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**Third election of members of the Board of Directors  
of the Trust Fund for Victims**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims, was established by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6 of 9 September 2002. The terms of reference of the Board of Directors are set out in the annex to the resolution.
2. The procedure for the nomination and election of the five members of the Board of Directors was set out by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of 9 September 2002. In accordance with paragraph 6 of that resolution, each nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of the same resolution, i.e., to be of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and to have competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.
3. In accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, each regional group shall have one seat.
4. In accordance with paragraph 10 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, every effort shall be made to elect the members of the Board by consensus. In the absence of consensus, the election shall be by secret ballot. This requirement may be dispensed with if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled, or in respect of candidates endorsed by the respective regional groups, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.
5. Paragraph 11 provides that in the event of a tie for a remaining seat, there shall be a restricted ballot limited to those candidates who have obtained an equal number of votes.
6. Paragraph 12 provides that the persons elected shall be the candidate from each group who obtains the highest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting, provided that an absolute majority of the States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting.
7. At its first meeting, held on 14 January 2009, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties decided to open the nomination period for the third election of members of the Board of Directors, which would run from 20 May to 11 August 2009. At the end of this period, the minimum requirements for the nomination of members of the Board of Directors had not been met. In accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the nomination period was extended three times to 22 September 2009.

8. As at 23 September 2009, the following nominations had been received:

African States

- Ms. Betty Kaari Murungi (Kenya)

Asian States

- Mr. Bulgaa Altangerel (Mongolia)

Eastern European States

- Ms. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga (Latvia)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

- Mr. Eduardo Pizarro Leongómez (Colombia)

Western European and other States

- Ms. Elisabeth Rehn (Finland)

9. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, information relating to the candidates, with accompanying documents, is contained in the annex to the present note.

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\* Also the nominating State(s) unless otherwise indicated.

## 1. Altangerel, Bulгаа (Mongolia)

[Original: English]

### Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Mongolia has decided to submit the candidacy of H.E. Mr. Bulгаа Altangerel, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Court's Trust Fund for Victims.

The Government of Mongolia nominates its candidate, Mr. Bulгаа Altangerel, as the candidate who fulfils all the necessary requirements of the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6, of 9 September 2002, on the Establishment of a fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims. He is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and we fully believe that he has relevant competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

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### Statement of qualifications

#### Personal

Date of birth: 25 October 1955

Place of birth: Khovod Province, Mongolia

Nationality: Mongolian

#### Qualifications

1963 - 1973 Secondary School, Khovod Province, Mongolia.

1974 - 1979 Master degree in International Law, Moscow's Institute of International Relations, Russia.

1988 - 1990 Master degree in Political Sciences, Moscow's Institute of Political Sciences, Russia.

1992 Special Training for International Affairs, Columbia University, United States of America.

2003 PhD in International Law, Kiev Taras Shivchenko National University, Ukraine.

#### Academic background

Professor of Law, Mongolian National University.

Professor of Academy, Academy of Security, Defence and Rule of Law, Russian Federation.

### **Foreign languages**

English, Russian and Spanish.

### **Work experience**

- 1979 - 1981 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia.
- 1981 - 1985 Embassy of Mongolia to Afghanistan.
- 1985 - 1988 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia.
- 1990 - 1991 Adviser for Foreign Policy, Parliament of Mongolia.
- 1991 - 1992 Director of Foreign Relations Division, Secretariat of the Parliament of Mongolia.
- 1992 - 1997 Director of Foreign Relations Department, Secretariat of the Parliament of Mongolia.
- 1997 - 2003 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of Turkey.  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Bulgaria, Lebanon, Romania, and Uzbekistan.
- 2003 - 2008 Director of Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia.
- 2008 - present Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the United Kingdom.  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Ireland, Iceland and South Africa.

### **Other assignments**

- 1985 - 1988 Member Inter-Governmental Commission on the inspection of State boundaries between Mongolia and the USSR.
- 1990 - 1997 Responsible Secretary, Mongolian Inter-Parliamentary Group.
- 1993 - 1997 Chair, International Law Department, National University of Mongolia.
- 1993 - 1997 Founder and President, Mongolian-Israel Friendship Society, from 1997 Hon. President, Mongolian-Israel Friendship Society.
- 1993 - present Board Member, Mongolian Association for the United Nations.
- 2002 - present Board Member, Mongolian National Antiterrorist Association.  
Board Member, Mongolian Academy of Antiterrorism.
- 2003 - present Board Member, Amnesty International of Mongolia.
- 2005 - present Member, Governing Council, the "Blue Banner's" (Tsenher Suld) for promoting institutionalization of Mongolia's nuclear weapons free status at the international level.  
Board Member, National Committee for Humanitarian Law.

