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Elections for the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

As of 01 October 2010, 31 States have formally submitted a candidate, for 20 vacancies, for the SPT elections which are due to take place on 28 October 2010.

The following chart has been prepared by the APT to summarize key information based on the CVs submitted to the UN.

For further information, please see the full CVs of all candidates on the [OHCHR website](#).

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ASIA

Name of SPT Candidate	Country of Nationality	Gender	Relevant professional background	UN Languages	Age
Ms. Suzanne JABBOUR	Lebanon	Female	Psychologist, Director of a rehabilitation center for victims of torture in Beirut, Coordinator of Working Group on Prevention, Member of the Committee to create an NPM (National Preventive Mechanism)	Arabic/ English/ French	50
Ms. Aisha SHUJUNE MUHAMMAD	Maldives	Female	Judge, Trains judges and prison staff on human rights, Promotes: legal aid for prisoners, justice and penal reform, Founder of Maldivian Detainee Network Helped draft Juvenile Justice Bill	English	33
Ms. Marziya BALTABAY	Kazakhstan	Female	Supreme Court Judge	English/ Russian	51
Mr. Petros MICHAELIDES	Cyprus	Male	Lawyer, CPT member (European Committee for the Prevention of Torture), NGO Chairman, Former judge, Former Minister of Justice	English/ French	71

AFRICA

Name of SPT Candidate	Country of Nationality	Gender	Relevant professional background	UN Languages	Age
Ms. Marie-Gisèle ZINKPE	Benin	Female	Magistrate, Head of Dept. of MoJ (Ministry of Justice), Legislation and Human Rights, Coordinator of OPCAT Committee, Liaison person for SPT visit	French/ English	54
Ms. KEÏTA Lallé Meriem ZOUBOYE	Mali	Female	Magistrate, Chief of cabinet of MoJ, Member of Association of Malian Jurists	French	58
Mr. Demba KANDJI	Senegal	Male	Magistrate, Director Criminal Affairs and focal point on torture in MoJ, Former General Prosecutor, Secretary General of Senegalese Association of Penal Law	French	54
Mr. Gnambi Garba KODJO	Togo	Male	Magistrate, Director Penitentiary Administration in MoJ, Trainer on penitentiary issues for magistrates, Member of Committee for OPCAT ratification and creation of NPM	French	46
Mr. Paul LAM SHANG LEEN	Mauritius	Male	Supreme Court Judge, Former Chair of Prisons Board	English/ French	62
Mr. Fortuné Gaétan ZONGO	Burkina Faso	Male	Magistrate, Director General of the Human Rights Dept. in MoJ, Teaches human rights to trainee Administrators and Magistrates	French	36
Mr. Obiora Chinedu OKAFOR	Nigeria	Male	Professor of International Law, former Criminal Lawyer in Supreme Court of Nigeria, Researcher on: non-refoulement, UN treaty bodies, UN Convention against torture, human rights in Africa	English/ French (basic)	42

GRULAC (GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN COUNTRIES)

Name of SPT Candidate	Country of Nationality	Gender	Relevant professional background	UN Languages	Age
Ms. Maria Margarida E. PRESSBURGER	Brazil	Female	Lawyer, President of Human Rights Commission of Rio de Janeiro's Bar Association, Helped draft Children and Adolescent's Act, Monitoring experience of juveniles in detention	English/ Spanish/ French (basic)	67
Ms. Maria Gabriela JUSTINIANO DE REYES	Bolivia	Female	Medical doctor, Professor of Medicine, Former delegate for Ombudsman on protection of vulnerable groups and creation of NPM	Spanish/ English (basic)	63
Ms. Judith SALGADO	Ecuador	Female	Lawyer, Professor of gender and human rights, Coordinator of conference on prisons in Andean region, Researcher on torture in Ecuador	Spanish/ English	44
Ms. Lesbia TEVALÁN CASTELLANOS	Guatemala	Female	Legal Advisor in National Human Rights Institution (<i>Procuraduría de Derechos Humanos</i>)	Spanish/ English	62
Ms. Rigoberto ESPINAL IRIAS	Honduras	Female	Legal Advisor to General Prosecutor, former Supreme Court Magistrate, former ad hoc Judge to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights	Spanish/ English	76
Mr. Miguel SARRE IGUINIZ (re-election)	Mexico	Male	Lawyer, Professor of Public Law, SPT member, Former National Commission on Human Rights prison visitor	Spanish/ English	59
Mr. Wilder TAYLER-SOUTO (re-election)	Uruguay	Male	Lawyer, International Commission of Jurists Secretary General, SPT member	Spanish/ English/ French	56
Mr. Felipe VILLAVICENCIO TERREROS	Peru	Male	Lawyer, Professor of penal law and criminology, Advisor to UN field missions on administration of justice	Spanish/ English	55

EASTERN EUROPE

Name of SPT Candidate	Country of Nationality	Gender	Relevant professional background	UN Languages	Age
Ms. Mari AMOS	Estonia	Female	Lawyer, Advisor to Ombudsman/NPM, especially on right to health	English/ Russian (basic)	33
Ms. Marija DEFINIS GOJANOVIC (re-election)	Croatia	Female	Forensic doctor, Professor in Forensic Medicine SPT and CPT member	English	50
Ms. Aneta STANCEVSKA	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Female	Assistant Minister of the MoI (Ministry of Interior), Former Police Officer, Former Head of Police Unit for Internal Control and Professional Standards, Experience in prison administration	English	34
Mr. Arman DANIELYAN	Armenia	Male	NGO Director, Board member of NPM, Chairman of Prisons Monitoring Group	Russian/ English	37
Mr. Faig GURBANOV	Azerbaijan	Male	Lawyer, Director of Dept. of Human Rights and Public Relations of MoJ, Coordinator of prisons monitoring committee	Russian/ English	43
Mr. Goran KLEMENCIC	Slovenia	Male	Lawyer, Senior Lecturer in Human Rights and Police Powers, Former State Secretary of MoI, Advisor to Council of Europe and OECD on criminal justice reforms, and police and human rights	English/ Russian (basic)/ French (basic)	38

WEOG (WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP)

Name of SPT Candidate	Country of Nationality	Gender	Relevant professional background	UN Languages	Age
Ms. Lowell Patria GODDARD	New Zealand	Female	High Court Judge, Chairperson of the New Zealand Independent Police Conduct Authority (part of NPM), Former Deputy Solicitor General, Promoter of law and justice reforms in Pacific Islands and Africa	English/ French (basic)	62
Mr. Olivier OBRECHT	France	Male	Medical doctor, Health policy reformer, Former NPM member, Prison health specialist, Hospital Administrator	French/ English	48
Mr. Hans Draminsky PETERSEN (re-election)	Denmark	Male	Medical doctor, SPT member, Experienced in hospital management	English/ Spanish/ French (basic)	63
Mr. Christian PROSS	Germany	Male	Medical doctor, Professor of medicine and human rights, Director of a rehabilitation center for victims of torture in Berlin, Researcher on psychotraumatology	English/ French/ Spanish (basic)	62
Mr. Emilio GINES SANTIDRIAN (re-election)	Spain	Male	Lawyer, Former CPT member, SPT member, Professor of law and social sciences	Spanish/ English/ French	63
Mr. Marco KIRSCHBAUM	Switzerland	Male	NGO Director, Former ICRC detention specialist	French/ English/ Chinese (conversational)	52