



# **International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance**

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## **Meeting of the States parties**

### **Fifth meeting**

New York, 25 June 2019

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Election, in accordance with article 26 (4) of the International  
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,  
of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace  
those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2019**

## **Election of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2019**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In accordance with article 26 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the fifth meeting of the States parties to the Convention is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances from a list of persons nominated by States parties from among their nationals (sect. II) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 30 June 2019 (sect. I). Five members will continue to serve on the Committee until 30 June 2021 (sect. III).
2. In compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the present note contains information on the current situation with respect to the composition of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution and gender representation, professional background and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members (sects. I and II). The biographical data of current members can be found on the web page of the Committee ([www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/Membership.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CED/Pages/Membership.aspx)).
3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.



## I. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 30 June 2019

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Emmanuel <b>Decaux</b>	France	2011
Daniel <b>Figallo Rivadeneyra</b>	Peru	2015
María Clara <b>Galvis Patiño</b>	Colombia	2015
Rainer <b>Huhle</b>	Germany	2011
Suela <b>Janina</b>	Albania	2011

## II. Persons nominated by States parties

4. In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 7 December 2018, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within three months. All curricula vitae received by 8 March 2019 are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after that date.

5. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Olivier <b>de Frouville</b>	France
Barbara <b>Lochbihler</b>	Germany
Juan José <b>López Ortega</b>	Spain
Cheikh Ahmed <b>Tidiane Coulibaly</b>	Senegal
Carmen Rosa <b>Villa Quintana</b>	Peru

## III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 30 June 2021

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Mohammed <b>Ayat</b>	Morocco	2017
Moncef <b>Baati</b>	Tunisia	2017
Milica <b>Kolaković-Bojović</b>	Serbia	2017
Horacio <b>Ravenna</b>	Argentina	2017
Koji <b>Teraya</b>	Japan	2017

## Annex

### Curricula vitae\*

#### **Olivier de Frouville (France)**

**Date and place of birth:** 28 February 1972 – Boulogne-Billancourt, France

**Working language(s) of the United Nations:** French, English

#### **Current position/function:**

Professor at Paris II University (Panthéon-Assas), Director of the Paris Research Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (CRDH), member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF)

#### **Main professional activities:**

2015–2018: member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

2008–2014: member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

April 2012–October 2013: Chair-Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

2013–2014: member of the United Nations Coordination Committee of Special Procedures

2009–2015: member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (CNCDH)

#### **Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1998–2006: representative of the FIDH during the drafting of the United Nations Convention on Enforced Disappearance. 2008–2014: member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. Organizer of three conferences on enforced disappearances (in 2007, 2012 and 2019). Co-director of an enforced disappearance research programme in cooperation with the University of Buenos Aires (2017–2019).

#### **Educational background:**

1993–1994: Master 2 in Human Rights and Public Freedoms (ranked first). 1994–2001: PhD in Public Law. First class honours, commended by the jury. Three thesis prizes. 2005: Habilitation (accreditation) to supervise research. 2006: Agrégation competitive examination in public law (ranked fourth).

#### **List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1. “Working out a Working Group: a view from a former Working Group member”, in Aoife Nolan, Rosa Freedman, Therese Murphy (dir.), *The United Nations Special Procedures System*, Leiden, Brill Nijhoff, 2017, pp. 223–260.
2. “The experience of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, with an overview of the issue of children faced with enforced disappearance” (in Spanish), in Maria Casado y Juan José Lopez Ortega, *Desaparición forzada de niños: adopciones irregulares y niños robados*, Universidad de Barcelona, 2015, pp. 55–85.

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

3. With E. Decaux, The Enforced Disappearance Convention: Issues affecting its universal and effective implementation (in French), Droits-fondamentaux.fr, 2013.
4. “20 years after the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance” (in Spanish), in Minerva E. Martinez Garza, Humberto Fernando Cantu Rivera (comp.), *El Futuro es Hoy: construyendo una agenda de derechos humanos*, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, 2014, pp. 87–90.
5. “Complementarity between the Working Group and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances” (in French), in Decaux E., de Frouville O. (dir.), *La Convention internationale pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées. Les enjeux d’une mise en œuvre universelle et effective*, Droits fondamentaux, n° 10, 2013.

