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Subject: Eleventh meeting of States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Missions of the States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (the Convention), and has the honour to refer to the upcoming elections of the members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (the Committee), which will take place during the eleventh meeting of the States Parties to the Convention. The eleventh meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened on **27 June 2023** at United Nations Headquarters in New York (in conference room 1, starting at 10 a.m. New York time). For an updated list of States parties to the Convention as well as the certified true copy of the Convention, please refer to the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet, Status of Treaties, Chapter IV-13 at <http://treaties.un.org>.

At the meeting, the States parties will elect seven members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2023 (Annex I). The members of the Committee will be elected by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by the States parties. Each State party may nominate one person from its own nationals, in accordance with article 72, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention. In this regard, it is noted that seven members of the Committee will continue to serve on it until 31 December 2025 (Annex I). The terms of members elected shall begin on 1 January 2024 and expire on 31 December 2027. Information on the requirements, responsibilities and entitlements of being a member of the Committee can be found in Annex II.

The provisions of the Convention relating to elections of Committee members are contained in article 72 of the Convention, the text of which can be found in Annex III. In brief, the Committee shall be composed of nationals of the States parties who are experts “of high moral standing, impartiality and recognized competence in the field covered by the Convention,” in accordance with article 72, paragraph 1(b) of the Convention. Under paragraph 2(a) of article 72, consideration should be given to “equitable geographical distribution, including both States of origin and States of employment, and to the representation of the principle legal systems”. Article 72, paragraph 2(b) provides that the “members shall be elected and shall serve in their personal capacity”. Members of the Committee may also be re-elected if re-nominated, pursuant to paragraph 5(c) of article 72 of the Convention.

The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 76/160, adopted on 7 January 2022 and entitled “Promotion of equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies,” on the nomination and election of treaty bodies experts:

“Reiterates that the States parties to the United Nations human rights instruments should take into account, in their nomination of members to the human rights treaty bodies, that these committees shall be composed of persons of high moral character and recognized competence in the field of human rights, consideration being given to the usefulness of the participation of persons having legal experience and to equal representation of women and men, and that members shall serve in their personal capacity, and also reiterates that, in the elections to the human rights treaty bodies, strong consideration shall be given to



equitable geographical distribution of membership and to the representation of the different forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems;”.

The Secretary-General would also like to draw the attention to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, adopted on 9 April 2014 and entitled “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system,” where the General Assembly encourages States parties to give due consideration, during the election of treaty body members to participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the treaty bodies (paragraph 13).

The Secretary-General would further like to draw attention to the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, held in New York, from 30 May to 3 June 2022, where the Chairs emphasized the importance of the nomination and election process by States parties to ensure that independent experts and candidates from diverse backgrounds were elected to the treaty bodies (A/77/228, paragraph 31).

In accordance with article 72, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations for membership of the Committee to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at Geneva, Switzerland, by **31 March 2023** at the latest. The electronic version of the curriculum vitae of the candidate should be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee in accordance with the biographical data form contained in **Annex IV**.

All nominations and biographical data should be submitted to the CMW Secretariat in both hard copy and in electronic version (Word format):

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After 31 March 2023, the deadline for the submission of nominations, the Secretary-General shall submit to the States parties the list of nominations together with relevant information concerning the eleventh meeting of the States parties to the Convention, in accordance with article 72, paragraph 3 of the Convention. All relevant information, including an electronic version of the biographical data form, is also available on the webpage of the Committee at:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2023/eleventh-meeting-states-parties-and-2023-elections>

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