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Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024

Election of 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Note by the Secretary-General*

Addendum

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 24 October 2024 for the purpose of electing 12 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024.
2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 16 May 2024, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Subcommittee by 16 August 2024. The curricula vitae of the 11 candidates received by that deadline are included in document [CAT/OP/SP/22](#).
3. Annexed to the present note are the curricula vitae, as received by the secretariat in chronological order, of the candidates whose nomination was received after 16 August 2024.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Massimiliano Bagaglini	Italy
Djordje Alempijevic	Serbia
Barbara Bernath Thévenoz	Switzerland

* Agreement was reached to publish the present document after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates*

Massimiliano BAGAGLINI (Italy)

Date and place of birth:

26/09/1964, Viterbo, Italy.

Working languages:

English, Spanish (Italian mother tongue).

Professional background:

Member of the Office of the National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, National Preventive Mechanism under OPCAT, Rome, (Italy). First Police Officer of the National Department of Public Security, assigned to the National Guarantor as independent public body; member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT).

Educational background:

Degree in Political Sciences at University of Padua (Italy), 2003.

PhD in Social Policy and Local Development at the University of Teramo, Italy, (2007).

Master in Management and Politics of the Public Administrations at the LUISS University of Rome - School of Government in cooperation with the National School of Administration (2015).

Advanced training course in "Sciences of Security" at the Faculty of Law of the University of Rome "La Sapienza" (2019).

Current position/function:

International assignments: a) since 2021, member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT); b) since 2023, expert of the Council of Europe in the field of human rights and national human rights institutions - "Monitoring of places of deprivation of liberty". National assignment: since 2016, Head of the Unit "Deprivation of Liberty and Migrants" at National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, National Preventive Mechanism on torture.

Main professional activities:

As SPT member: country rapporteur for Cyprus, Georgia, Lithuania and Serbia. He took part to the SPT delegations visiting to Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2022), Georgia, as Head of delegation (2023), Honduras (2024). *As Head of Unit of the National Guarantor:* he has visited all the administrative detention facilities for migrant people in Italy, including centers for repatriations, hotspots and border premises, drafting relevant thematic reports addressed by the National Guarantor to the Ministry of Interior. He has also conducted several monitoring activities of forced return operations and he has participated also in many monitoring visits carried out to several prisons and police stations in Italy, cooperating in preparation of the annual National Guarantor's Annual Report to the Italian Parliament (2017 – 2023); he is also current project manager of "Implementation of a System of Monitoring of Forced Returns" project financed by the EU Program Asylum, Migration, Integration (AMIF) 2014-2020 and 2021-2027.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

In 2007-2008 he was permanent consultant at Ministry of Justice, Secretariat of the Under - Secretary of State as expert in prisoners and former prisoner reintegration's policies at national and local level and for the management of the projects financed by the European Union relating to prisoners' education, employment, vocational training and security. From 2003 to 2010, he was member of the National Board of the *Antigone Onlus* for the Rights and Guarantees in the Penal System, an Italian NGO operating for the guarantees of prisoner's rights in the penal law. In 2005, he coordinated the activities aimed at establishing the *Antigone Study and Documentation Center* (www.associazioneantigone.it) developing and implementing several research projects on the subject "prison and punishment" in Italy and in Europe. In 2006 and 2007, he held the function of national and regional observer on the conditions of detention in Italy by carrying out visits to various penal institutions.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

He edited for the National Guarantor the following volumes:

Norms and Normativity - Standard for Deprivation of Liberty of Migrants - Collections of Recommendations 2016-2018.

Guidelines for the Monitoring of Forced Returns – new edition (2023).

Protection of Fundamental Rights in Forced Return Operations – new edition (2023).

