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Biographies

Mr. Roman Wieruszewski is Professor of Legal Sciences. Employee of the Institute of Legal Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences since 1975. Current positions: director of the Poznan Human Rights Centre, vice-chairman of Scientific Council of the Institute of Legal Studies, professor of Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, member of the Polish Refugee Board, research fellow at the Polish Institute of International Affairs, OSCE Human Rights Expert, member of the Legal Advisory Board of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, lecturer at the Diplomatic Academy in Warsaw, member of the Editorial Board of the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, member of the Editorial Board of the Polish quarterly "Legal Studies". Visiting professor and lecturer at Marbourg, Mainz and Bochum universities in Germany and numerous Polish universities (Warsaw, Krakow, Poznan, Torun).

From 1992 to 1995 Head of the Former Yugoslavia unit in the UN Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, from 1996 to 1998 Chief of Mission of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Field Operation in the Former Yugoslavia in Sarajevo, from 1998 to 2000 and from 2003 to 2006 Member of the UN Human Rights Committee (Vice-chairman from 2002 to 2004).

Ms Jasminka Džumhur is the current Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina graduated on the Faculty of Law University of Sarajevo, and past qualifying examination for judges. During her professional carrier she has attended many trainings and seminars, with particular focus on human rights, women rights and gender rights. She did as a lawyer in many enterprises and also was the judge and the president of the Minor Offence Court in Zenica. Her previous and current work is related to elimination of gender-based violence; trafficking in human beings and human rights protection. In this area of work she did as consultant to many international and local organizations, such as the Danish Refugee Council, the International Crises Group, OSCE, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, UNIFEM, USAID and the Soros Foundation. She was one of the founders of Women Association "Medica", Zenica, and the Women Legal Aid Center and the member of the Coordination Board of the BiH Women's Economic Network, established in January of 2001 and the Executive Board of the Bosnian Women's Initiative (The first Women's Foundation in BiH)

Particular important focus of the work of Ms. Džumhur was drafting of BiH Gender Law; lecturing on international human rights standards, constitutional and domestic legal framework to the IPTF, the EUPM staff, local police, judges and prosecutors, and the incorporation of human rights principles and standards into BiH legislation covering protection of trafficking victims. She has participated in writing of a number of publications on women's rights which were published by Women Legal Aid Center Zenica. She fluently speaks English and Russian.

Mr. Jose Luis Gómez del Prado is a member of the UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries, servicing in his personal capacity as a human rights independent expert (2005-2011). He also chaired the Group for the period 2007-2008 and presented a number of reports to the UN Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. Besides, he is a member of the Advisory Group of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Private Security Regulation Net. He also served as a member of the U.N. Advisory Group of the Voluntary Fund in the First International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

As former senior UN human rights officer (1981-1997) in charge of advisory services and human rights field presences of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, he has been responsible and innovator of the UN Human Rights Advisory and Technical Cooperation Program, establishing field offices and elaborating cooperation programs in Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala,

Paraguay, Cambodia, Mongolia, Palestine, the Region of the Great Lakes of Central Africa, Romania and Georgia. He has been Senior Coordinator of the World Conference against Racism (Durban 2001) assisting the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson. He received the Venezuelan Order of J. Francisco de Leon.

Mr. Douglass Cassel is Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights of the University of Notre Dame. He has also been named by the University as a Notre Dame Presidential Fellow. He has filed several *amicus curiae* briefs in the United States Supreme Court, involving the rights of prisoners at Guantanamo, and accountability for human rights violations under the Alien Tort Claims Act. He represents victims of human rights violations in Colombia, Guatemala, Peru and Venezuela, in cases before the Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He is also an award-winning commentator. His regular commentaries on human rights are broadcast on Chicago Public Radio, published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, and accessible on the website of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Professor Cassel has served as Legal Advisor to the United Nations Commission on the Truth for El Salvador; Executive Council member of the American Society of International Law; co-chair of the International Committee of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Chair of the Independent International Panel on Alleged Collusion in Sectarian Killings in Northern Ireland; and consultant to the Department of State, Department of Justice, Ford Foundation, the President of the American Bar Association, and non-governmental human rights organizations. In 2000 and again in 2003, he was nominated by the US Government, and elected by the Organization of American States, to serve on the Board of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, of which he was elected President. Since 2000 he has been President of the Due Process of Law Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., which promotes judicial reform throughout the hemisphere.

Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah was a career diplomat with the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary of exceptional class. As Head of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, she worked for all African issues and participated in both regional and continental meetings, particularly in the birth of West African organizations of integration such as the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) or environmental protection programmes such as the Inter-State Committee to Fight Drought in the Sahel (CILSS).