## **Barbara Lochbihler (Germany)**

**Date and place of birth:** 20 May 1959 in Obergünzburg

**United Nations working languages:** English, French

### **Current position/function:**

7/2009–6/2019 Member of the European Parliament (MEP):

Vice President of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights

Chair of the EU-UN Working Group, Foreign Affairs Committee

Foreign affairs and human rights spokesperson of The Green/EFA group

Member of the ASEAN and Maghreb delegations

### **Main professional activities:**

The implementation of the EU's human rights strategy is the main focus of my work as MEP. This includes regular interaction with the OHCHR, Special Rapporteurs and other United Nations leaders as well as with regional institutions like the ECHR. I have been paying particular attention to meeting with NGOs and individual victims of human rights violations globally. Working continuously on flight and migration made me aware of the close and growing link between enforced disappearances (ED) and migration. The fight against impunity – and ED as a major criminal offence – has been a priority for me as MEP as well as Secretary General of Amnesty International Germany (1999–2009), where I worked on a wide range of human rights issues and the development of the overall policy of the international organization.

### **Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

Frequent human rights missions as MEP with focus on ED, incl. in relation to cases in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Cambodia; Authoring of numerous human rights reports and resolutions on ED, including in Mexico, Laos, Sri Lanka; Convener of Int'l Law and Human Rights Program, Parliamentarians for Global Action; as SG of Amnesty International Germany intense advocacy work on negotiation process of ICED and its ratification by Germany.

### **Educational background:**

M.A. in Political Sciences, International Law and Economics, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich

Diploma in Social Work, Katholische Stiftungsfachhochschule, Munich

### **List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

Quo vadis, ICC? – The European Union's Role and Responsibility to Support the ICC..., 2018 (ed. volume by Int'l Nuremberg Principles Academy); Eine Erklärung für die Menschheit – Rückblick und Perspektiven, ZVN, 6/2018; The Role and Responsibility of the EU Parliament in an External Human Rights Strategy (to be publ. 2019 in ed. collection of Università di Bologna); The EU-Turkey Statement and the Greek Hotspots, 2018 (editor).

**Juan José López Ortega (Spain)**

**Place and date of birth:** 2 August 1956, Madrid, Spain

**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, French

**Current position/function:**

Judge. President of Section Four of the Provincial Court of Madrid specialized in the application of juvenile criminal law.

Associate Professor at Carlos III University of Madrid and of the “Bartolomé de las Casas” Institute of Human Rights.

**Main professional activities:**

Counsel at the Constitutional Court (1993–1994).

Judge at the Criminal Chamber of the National High Court (1997–2002).

Expert for the Council of Europe in the evaluation procedures of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) (2000).

Consultant in various cooperation activities in the field of the administration of justice and human rights in El Salvador (1998–2001), Paraguay (2001), Dominican Republic (2003), Guatemala (2004), Romania (2002–2007) and Bulgaria (2005–2006)

Expert in the EU project for the capacity-building of the persons responsible for international human rights law for the purposes of preparing periodic reports by virtue of the international commitments assumed by the Kingdom of Morocco (2015).

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

Member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (2011–2017).

Member of the National Committee on the Forensic Use of DNA (2009–2012).

Director of the training courses for judges organized by the General Council of the Judiciary on “Enforced Disappearance and Human Rights” and “Transitional Justice, Victims and Human Rights”.

**Educational background:**

Degree in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid (1974–1979).

University specialist in Human Rights. Complutense University (1988–1990).

Fellow at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, and student at the 22nd Study Session of the Institut International des Droits de l’Homme (1991).

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1. “Bilan de la mise en œuvre de la Convention pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées, dix ans après son adoption”, in *Réciprocité et universalité. Sources et régimes du droit international des droits de l’homme* (Mélanges en l’honneur du Professeur Emmanuel Decaux) Editions A. Pedone 2017.
2. “España ante los órganos internacionales de protección de los derechos humanos” [Spain and the international human rights protection bodies]. In the training course for “International Humanitarian Law: Law of Geneva and Law of the Hague. Most serious international crimes. United Nations Resolutions. Women, peace and security” (2017).
3. “El derecho a la memoria histórica: Verdad, justicia y reparación de las víctimas de la guerra civil y el franquismo” [The right to historical memory: Truth, justice and reparation of the victims of the Spanish Civil War and of Francoism], in “Nuevos retos y

amenazas a la protección de los derechos humanos en la era de la globalización” [New challenges and threats to the protection of human rights in the era of globalization] (Chinchón Álvarez J. coord). Editorial Tirant lo Blanch 2016.

