

## Résumé

**Mr Mark C.A. Thomson**

**Secretary General**

**Association for the Prevention of Torture, Geneva**

(Since April 2001)



- Manager of an international human rights NGO.
- Works with specialist team of 30 staff and a wide variety of governmental, inter-governmental, NHRI and NGO partners, in all regions of the world.
- Involved in adoption and implementation of international human rights norms.
- Experienced in visiting places of detention and engaging with relevant government authorities to reform detention practices and law.
- Public speaker on prevention of torture and other ill-treatment.
- Senior Adviser to the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI)
- Human rights engagement arose from development work in Latin America.

### **Previous Employment:**

- International Service for Human Rights, Geneva, Deputy Director (1992-2001)
- Amnesty International, London, Inter-Governmental Organisations Coordinator (1991-1992)
- World University Service, Geneva & Latin America, Latin America and Caribbean Programme Officer (1988-1991)
- Tower Hamlets International Solidarity, London, Community Education Officer (1984- 1988)
- Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign, London & Nicaragua, National Coordinator (1982-1984)

### **Education:**

- Schooling in Fiji and higher education in the United Kingdom
- Rural Development in Latin America, Master of Arts, University of London (1981-1982)
- Government and Sociology of Latin America, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), University of Essex (1975-1979)

### **Languages:**

- English - Mother tongue
- French - Fluent verbal and basic written proficiency
- Spanish - Fluent verbal and basic written proficiency

### **Personal Details:**

- British national, resident of Switzerland. Former resident of France and Fiji.
- Born 21 May 1956 and married with three children
- Awarded UK honours of CMG (2015) and OBE (2004) for services to the global prevention of torture

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