habilitation (accreditation) to supervise research. 2006: Agrégation competitive examination in public law (ranked fourth).

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1. “Working out a Working Group: a view from a former Working Group member”, in Aoife Nolan, Rosa Freedman, Therese Murphy (dir.), The United Nations Special Procedures System, Leiden, Brill Nijhoff, 2017, pp. 223-260.

2. “The experience of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, with an overview of the issue of children faced with enforced disappearance” (in Spanish), in Maria Casado y Juan José Lopez Ortega, Desaparición forzada de niños: adopciones irregulares y niños robados, Universidad de Barcelona, 2015, pp. 55-85.

3. With E. Decaux, The Enforced Disappearance Convention: Issues affecting its universal and effective implementation (in French), Droits-fondamentaux.fr, 2013.

4. “20 years after the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance” (in Spanish), in Minerva E. Martinez Garza, Humberto Fernando Cantu Rivera (comp.), El Futuro es Hoy: construyendo una agenda de derechos humanos, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico., 2014, pp. 87-90.

5. “Complementarity between the Working Group and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances” (in French), in Decaux E., de Frouville O. (dir.), La Convention internationale pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées. Les enjeux d’une mise en œuvre universelle et effective, Droits fondamentaux, n° 10, 2013.

Matar Diop (Senegal)

[Original: English/French]

**Date of birth:** 7 June 1955

**Working language(s) of the United Nations:** French, English

**Current position/function:**

Career sitting Judge

**Main professional activities:**

17 years of judicial practice at the national level and 13 years of various experiences in international criminal courts.

Expert in conflict resolution and legal assistance with 9 years of experience in the rehabilitation of the Haitian justice system.

Participated, under the aegis of the United Nations and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), in electoral observation missions and investigations of human rights violations.

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

2017 to 2020:

* Dean Judge at the Supreme Court of Senegal - Member of the Administrative Chamber of the Court;
* Chair (Presiding Judge) of the Compensation Commission[[2]](#footnote-2).

2008 to 2017:

* Head of the Haitian Judiciary Support Unit & then Head of the Justice Section of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Port-au-Prince
* Head of a team of lawyers and regional office Supervisors.

2003 to 2008:

* Head of the Judicial Proceedings Unit of the International – Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, (ICTR) Arusha, Tanzania. Head of a team of judicial officers, clerks and bailiffs, coordinated the proceedings before the 3 chambers of the court.

1999 to 2003:

* Senior Legal Officer at the Common Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, The Hague, The Netherlands.

1996 to 1999:

* Investigation Team Leader and Legal Adviser at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda
* Led a team of Lawyers and Police Officers to investigate crimes committed in Rwanda under the tribunal's mandate and jurisdiction.

1983 to 1996:

* Judge, in various courts and jurisdictions in Senegal. Successively served as Investigating Judge, Civil Judge at the Court of First Instance, Appeals and Supreme Court Judge.

**Educational background:**

1990 to 1992: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis United States of America. Leadership and Administration; International criminal law.

1981 to 1983: Ecole Nationale d’Administration et de Magistrature, Dakar, Senegal. Training to become a judge.

1977 to 1981: Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar, Senegal. Masters in Private law and judicial law.

Fidelis Edge Kanyongolo (Malawi)

[Original: English]

**Date of birth:** *3 July 1962*

**United Nations working languages:** *English.*

**Current position/function**:

*Associate Professor of Law, University of Malawi, Retired July 2022*

**Main professional activities:**

Lecturer in Law University of Malawi

Council Member, *Catholic University of Malawi* 2008-2010

Trustee, *Southern Africa Litigation Centre* 2007-2009

Trustee, *Media Council of Malawi* 2007-2010

Member of Board of Directors, *Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa* (OSISA)

2006-2009

Trustee, *Media Institute of Southern Africa* 2000-2005

Dean of Law, *University of Malawi* 2008-2010

Member of the Board of Directors of the *Civil Liberties Committee* 1993-2004

Member of Advisory Board, *Article 19 (Africa Programme)*, 2002-2004

**Legal expertise/ experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

PhD in human rights jurisprudence with extensive academic and practical experience in legal and policy research, consultancy, and lecturing, conducting socio-legal research projects, academic and policy related writing, design and evaluation of human rights institutions and democratic governance programmes. Lecturing law at the University of Malawi, training human rights investigators from African countries, consulting on access to justice, prison reform and media freedom.