**Other experience and related work**

- Sessions of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (New York, Geneva, 1980, 1981).
- Member of the Mongolian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly 41st, 42nd sessions (New York, 1986, 1987).
- Sessions of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) (1982-1984, 1988, 1990-1993, 1995-1996).
- Special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the IPU devoted to the 50th anniversary of the United Nations (New York, 1995).
- Member of the official delegation of the President of Mongolia and Chairmen of the Parliament of Mongolia to Austria, Bulgaria, Egypt, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Kazakhstan, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America and Ukraine (1990-2006).
- Session of Inter-Parliamentary Union Conferences, the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum Conferences (1995, 1996).
- International Symposium: International Cooperation in the fields of Legal Studies and an Agenda for Conference Law Studies (Japan, Tokyo, 2004).
- Korea-Mongolia International Conference: Trends and issues on legislation of South/North Korea and Mongolia (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2004).
- The 12th Asian Export Seminar (Japan, Tokyo, 2004).
- Asian Pacific Conference on Refugees, Displaced Persons and Migrants (China, 2005).
- Working Group on Legal Issues pertaining to Counter Terrorism (Uzbekistan, 2005).
- 6th, 7th and 8th Sessions of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (New York, 2005-2007).
- Representative to the fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (The Hague, 2006).
- Member of the Intergovernmental Group to study Practical Means of Promoting Full Respect of International Humanitarian Law and Compliance with Law (2006).
- International Humanitarian Law Conference (Malaysia, China, 2006).
- Head of the Mongolian delegation to the Negotiations between delegates of the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the Russian Federation on the draft transit traffic agreement (from 2004-2008).
- Representative to the Conference on International Criminal Justice (Turin, Italy, 2007).
- Representative to the resumed fifth session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (New York, 2007).
- 2007 Korea-Mongolia Conference (Transformation of the Mongolian Legal System).
- Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Annual Meeting (Evaluation report on Mongolia) (Perth, Australia, July 2007).
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court (The Hague, 2007-2009).

### **Seminar and conference participation as speaker, presenter, rapporteur and/or participant**

- Presenter at the International scientific conference “Turkey and Ukraine: past, present and future” on the topic “Bilateral and Multilateral Agreements between Ukraine and Turkey as the main instrument of their international cooperation: Problems of interpretation” (Ukraine, Kiev, 2002).
- Bali-Budapest Returns Conference: People smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (Australia, Perth, 2004).
- Berne Initiative Conference: Managing International Migration Cooperation (Switzerland, China and Hungary, 2004).
- Focal Point of the Conference: Mongolia and United Nations Anticorruption Convention (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2005).
- Focal Point of the Conference on Legislative Implementation of Universal Instruments against Terrorism and Other Crimes (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2005).
- Focal Point on the Conference on Humanitarian Law (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2006).
- Chairperson and/or active participant in the negotiation process of draft agreements of Mongolia with foreign countries in the following fields:
  - (a) Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance;
  - (b) Investment promotion and protection;
  - (c) Civil aviations, telecommunications, outer space, science and technology;
  - (d) Economic cooperation, trade and double taxation avoidance;
  - (e) Consular and intellectual property rights.

### **Awards**

- Honoured Labour Medal (1991).
- Highest Award of the Government of Mongolia (1997).
- Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia (1999).
- “Modarskii Konnik” 1st rank order, Bulgaria (2001).
- “Highest honour” award of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia (2001).
- Award of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2001).
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia (2002).

### **Principal and other publications**

- Altangerel, B., “*International Treaty Series of Mongolia*”, Special Edition of the State Official Bulletin, Volumes 1-8, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2004-2008.
- Altangerel, B., “*Elements of International Law*”, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar: National Legal Centre, 2006.
- Altangerel, B., “*International Public Law: Summary of Exercises*”, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2004.
- Altangerel, B., “*International Private Law: Summary of Exercises*”, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 2004.
- Altangerel, B., “*Foreign Policy of Mongolia: Legal instruments*”, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2004.

