**Annex**

**Biographical data form of selected candidates to Special Procedures to**

**the Human Rights Council**

(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Please put a recent good quality picture that will be used in the visual directory and web page

Mr.  **Ms.**

Name and first name: Nazila Ghanea ........................................................................................

Date and place of birth: 8 August 1968, Shiraz, Iran.............................................................

Working languages: English and Persian ................................................................................

Current position/function:

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Nazila Ghanea has been working at the University of Oxford since 2006. She is Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the MSc in International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford. Previously she taught at the University of London (2000-2006) and she has also taught in the People’s Republic of China (1993-1994). She has researched and published widely in international human rights law and served as consultant to numerous agencies.

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Main professional activities[[1]](#endnote-2):

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Professional activities have included taking every opportunity to support the promotion and application of principled understandings of human rights, including freedom of religion or belief. For example: as expert for Rabat +5 and the OHCHR seminars addressing Incitement; for the Istanbul Process meetings in Qatar (2014) and at OIC (2015); in training senior judges in Brazil and numerous other professional law groups, diplomats, NHRIs, ministry personnel and parliamentarians in many countries in Asia, Europe and the Americas, including as expert trainer at the OHCHR training for Central Asia in Bishkek. I had acted as consultant for the OHCHR on two occasions. I have supervised well over 100 master’s dissertations and doctorates and served on doctoral panels internationally. A co-authored 700-page publication by Oxford University Press addresses freedom of religion or belief and is focused on the UN record.

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Educational background:

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**Education:** Undergraduate degree (First Class, Keele University, UK, 1991), Master’s degree (Distinction grade, Leeds University, UK, 1992) and Doctorate (Keele University, UK, 2000) all included international human rights law. Decades of **university teaching experience** in international human rights law: (University of Oxford since 2007, full professorship), Senior Lecturer at the University of London (2000-2006) and at Keele University (1995-2000).

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Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the special procedures concerned:

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Though her nearly 30 year career has been rooted in academia, Ms. Ghanea’s academic work has often connected with multilateral practice in international human rights law. She has contributed actively to networks interested in freedom of religion or belief and its interrelationship with other human rights, and advised states and other stakeholders.

Prior to her appointment as Special Rapporteur she had participated and contributed to special sessions of the UN Human Rights Council, numerous UN expert meetings, to chairing and presenting at Human Rights Council and General Assembly side events, presented at the OSCE, in GCC states, in Latin America and the Far East, participated in consultations in North Africa, at the EU, and presented at the International Contact Group and International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance, where she served on its Council of Experts. .......................................................................................................................................................

List of most recent publications in the field:

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Are Religious Minorities Really Minorities? 1.1 Oxford Journal of Law and Religion, 2012

Combatting global religious intolerance: The Implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 16/18, Universal Rights Group, 2014 (with Marc Limon and Hilary Power)

Freedom of Religion or Belief: An International Law Commentary, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016 (with Heiner Bielefeldt and Michael Wiener)

Nazila Ghanea, Back to Basics in Evaluating Belief, 36.4, Emory International Law Review, 2022

Nazila Ghanea, Piecing the Puzzle, Women and Freedom of Religion or Belief, 20.3 The Review of Faith and International Affairs, 2022

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1. It should be noted that as Special procedures mandate holders require to undertake at least two country missions annually for approximately ten days each, participation in sessions of the HRC and GA for at least one week each, plus participation in the annual meeting of the special procedures of one week in Geneva. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)