



International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

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**Election, in accordance with article 26 (4) of the International
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,
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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 sixth meeting of the States parties to the Convention is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 14 June 2021, 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 2021 (sect. I). Five members will continue to serve on the Committee until 30 June 2023 (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).
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 2021

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

II. Persons nominated by States parties

4. In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 30 November 2020, 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 1 March 2021 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>
Mohammed Ayat	Morocco
Milica Kolaković-Bojović	Serbia
Horacio Ravenna	Argentina

III. Members of the Committee whose terms expire on 30 June 2023

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Member since</i>
Olivier de Frouville	France	2019
Barbara Lochbihler	Germany	2019
Juan José López Ortega	Spain	2019
Matar Diop	Senegal	2020
Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana	Peru	2019

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Mohammed Ayat (Morocco)

Date of birth: 1 January 1950

Working language(s) of the United Nations: Arabic, English and French, fair use of some Spanish

Current position/function (5 lines):

Full Professor of Law at Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdallah and Mohammed V University (1979 to date);

President of the Network for Research in International Criminal Justice, Attorney before the Moroccan the Supreme Court currently the Court of Cassation (since 1993);

President of the Committee of the United Nations Convention on the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearances;

Current Special Advisor to the ICC Prosecutor on Cooperation with the MENA Region;

United Nations retired staff.

Main professional activities (10 lines):

National: Former member of the National Council for Human Rights, former Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law of Fes, former Judge and Deputy Prosecutor,

International Activities: Former Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire, former member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2009–2010), former Senior Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1997–2012), Member of an international facts-finding mission in Syria (2011), Member of the Panel Debate on human rights universality (Tokyo 2014), twice Senior Fulbright fellow (in 1989 and 1994), Senior Fellow Researcher at the Max Planck Institute (1996), Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Criminology, facilitator of training courses for Arab and African jurists in the field of human rights.

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

President of the Committee of the United Nations Convention on the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearances.

Facilitator and participant in several awareness-raising seminars (and most recently webinars) on the issue of enforced disappearances at the national and regional levels.

Educational background:

Doctorat d'Etat en droit Université Toulouse I, France (1979) (PHD in Law);

Diplôme d'études supérieures en Sciences Criminelles Université Toulouse I (1976);

Diplôme d'études supérieures en sociologie Université Toulouse le Mirail (1982);

Diplôme de l'Institut des études judiciaires (1971).

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

- Several books and articles on criminal justice and human rights, (notably on Moroccan penal law and procedure)

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Several articles (over 100 articles) on Penal Law, criminology and International Criminal Law published in specialized scientific national and international journals, in Arabic, French and English. (see publications in the detailed CV in my website).
- Translations of some books and articles from English to Arabic and French to Arabic.

A detailed list of the publications could be consulted in a detailed CV posted in www.ayatm.org/some article published in specialized international scientific journals could be found and consulted in the same website).

Milica Kolaković-Bojović (Serbia)

Date and place of birth: 17.2.1984. Belgrade, Serbia

Working language(s) of the United Nations: English

Current position/function:

1. Since 2019 – Vice-President of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances
2. Since 2017 – Member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances
3. Senior Research Fellow – Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research-Belgrade, Serbia
4. Asst. Professor of the Criminal law and procedure – PEM University, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Hercegovina
5. Independent legal and justice reform expert on the several OSCE, UNICEF, UNDP, EU and CoE justice reform projects

Main professional activities:

Milica Kolaković-Bojović, PhD is law professor, researcher in the scientific institute and an independent legal and human rights expert. In her professional career she has been engaged as an expert in the numerous scientific research and donor-funded projects in justice sector, supported or implemented by the OSCE, CoE, EU, World Bank, USAID, UNICEF, UNDP, German and Swiss governments, both – at the national and international level. She has also coordinated or participated in the development of the more than 30 public policy analyses and strategic documents in the field of judicial reform, prosecution of war crimes, victims' rights and the execution of penal sanctions.

In addition to her academic work and the expert engagement in the justice sector reforms, Mrs. Kolaković-Bojović took part in the Negotiating Mechanism of the Republic of Serbia with the EU from 2013 to 2018 in the capacity of the coordinator of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 and the President of the Council for the Implementation of the Action Plan for Chapter 23.

She has published two books and more than 70 scientific papers and book chapters, so far. She is Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Criminology and Criminal Law and a member of the Serbian Association for Criminal Law Theory and Practice.

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

In June 2017 Mrs. Kolaković-Bojović has been elected in the membership of the United Nations CED. In September 2017 she was appointed to the position of the United Nations CED reprisal focal point. Since 2019 she is a Vice-President of the Committee. In the scope of her work within the Committee, she served as a rapporteur in several occasions, but also worked on the development of the *Guiding Principles for Search for Disappeared Persons* adopted by the CED in 2019. Since 2020 she is a member of the working group for urgent actions. Also in 2020, the Committee appointed her to work on the development of the *Guidelines to prevent and address intimidation and reprisal against individuals and groups cooperating with the Committee on Enforced Disappearances*.