She was 3rd Vice-President of the African Women Committee for Peace and Development (1998-2002) set up jointly by the Secretary General of the Organization of the African Unity (OAU) and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). This independent advisory body has as mandate to encourage African women in the promotion and resolution of conflicts and the improvement of conditions for achieving a sustainable development in Africa. Between February 2004 to January 2008 she was elected (first term) to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) as independent expert; elected Vice Chair-person (2006-2008) and Chair-person (2008-2010). She is now in her second term as member of the Committee.

Ms. Zonke Zanele Majodina is current member of the UN Human Rights Committee and former Deputy Chair-person and Commissioner at the South African Human Rights Commission. She was responsible for the right to equality as well as the rights of non-nationals, focusing on refugees, asylum-seekers and migration policy. She has professional membership to the International Society for Health and Human Rights, African Institute of South Africa, African Township Health Advocacy Group, South African Refugee Relief Fund, Black Management Forum South Africa and Institutional and Social Development Foundation.

She represented the SAHRC at the 2005 meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission, 2005 UN Social Forum meeting, 2005 Migration Roundtable, 2004 Conference of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions. She has also attended African Union Conference of National Human Rights Institutions as well as meetings, seminars and workshops organized by the Coordinating Committee of African National Human Rights Institutions.

Mr Anwarul Karim Chowdhury served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in New York from 2002 to 2007. Prior to that appointment he completed his assignment (1996-2001) as Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. He also served as Bangladesh's Ambassador to Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, as well as Bangladesh's High Commissioner to the Bahamas and Guyana. During his tenure as Permanent Representative, Mr. Chowdhury served as President of the Security Council, President of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Board, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council of the UN in 1997 and 1998 and Chairman of the UN General Assembly's Administrative and Budgetary Committee in 1997-98.

He is the recipient of the U Thant Peace Award, UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace and Spirit of the UN Award. He is an Honorary Patron of the Committee on Teaching About the UN (CTAUN), New York. In March 2003, the Soka University of Tokyo, Japan conferred to Ambassador Chowdhury an Honorary Doctorate for his work on women's issues, child rights and culture of peace as well as for the strengthening of the United Nations. He is the Chair of the NGO Committee on International Day of Peace at the UN, New York.

Mr. Kinhide Mushakoji is the current Director of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Partnership at the Osaka University of Economics and Law; Vice-President of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), President of the Asia-Pacific Human Rights Information Centre (Hu-Rights Osaka), President of the Osaka International Peace Centre (Peace Osaka) and member of the Board of the Asian Cultural Forum on Development (ACFOD).

In his academic carrier he has worked as lecturer at the Political Science Department of the Gakushuin University, Professor at the Department of Foreign Languages of the Sophia University, Senior Specialist of the East West Center (Hawaii), Director of the Institute of International Relations, Vice-Rector for Programmes of the United Nations University, Professor of the Department of International Studies at the Meiji-Gakuin University, Professor of the Department of Global and Inter-cultural Studies at the Ferris University (Yokohama) and Professor of the Department of International Relations at the Chubu University and Chubu Institute of Advanced Studies.

Mrs. Belela Herrera Sanguinetti is a teacher and Uruguayan politician. Former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Uruguay (2005-008). She studied sociology at the University of Chile. She became protection officer of the UNHCR in 1973 and worked in countries such as Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Peru, Brazil, Chile and also in countries from Central America and the Caribbean. She served as Deputy Director of the Human Rights Division of the UN mission in El Salvador, as a human rights observer at the joint UN-OAS mission in Haiti and observer in the electoral process of South Africa.

When the democracy returned to Uruguay, she took the Chair of the International Relations Committee of the "Frente Amplio" political party. On February 2005 she served as Director of Cooperation and International Relations at the Municipality of Montevideo. On March 1, 2005 the President of Uruguay, Mr. Tabare Vazquez, appointed her Vice Chancellor for International

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Mr. Alejandro Teitelbaum is a lawyer, graduated by the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires and diplomated in international economic relations by the Institute of Economic and Social Development at the University of Paris I (France). He was representative of the International Federation of Human Rights and the American Association of Jurists before the office of the United Nations in Geneva from 1985 to 2006.

He is author of numerous papers and publications on human rights in general, but in particular the economic, social and cultural rights and documents about the invasion of Panama, the Gulf War, the Balkan wars, Iraq and Yugoslavia. His latest book is entitled "The armor of capitalism. The power of transnational corporations in the contemporary world". (Icaria Editorial, Spain, in January 2010).

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Ms Monika Hernando holds a Degree in Law from Deusto University and an expert degree of in Development and International Cooperation from the State University of Basque Country. She has worked as legal adviser and Vice-President for the Basque Commission of Assistance for Refugees (CEAR-Euskadi). Ms Hernando has worked as consultant on children rights in UNICEF-Mexico, and as Coordinator of the International Cooperation Division of Mundubat Foundation. She is

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