**Educational background:**

1. PhD: University of East Anglia, UK.

2. LL.M: Cambridge University, UK

3. LL. B (Hons.): University of Malawi, Malawi

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1. Legal responses to electoral violence and democratic governance in Malawi: The Case of the 2019 and 2020 Elections in K. Ross and A. Chiweza, Governance in Malawi: New Perspectives. Mzuzu: Mzuzu University Press (2022)

2. Patel N. and Kanyongolo F.E. (2022) Democracy Tested: The 2019 Malawi’s Tripartite Elections, Lilongwe: NICE & IPI

3. Anders, Gerhard, Fidelis E. Kanyongolo, and Brigitte Seim. "Corruption and the impact of law enforcement: insights from a mixed-methods study in Malawi." The Journal of Modern African Studies 58, no. 3 (2020): 315-336

Barbara Lochbihler (Germany)

[Original: English]

**Date of birth**: 20 May 1959 in Obergünzburg

**United Nations working languages**: English

**Current position/function:**

* Member and Vice President of the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances
* Lecturer at the M.A. Human Rights at University Erlangen-Nürnberg
* Member of the Board of the Martin-Ennals-Award

**Main professional activities:**

2009-2019 Member of the European Parliament, The Greens/EFA group: Chair and Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Chair of the Working Group on EU-UN Relations

1999-2009: Secretary General, Amnesty International (AI) Germany: human rights advocacy towards the German government, ministries, parliament, CEOs and public media; head of different international country missions; development of the international strategy and program as member of the AI Directors’ Forum

1992-1999: Secretary General, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Geneva/New York: participation in the World Conference on Human Rights 1993 and monitoring the implementation of the Vienna and Beijing Plan of Action within the UN; contributing to the drafting of the Beijing Plan of Action and participation in the World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995

**Legal expertise/ experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances**:

Frequent human rights missions as MEP with focus on enforced disappearances, incl. in relation to cases in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Cambodia; Authoring of numerous EP human rights reports and resolutions on ED, including in Mexico, Laos, Sri Lanka; Convener of Int’l Law and Human Rights Program of Parliamentarians for Global Action; intense advocacy work on negotiation process of ICPPED and its ratification by Germany as Secretary General of Amnesty International Germany.

**Educational background:**

* M.A. in Political Sciences, International Law and Economics, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich
* Diploma in Social Work, Katholische Stiftungsfachhochschule, Munich

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

* Barbara Lochbihler/ Eva Nudd: Disappearances of Migrants in Africa; to be published in edited volume by Grażyna Baranowska and Milica Kolakoviç-Bojoviç in 2023
* Barbara Lochbihler: Enforced Disappearances in the context of migration; to be published in Spanish in CIPDH-UNESCO’s Human Rights Themes Series 2023
* Barbara Lochbihler/ Silke Voß-Kyeck/ Grażyna Baranowska: Disappeared migrants and refugees: How the ICPPED can help in their search and protection, Völkerrechtsblog, 15.12.2020, https://voelkerrechtsblog.org/de/disappeared-migrants-and-refugees-how-the-icpped-can-help-in-their-search-and-protection/
* Quo vadis, ICC? - The European Union’s Role and Responsibility to Support the ICC in Good Times and in bad Times; in: Viviane E. Dittrich and Alexander Heinze (editors): The Past, Present and Future of the International Criminal Court, Brussels 2021

Salamata Sawadogo Née Tapsoba

[Original: French only]

**Date de naissance** : 31/12/1958

**Langue(s) de travail des Nations Unies** :Français (excellent), Anglais (moyen) ;

**Situation/fonction actuelle :**

Mme SAWADOGO est actuellement Chargée de mission auprès du Ministre de la Justice et des droits humains, chargée des relations avec les Institutions, Garde des sceaux. A ce titre, elle assiste le ministre dans 1’étude et 1’analyse des dossiers et le représente aux rencontres nationales, régionales et internationales.

**Principales activités professionnelles :**

Elle a occupé plusieurs fonctions de responsabilité dans les cours et tribunaux du Burkina Faso ainsi qu’au sein du Ministère de la justice. Elle a successivement été Ministre de la promotion des Droits humains puis Ministre de la Justice, Garde des sceaux. Elle est très active dans des associations œuvrant dans le domaine des droits de l’Homme.

Hors du Burkina Faso elle a assumé les responsabilités suivantes : Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire du Burkina Faso auprès de la République d’Afrique du Sud et 13 autres pays de la SADC ; Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire du Burkina Faso auprès de la République du Sénégal et 4 autres pays d’Afrique de l’Ouest.

