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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

- 1. In accordance with article 17 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the fifteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention is to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 8 October 2015 for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee against Torture from a list of persons nominated by States parties to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2015 (see CAT/SP/15/2).
- 2. The curricula vitae of the 13 persons whose nominations were received by 16 June 2015 are contained in document CAT/SP/15/2, annex.
- 3. The annex to the present document contains the curriculum vitae of one additional person who was nominated by Pakistan after 16 June 2015.





Annex*

Muhammad Zafarullah Khan (Pakistan)

Date and place of birth: 11 March 1961, Khanewal, Pakistan

Working languages: English and Urdu

Current position/function

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister/Minister of State for Cabinet Division. Assistance to the Federal Government on legal/political issues. To deal with matters relating to various authorities and attached departments under administrative control of Cabinet Division and provide guidance to improve their performance to meet the vision of Prime Minister as a whole.

Main professional activities

Ensure protection and promotion of civil, political and socio-economic rights through advising on capacity building and advocacy initiatives.

Understanding and interpreting the law.

Provide support to the Federal Government to integrate human rights principles and rights-based approaches into ongoing and envisaged legal and development progress.

Incorporating human rights principles into public law.

Vetting of human rights litigation documents.

Reviewing human rights compliance in legislation, policies, plans, practices and procedures for ensuring respect and fulfillment of human rights by the Federal Government.

Writing opinions, advising solicitors and other professionals on human rights and law.

Legal assistance to Federal Government and overseeing work/functions of Cabinet Division.

Education background

Barrister-at-Law. Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom.

Bachelor in Law, City University, London, United Kingdom.

M.Sc (International Relations), Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture

Evaluated national labour law in the light of ILO Conventions 100 and 111.

Worked for International Labour Organizations on a study "Judicial Remedies for Bonded Labour".

Drafted Prevention of Domestic Violence Act for UNIFEM: 2008.

Reviewed human trafficking related laws for UNIFEM: 2008.

Drafted Prevention of Harassment at Workplace Act for ILO: 2008.

^{*} Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Drafted Sindh Child Protection laws. UNICEF and Government of Sindh.

Represented Pakistan before United Nations Committee on the Child in 2003 and 2009.

Presented paper on International Child Abduction at International Judicial Conference organized by Supreme Court of Pakistan, 2006.

Represented Pakistan before United Nations Committee on CEDAW in 2014.

Represented Pakistan in United Nations Commission on Status of Women meeting 2015.

List of most recent publication in the field

"Human Rights: Theory and Practice".

"A Guide on Land and Property Rights in Pakistan" for United Nations Habitat.

"Manual on Abolition of Bonded Labour" for ILO, Pakistan.

"Analysis of Blasphemy Laws in Pakistan" for UNDP: 2011.

"Betreen Insan" (The Best Human Being).

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