- Altangerel, B., “*Application of International Treaties in conformity with the National Legislation*”, in “*Superiority of Law*”, no. 4, 2006.
- Altangerel, B., “Philosophic and Legal Doctrines of the Interpretation of International Treaties”, in *Current Issue of International Relations*, no. 31, 2002, pages 148-153, Kiev, in Ukrainian.
- Altangerel, B., “Legalization of Rules for Interpreting International Treaties”, in *Current Issue of International Relations*, no. 32, 2002, pages 197-202, Kiev, in Ukrainian.
- Altangerel, B., “The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and Interpretation of treaties”, in *Law*, no. 8-9, Ulaanbaatar, 2002, in English.
- Altangerel, B., “Racism and Apartheid – Crimes against Humanity”, in *News of Mongolia*, no. 24, Ulaanbaatar, 1986, in Russian.
- Altangerel, B., Principle of non-use of Force, in “*Statehood of People*”, no. 2, Ulaanbaatar, 1984.
- Altangerel, B., “Prestigious duties of the United Nations”, in *Art, Literature*, Ulaanbaatar, 1980.

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## 2. Murungi, Betty Kaari (Kenya)

[Original: English]

### Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform that the Government of Kenya has nominated Betty Kaari Murungi for the post of Trustee of the International Criminal Court Trust Fund.

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### Statement of qualifications

Betty Kaari Murungi has over 23 years' broad experience in the practice of law at the national, regional and international levels; ten years' experience in the management and governance of non-governmental and non-profit organizations. She has extensive background in international human rights in the context of violent conflict, and experience in international criminal justice and accountability mechanisms coupled with experience in international law and transitional justice issues, women's human rights, constitutionalism, governance and social justice philanthropy.

### Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, United States of America.

Visiting Fellow, Human Rights Program (2005-2006).

Kenya School of Law, Nairobi, Kenya.

Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Education (1985).

University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (1984).

### Competence profile

Legal professional with over 23 years' broad experience in the practice of law at the national, regional and international levels; 10 years' experience in the management and governance of non-governmental and non-profit organizations. Extensive background in international human rights in the context of violent conflict, and experience in international criminal justice and accountability mechanisms; extensive experience in international law and transitional justice issues, women's human rights, constitutionalism, governance and social justice philanthropy; excellent understanding of the United Nations and African Union mechanisms and systems for human rights protection. Demonstrated intellectual leadership and ability to integrate knowledge with broader strategic, policy and operational objectives; successful and trained organizational fundraiser; confident, creative, independent and flexible individual able to take initiative and responsibility; demonstrated ability to lead and coordinate the work of teams and individuals ensuring quality and timeliness of outputs; thorough knowledge and understanding of international relations and politics. Superior skills in writing, analysis and communication. Highly developed negotiating skills; a person of integrity with over 15 years' progressive experience working and learning in multicultural and multidisciplinary environments.

### **Relevant professional development**

- TRANSCEND Advanced International Training Programme on peacebuilding, conflict transformation and post-war reconstruction, reconciliation and resolution - a five-day international training programme for practitioners, policymakers, international and national agency staff and non-governmental organizations working in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and post-war recovery. TRANSCEND and the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania, 22-26 November 2004, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (Certificate).
- Allavida's East Africa Foundations Learning Group: Advancing the learning of local philanthropy and community asset building, Nairobi, Kenya, 7 March 2004.
- Women's Funding Network (WFN) - Training on fundraising and philanthropy for social change: the Women of Colour Development Incubator inaugural class, September 2002, May 2003, San Francisco, California, United States of America (Certificate).
- Board Source / Kituo Cha Katiba - Critical Components in Non-Profit Governance, Self-Assessment for Governing Boards (Training of Trainers), Naivasha, Kenya, 4-8 February 2002 and 18-19 July 2002 (Certificate).