Educational background:

2016 – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law – P.h.D. in criminal law and procedure (Efficiency of Criminal Justice)

2008 – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law – LL.M. Criminal Law (Juvenile Justice)

2007 – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law – B.A. Degree- Judicial Department

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

1. Kolaković-Bojović, M. (2019). The synergy between criminal law and medicine under the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance. In: I. Stevanović & N. Vujičić (Eds.) Penal law and medicine – Collection of papers from international scientific thematic conference, (pp. 387–398). Palić, 29–30.05.2019. Belgrade: Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research.
2. Kolaković-Bojović, M. (2019). Wrongful Removal of Children, Protection of the Rights of the Child “30 Years After the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child”, No.2, 429–449. Novi Sad: Autonomous Province of Vojvodina Provincial Protector of Citizens – Ombudsman and Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research.
3. Kolaković-Bojović, M. (2017) The Incrimination of Enforced Disappearance in the Criminal Law of the Republic of Serbia, Zbornik Instituta za kriminološka i sociološka istraživanja, no. 1, pp. 135–148.
4. Kolaković-Bojović, M, Grujić, Z. (2020) Crime Victims And The Right To Human Dignity – Challenges and Attitudes In Serbia – in Z. Pavlović, ed. Yearbook Human Rights Protection, The Right to Human Dignity (239–270) Novi Sad: Provincial Protector of Citizens – Ombudsman and Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research.
5. Kolaković-Bojović, M. (2018) Child victims in Serbia: Normative Framework, Reform Steps and EU Standards, (pp. 171–182) Child Friendly Justice, Belgrade.
6. Kolaković-Bojović, M. & Turanjanin, V./2018/Secret Detention Sites in the European Court of Human Rights Jurisprudence, Security System Reforms as Precondition For Euro-Atlantic Integrations, 2018, pp. 152–164.
7. Tilovska-Kcheği, E, Kolaković-Bojović, M. & Turanjanin, V./2018/Support to Victims of Crime: EU Standards and Challenges in Serbia, Towards a Better Future: The Rule of Law, Democracy and Polycentric Development, 125–135.

Horacio Ricardo Ravenna (Argentina)

Date and place of birth: Buenos Aires City, August 11th, 1949

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

Current position/function:

Vice-president of the Committee Against Enforced Disappearance.

Consultant for the Prison Ombudsman's National Office.

Professor "State and Human Rights in Latin America", University of Buenos Aires.

Main professional activities:

- (1) General Director of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1983/86
- (2) First Professor of Human Rights by competition in the country. UNLZ. 1985
- (3) Co-Writer of the National Plan against Discrimination. 2003/05
- (4) Coordinator of the Bases for a National Human Rights Plan. 2007/09
- (5) President and Chief of International Relations of the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights (APDH), an NGO founded by Dr. Raúl Alfonsín with other political and social leaders. 1978/2015
- (6) Deputy Buenos Aires Province. President Human Rights Commission and Vice-president Constitutional Affairs Commission. 1987/91
- (7) Participated in the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Especially arts. 6, 7, 8 and 9 1979, 1984/86 and 1989
- (8) Legal advisor to the Human Rights Commission of the Chamber of Deputies of the Nation. 1991/2002
- (9) Preparation of protocols for the State's action on social protest, together with the police, the national government and international experts. 2004/2010
- (10) Secretary General of Memoria Abierta. 2012/14

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

- (1) Legal Advisor of the Cristo Obrero parish church de la Villa 31 Parish in the framework of the emergence of State terrorism. 1974/76
- (2) Participated in the drafting of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. 2003/06
- (3) Legal Advisor Senior of the International Coalition against Enforced Disappearance (ICAED). 2007/2017
- (4) Legal Advisor of the Latin American Federation of Associations for Relatives of the Detained-Disappeared (FEDEFAM). 1999/2010
- (5) Associate Professor "Peace and Human Rights" Chair Pérez Esquivel Nobel Peace Prize. 1998/2007

Educational background:

Advanced University Degree in Law graduated from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) 1975

Attorney graduated from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) 1975

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

- “Acceso a la justicia e impunidad”, in J.C. Tealdi (director), Diccionario Latinoamericano de Bioética, Bogotá, UNESCO-Latin American and Caribbean Bioethics Network: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2008.
 - “Reflexiones sobre la profesión militar” (Publication with the Inter-american Institute for Human Rights). – Segunda Parte. “Sobre las actitudes, principios y valores deseables en el ejercicio de la profesión militar” 3. “Compilación de artículos redactados por especialistas” 3.2. Dr. Horacio RAVENNA: “Respeto de los Derechos Humanos”, Ed IIDH and ARA, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2008.
 - “Justicia e Impunidad en los Derechos Humanos” in “Nuevos Derechos Hombre”, Ed EUDEBA, Buenos Aires, 2011.
 - “Pasado y Futuro de los Derechos Humanos en el Siglo XXI” in “Honor a la Verdad” de Toscano, Omar, El Mensu Ediciones, Villa María, Córdoba 2013.
 - La desaparición forzada. De los orígenes a los desafíos emergentes en derechos humanos” in “Desaparición Forzada en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Balance, impacto y desafíos”, Inter-american Institute for Human Rights, México, 2020.
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