Elle a également exercé, pendant deux mandats successifs la fonction de Présidente de la Commission Africaine des Droits de l’Homme et des Peuples.

**Expertise/ expérience juridique et autres activités principales dans le domaine des disparitions forcées :**

En 2009, Mme SAWADOGO a proposé un rapport au gouvernement en vue de la ratification de la Convention des Nations Unies sur les disparitions forcées. Elle a ensuite soutenu le projet de ratification devant le parlement qu’elle devait convaincre de l’intérêt de ratifier cet instrument important aux fins d’une meilleure protection des droits humains dans ce domaine. Le Parlement a donné son autorisation et la ratification est intervenue.

**Etudes :**

Diplôme de l’Ecole nationale de la Magistrature de Paris

Maitrise en droit privé (option droit des affaires et judiciaires)

**Liste des publications les plus récentes du candidat, particulièrement dans le domaine des disparitions forcées :**

« L’indépendance de la justice au Burkina Faso, parlons-en » Edition l’Harmattan Burkina, 2022 ;

« Appelés à être différents », Edition PBA, Benin 2016 ;

« Aperçu du système africain de droits de l’Homme » Edition l’Harmattan

Burkina, 2012

Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana (Peru)

[Original: English/Spanish]

**Date of birth**: 30 December 1953

**United Nations working languages**: Spanish, English.

**Current position/function**:

Member and Chair of the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

Member of the Board of the Peruvian Chapter of the International Law Students Association UNMSM (ILSA Peru).

**Main professional activities:**

Member of the UN Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Funds for Technical Cooperation (VFTC) in human rights and UPR Trust Fund (June 2018-June 2019). Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Peru. Adviser to the Ministerial Office (Sept. 2016–Sept. 2017). International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), Deputy Commissioner (Jan–Sept. 2016). OHCHR: Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, Regional Representative (2006 to 2009), and Regional Representative for Central America (2010–2015). OHCHR Office in Colombia, Coordinator of the Technical Cooperation Area (1999–2006). Guatemala: UNDP Project–Judicial Branch (Jul. Dec. 1998). United Nations: MINUGUA, Head of National Institutions (1996–Jun. 1998). MINUGUA/PNUD, Project The Attorney General of the Republic, Guatemala (1995). IHR Law Group, Washington D.C. USA(1994). Prosecutor, Public Ministry of Peru. (1981-1993).

**Legal expertise/ experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

Participation as a lecturer on human rights and enforced disappearance in Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, and Mexico. As a member of the CED participated in the country visits to Mexico and Iraq. Invited Professor to the Multidisciplinary Annual Human Rights Courses of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, IIDH, San Jose, Costa Rica. Advocacy for ICPPED ratification. Participated in the OHCHR consultation of missing people in the Syrian Arab Republic, GA resolution 76/228 of 24 December 2021.

**Educational background:**

1977: Bachelor of Law, Santa Maria Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

1978:Lawyer, Santa Maria Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

1989:Certificate, *Training in Administration of Justice*. The University of New Mexico. USA 1999:Certificate, *Human Rights and Humanitarian La*w. The American University, Washington College of Law, Center for Human Rights and the Humanitarian Law. USA

2003: Certificate, International Criminal Law in Practice, Columbia Law School, The International Criminal. Defense Attorney Association of Prosecutors and the Salzburg Law School. The Hague, The Netherlands.

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

El Comité de Desaparición Forzada: Avances y Retos (*The Committee of Enforced disappearances: advances and challenges*). To be published in 2023, Journal La Voz Jurídica. Ruiz de Montoya University. Lima, Peru.

Prologue to the Third Edition “La Desaparición Forzada en México: Una mirada desde los Organismos del Sistema de Naciones Unidas” *(Enforced Dissappearance in Mexico: A view for the United Nations Human Rights System)*. OHCHR Mexico, 2022.

A decade of victim-centred approaches. The jurisprudence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance. Völkerrechtsblog, 12.12.2020 <https://voelkerrechtsblog.org/a-decade-of-victim-centred-approaches/>

Justicia transicional: búsqueda con enfoque humanitario. II International Seminar, Search of the disappeared with a humanitarian approach. *(Transitional Justice: search with a humanitarian approach)*Memoirs 2019. Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Peru.

1. \* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Compensation Commission for persons having been the subject of a decision of preventive detention followed by a final decision of dismissal or acquittal [↑](#footnote-ref-2)