### **Relevant experience**

- July 2001 - present                      Founding director, Urgent Action Fund - Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Urgent Action Fund's mission is to advance the human rights of women and girls globally with a primary focus in areas of armed conflict or escalating violence. The Fund accomplishes its objectives through a programme of Urgent Action grant-making and special initiatives that promote women's involvement in transitional justice mechanisms through providing technical expertise.
- March 1999 - present                      Legal Adviser, Coalition for Women's Human Rights in Conflict Situations – Women's Rights Program, Rights and Democracy, Montreal, Canada.
- The Coalition on Women's Human Rights in Conflict Situations is comprised of lawyers, legal scholars, women's rights activists and non-governmental organizations concerned with international justice; its mandate is to ensure that crimes against women are adequately investigated and prosecuted in the United Nations ad hoc tribunals, national hybrid tribunals and at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Coalition seeks solutions to the invisibility of women's human rights abuses in conflict situations, to condemn the practice of sexual violence and other inhumane treatment of women as deliberate instruments of war, and to ensure that these are prosecuted as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of genocide, where appropriate. Working at the local and international levels, Coalition members act as a resource for consultation and debate on substantive issues related to the integration of a gender perspective in post-conflict transitional justice systems. Coalition efforts also seek to strengthen international and regional capacity to monitor women's human rights in conflict and post-war situations through the creation of appropriate mechanisms of accountability and the assessment of their transferability to other contexts.

- October 1995 - February 2001 Founding Partner, Murungi & Co. Advocates, Nairobi.
- February 1993 - September 1995 Partner, Guatama & Kibuchi Advocates.
- January 1990 - June 1992 Credit Manager, Diners Finance.
- September 1985 - December 1989 Associate, Mereka & Co. Advocates, Nairobi, Kenya.

### **Career highlights**

- Presently and since 2002 Serving as an acknowledged expert consultant on matters of transitional justice and human rights for national, regional and international governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as multilateral bodies. Key among these: United Nations agencies - United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for the Great Lakes Region, Department of Public Information (DPI), the General Assembly (GA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Republic of Rwanda – Supreme Court, the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC), the Nobel Women’s Initiative, the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Rights and Democracy, the Kenya National Commission for Human Rights, the Kenya Women Judges Association, International Commission of Jurists Kenya, and the Amani Parliamentary Forum.
- 2001 Founding a Pan-African grant-making organization to support women responding to conflict and providing the necessary technical assistance to women in post-conflict situations in particular to Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Northern Uganda on engaging with international and local transitional justice mechanisms.
- 2003/2004 Providing training and other technical support to Commissioners and staff of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) on international gender crimes and mechanisms for victim and witness support and protection ahead of the TRC hearings.
- November - December 2004 Working with the Sierra Leone TRC as a United Nations consultant to develop the conclusions and recommendations drawn from the testimonies and submissions on record with the Commission and validating the TRC recommendations on women and reparations in its final report.
- 1998 - 2009 Monitoring the trials at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) on the investigations and prosecution of gender crimes.
- 2006 Working as a United Nations consultant at the Rwanda Supreme Court to provide training for judges, magistrates and police prosecutors on international criminal law as it relates to sexual and gender based crimes and the practice of international justice mechanisms in the prosecution of these crimes.

- 1995 - 2002 Delegate of the Coalition for an International Criminal Court for an effective and independent international criminal court at all the United Nations Preparatory Commission meetings. Served as the chairperson of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in New York and at The Hague.
- July 1998 CICC delegate to the Rome Conference for an International Criminal Court.