Djordje ALEMPIJEVIC (Serbia)

Date and place of birth:

17 May 1967 in Belgrade, Serbia

Working languages:

Serbian (native speaker), English, Croatian, Bosnian, Montenegrin, French (basic)

Professional background:

Medicine / Forensic and Legal Medicine

Educational background:

Medical Doctor (MD), University of Belgrade School of Medicine, Serbia (1992)

Specialist in Forensic Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia (1996)

Master of Medical Sciences (M.Med.Sci.), University of Belgrade, Serbia (1997)

Ph.D. in Forensic Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia (2005)

Graduate Diploma in Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Australia (2005)

Current position/function:

Head, Institute of Forensic Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Full Professor of Forensic Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Belgrade

Foundation Member, Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, London

Member of the Executive Board of the European Council of Forensic and Legal Medicine

Member of the Steering Committee of the Independent Forensic Expert Group (IFEG)

Main professional activities:

Over 25 years of expertise in forensic pathology and clinical forensic medicine: medico-legal autopsies, clinical examinations, expert opinions

Identification of victims in mass disasters and armed conflicts, including work with the ICRC on "The Missing" project

Extensive teaching experience, including lecturing, workshops, and practical exams for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in forensic medicine

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) (2011-2021), engaged in monitoring detention facilities across various countries; continued engagement as an expert post-2021

Steering Committee Member of the IFEG, conducting training and missions on the Istanbul Protocol and forensic documentation of torture

Long-term expert of the Council of Europe on various projects (e.g. Russia PMC, Horizontal Facility) related to torture prevention and documentation, and prison health care.

Contributor to the development of national and regional protocols for medico-legal care of violence victims, with training programs for law enforcement and healthcare professionals.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Alempijevic, D. (2024) "Forensic & Legal Medicine in Serbia," Reference Module in Social Sciences [Preprint]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-21441-7.00336-8>.

Istanbul Protocol 2nd Ed. (2022) – Working Group Member

Alempijevic, D. et al. (2020) "Statement on conversion therapy," *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, 72, p. 101930. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2020.101930>.

International Forensic Expert Group (2013) "Statement on access to relevant medical and other health records and relevant legal records for forensic medical evaluations of alleged torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment," *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, 20(3), pp. 158–163. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2012.07.005>.

Alempijevic, D. et al. (2011) "Ethical and Legal Consideration of Prisoner's Hunger Strike in Serbia," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 56(2), pp. 547–550.

Barbara BERNATH THÉVENOZ (Switzerland)

Date and place of birth:

05/12/1968, Strasbourg, France

Working languages: English, Spanish, French (mother tongue)

Professional background

Expert on torture prevention, working with the Association of the Prevention of Torture (APT) since 1997 at different positions - as Secretary General since July 2018. The APT is the international NGO at the origin of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture. I led advocacy on torture prevention strategies, notably on OPCAT ratification and implementation, as well as conducted capacity strengthening with National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs) worldwide and published many practical guides and tools on torture prevention.

Educational background

Master in International Law, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 1992

Diploma in International Relations, Institute of Political Studies, Strasbourg, 1989

Current/position/function:

Secretary General of the APT (until 15.09.2024): Overall management of a team of 15 persons and leading APT's vision and strategies; Advocacy with States, UN and regional bodies on OPCAT, on safeguards in the first hours of detention, including the 2021 Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information gathering (Méndez Principles); building partnerships and dialogues with a variety of stakeholders at the national level.

Main professional activities

APT Chief of Operations (2009-2018); APT Programme Officer, Detention Monitoring (2003-2009); APT Programme Officer – Europe Programme (1997-2003): Detention monitoring trainings, strategic advice and technical support to NPMs worldwide through bilateral, regional and multilateral activities (i.e. 2011 OPCAT Forum with 300 representatives from States, SPT and NPMs). Development of resources and tools on torture prevention, OPCAT, European Committee for torture prevention. High level representation and participation in conferences and meetings.

Delegate with the International Committee of the Red Cross, based in Bucaramanga, Colombia, 1996

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Expert at the Geneva Parliament Visiting Committee since 2001; 2007 Expert study on Overcrowding in the pre-trial prison of Champ Dollon, 2007.

List of most recent publication in the filed relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

Prevention of Torture: the Role of the Association for the Prevention of Torture in the Adoption and Implementation of the OPCAT in (eds B. Ramcharan, R. Brett, A-M Clark and P. Parker) The protection Rols of Human Rights NGOs – Essay in honour of Adien-Claude Zoller, Brill-Nijhoff, 2023

Preventing torture: What works? in Interrogation and Torture: integrating Efficacy with Law and Morality, in (eds S.J. Barela, M. Fallon, G. Gaggioli and J. D. Ohlin), Oxford University Press, 2020