4. “El delito de desaparición forzada en el Código Penal español” [The offence of enforced disappearance in Spain’s Criminal Code]. Presentation given at the training course for prosecutors “La reforma del Código Penal operada por la LO 1/2015” [The amendment of the Criminal Code implemented by Organic Law 1/2015] (2015).

5. “Las desapariciones forzadas en España a la luz de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas” [Enforced disappearances in Spain in the light of the United Nations Convention], in “Desapariciones forzadas de niños en Europa y Latinoamérica: Del convenio de la ONU a las búsquedas a través de ADN” [Enforced Disappearances of children in Europe and Latin America: From the UN Convention to DNA-based searches] (Casado M. and López Ortega J. J. coords.). Universitat de Barcelona – 2014.

**Cheikh Ahmed Tidiane Coulibaly (Senegal)**

[Original: French]

**Date and place of birth:** 2 November 1954, Sokone, Senegal

**Working language(s) of the United Nations:** French

**Current position/function:**

Procurator General of the Supreme Court of Senegal

**Main professional activities:**

Legal and judicial activities; handling of appeals on points of law against decisions of the trial courts

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

President of the National Commission on Eligibility for Refugee Status; Special Assistant to the African Union office in Dakar responsible for the protection of displaced persons in conflict and post-conflict areas in Africa

**Educational background:**

*Maîtrise en droit judiciaire privé* (Master's degree in civil procedure law) at Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal; *brevet* (diploma) from the Judicial Training Centre in Senegal



## **Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana (Peru)**

**Place and date of birth:** 30 December 1953, Lima, Peru

**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, English

### **Current position/function:**

Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights (OHCHR). (Dec. 2018–March 2019) International Expert responsible for the preparation of a Study about the respect for the guarantees of due process in criminal cases for crimes related to obstetric emergencies in El Salvador.

### **Main professional activities:**

Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Peru. Adviser to the Ministerial Office (Sept. 2016–Sept. 2017). International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, (CICIG) Deputy Commissioner. (Jan–Sept. 2016). Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of OHCHR, Regional Representative (2006 to 2009) and Regional Representative for Central America OHCHR (2010–2015). Office in Colombia of the OHCHR, Coordinator of the Area of Cooperation and Technical Assistance (1999–2006). UNDP Project – Judicial Branch of Guatemala (PROFED/OJ.) Director. (Jul. Dec. 1998). United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala MINUGUA, Head of National Institutions in the Area of Strengthening Civil Power. (1996–Jun. 1998). Joint United Nations Verification Mission Program in Guatemala and UNDP. (1995) Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, Guatemala. Public Ministry, Prosecutor’s Office of Peru. Titular Provincial Prosecutor – Deputy Supreme Prosecutor (1981–1994).

### **Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

As Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner, she promoted the ratification of the Convention on Forced Disappearance in the countries under his mandate. He followed up and advocated together with victim organizations and the Office of the Procurator for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador to search for the disappeared, with a PDDH recognition from El Salvador for the defense of the rights of the victims of the Mozote case. It gave impetus to the establishment of national mechanisms for compliance with the recommendations of the treaty bodies, including those formulated by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. She maintained relations with governments and victim organizations in Panama, Mexico, Honduras, and Nicaragua to follow up on cases of enforced disappearance. In 2005, the UNHCHR promoted the approval of the Search Mechanism for Missing Persons in Colombia. As Legal Fellow she collaborated in the *Raquel Martín de Mejía vs. Peru* and *Blake vs. Guatemala* cases.

### **Educational background:**

1977: Bachelor in Law, “Santa Maria” Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

1978: Lawyer, “Santa Maria” Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

### **List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

As a United Nations official, she has not published on the subject.