**Select conferences, seminars and training:** human rights, peace, international law and transitional justice

- Participant at the third, fourth and fifth sessions of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, The Hague, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Resource person: Amani Forum Workshop for Parliamentarians from the Great Lakes Region - The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, "Women peace and security - a look at the issues", Nairobi, Kenya, 14-16 July 2004.
- Facilitator: Technical meeting on the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region: Women, Peace, and Security, Nairobi, Kenya, 7-8 June 2004.
- Rapporteur: Third Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy, Durban, South Africa, 1-4 February 2004.
- Facilitator: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and Urgent Action Fund consultative meeting with women's organizations in Sierra Leone to validate findings of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Freetown, Sierra Leone, 18-19 November 2003.
- Speaker: Kenya Human Rights Commission and the Task Force on the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission Kenya, International Conference on the Truth Commission, Nairobi, Kenya, August 2003.
- Facilitator and host: Urgent Action Fund - Consultative Meeting on Engendering the Application of Regional and International Instruments and Mechanisms of Peace and Conflict Resolution in Africa, Naivasha, Kenya, 2-4 June 2003.
- Resource person: Civil Society and the Democratization of Global Governance: Human Rights and Global Governance in the 21st Century: Civil society and the Indivisibility of Human Rights, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 13-16 October 2002.
- Participant: Urgent Action Fund - Expert Consultation on Gender Focused Rapid Response Teams, London, United Kingdom, November 2002.
- Participant in the meetings of the United Nations Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (ICC), New York, United States of America, February 1997 to March 2002.
- Facilitator: Urgent Action Fund - Regional Consultation on United Nations Resolution 1325, Kampala, Uganda, 25-26 March 2002.
- Participant: The African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) - Regional Strategy Meeting on African Women's Political Participation and Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union (AU) and its specialized mechanisms from the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to the African Union (AU): Strategies for African Women, Nairobi, Kenya, October 2003.
- Legal Adviser: The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal for the Trial of Japan's Military Sexual Slavery (The Tokyo Tribunal 2000), Tokyo, Japan, December 2000.

- Participant: Meeting of experts convened by Rights and Democracy, Montréal, Canada together with the Special Representative for the Secretary-General on Violence against Women (SRVAW) on developing her mandate, March 1999 and March 2000.
- Speaker: Closing ceremony of “The Hague Appeal for Peace”, with distinguished panelists among them Kofi Annan, then Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Queen Noor of Jordan, The Hague, Netherlands, May 1999.
- Participant: United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the establishment of an International Criminal Court, Rome, Italy, July 1998.
- Participant: Parliamentarians for Global Action Conference on Ensuring State Co-operation with the ICTR, Cape Town, South Africa, February 1995.

### **Governance**

- Key facilitator: Corporate Governance Training for the Sports Stadium Management Board (SSMB) Directors, Naivasha, Kenya, 11-14 March 2004.
- Evaluation of FIDA Kenya Programs, 2001-2003.
- Board Source / Kituo Cha Katiba - Board Development Workshop for Practitioners, Naivasha, Kenya, 1-3 March 2003.
- Co-facilitator: FIDA Kenya - Board Induction Training, Responsibilities of Non-Profit Boards, Mombasa, 7-11 March 2003.
- Co-facilitator: Corporate Governance Training for the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) Board of Directors, Mombasa, Kenya, 24-28 September 2003.
- Ford Foundation’s international workshop: Protecting the rights and addressing the responsibilities of non-governmental organizations, Bandung, Indonesia, 6-8 January 2003.

### **Women’s rights**

- Resource person: Several FIDA Kenya advocacy workshops for Members of Parliament on the Equality and Family Protection Bills, 2002-2004.
- Resource person: International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) on the Protocol on the Rights of Women to the African Charter.

### **International justice**

- Facilitator: Isis Women’s International Cross-Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE) Training programme on documenting violations against women during violent conflict, Nairobi, Kenya, November 2003.
- Resource person: The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) on the International Criminal Court.
- Facilitator: Africa Legal Aid - Promoting Accessibility to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and increasing understanding on universal jurisdiction for international crimes, Accra, Ghana, 2-6 September 2002.
- Facilitator: UNIFEM and Urgent Action Fund - Africa “Partnering for Gender Justice”, Seminar for Commissioners and Staff of the TRC, Freetown, Sierra Leone, 9-12 April 2003.

### **Honours and awards**

December 2003 Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS) - Kenya national honour for distinguished service in the field of human rights.

### **Book chapters**

- "The Legitimacy of Human Rights NGOs in Kenya" in *Human Rights NGOs in East Africa: Political and Normative Tension*, ed. Makau Mutua, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.
- "Women and Citizenship Rights", in *Perspectives on Gender Discourse*, Heinrich Böll Foundation, July 2003.
- "Understanding Truth Commissions and Women's Participation in Transitional Justice Processes", in *Perspectives on Gender Discourse*, ed. Jacinta Muteshi, Heinrich Böll Foundation, April 2004.

### **Select journal articles**

- "Implementing the International Criminal Court Statute in Africa", *The East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights*, Vol. 7: 1, p. 118.
- "A Gender Perspective on Universal Jurisdiction" in "African Perspectives on Universal Jurisdiction for International Crimes", *Africa Legal Aid Quarterly*, October 2001.
- "*Trading Justice for Truth*", Truth Commissions in Africa, Centre for Governance and Democracy, 2003.
- "*Understanding Truth Commissions and women's participation in Transitional Justice Processes*", FIDA Kenya Annual Report 2003.
- "*Ending Impunity for Gender Crimes - Regional Tribunals and the International Criminal Court*", FIDA Kenya Annual Report 2002.
- "*Amnesty, International Law Norms and Instruments: Making a case for Universal Jurisdiction in an age of Truth Commissions and Amnesties*", Transparency International Kenya Report 2003.
- "Implementing the International Criminal Court Statute in Africa", *International Legal Practitioner*, Vol. 26, No. 3.

### **Unpublished research, papers and lectures**

- "*Transitional Politics and Justice: Rwanda's Response*", research project, Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program 2005/2006.
- "*Rising Up in Response: African Women Taking Action*", Talking for Peace - A Karl Kahane lecture series, the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue and the Karl Kahane Foundation, 15 October 2008.
- "*A Normative Framework for Africa's Responses: Lessons and Challenges - a perspective on the ICTR and Sierra Leone Special Court*", Republic of Rwanda Supreme Court Workshop on Investigation, Prosecution and Adjudication of Sexual and Gender Based Crimes, 27-28 November 2007.
- "*The Role of Civil Society on Issues of Justice and in Bringing Governments and Institutions to Account*", International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) conference, 29 August 2007.
- "*African mechanisms, institutions, instruments and approaches to addressing sexual violence against women and girls: what opportunities?*", ACORD Conference on restoring peace and challenging impunity on sexual-based violence in times of conflict, Nairobi, Kenya, 28 March 2007.

- *“Transitional Justice/Truth and Reconciliation Initiatives: Have they addressed violence against women and girls and its intersection with HIV/AIDS in conflict and emergency situations?”*, Action Aid Conference on African Regional Strategic Consultation on Violence against Women and its Intersection with HIV/AIDS in Conflict/Emergency Situations in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 29 November - 1 December 2006.
- *“The International Criminal Court: Negotiating the gender provisions in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court”*, International Council on Human Rights Policy and International Commission of Jurists Workshop on International Standard Setting Processes, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-14 February 2005.
- *“Women Peace and Security - a look at the issues”*, The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region: Amani Forum Consultation, Nairobi, Kenya, 14-16 July 2004.
- *“Establishing Accountability through Criminal Tribunals: The Rwandan Experience, the case of the ICTR and the Gacaca Tribunals”*, UN Conference on Civil Society and the Democratization of Global Governance, Montréal, Canada, 13-16 October 2002.

### **Professional affiliations**

- International Bar Association (IBA).
- East Africa Law Society (EALS).
- Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya (FIDA Kenya).

### **Current service on non-governmental organization boards**

- The Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) - Vice-Chairperson.
- Akiba Uhaki (human rights and social justice fund) - Chairperson.

### **Past service on non-governmental organization boards**

- Chairperson - Women’s Initiatives for Gender Justice (WIGJ), The Hague, Netherlands.
- Chairperson - Women’s Caucus for Gender Justice at the International Criminal Court, New York.
- Board Member - Kituo Cha Katiba, the East African Centre for Constitutional Development, Kampala, Uganda.
- Board Member - FIDA Kenya.
- Board Member - Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights.

### **Languages**

Kimeru: fluent, mother tongue.

Kiswahili: fluent, spoken and written.

Kenyan languages, basic understanding: Dholuo, Gikuyu, Kiambu, Kikamba.

English: fluent, spoken and written - school language of instruction.

French: basic (2 years high school).

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### 3. Pizarro Leongómez, Eduardo (Colombia)

[Original: English/Spanish]

#### Note verbale

The Embassy of Colombia in the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform the latter that Colombia has decided to nominate Dr. Eduardo Pizarro Leongómez as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.

Dr. Pizarro has been nominated in accordance with the procedure laid down in resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of the Assembly of States Parties on the basis that he amply fulfils the requirement to be a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and to have competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

Dr. Pizarro has wide, acknowledged experience, nationally and internationally, as an academic and expert on issues pertaining, inter alia, to violence, peace and the victims of heinous crimes. Since 2005 he has served as President of the Colombian National Reparation and Reconciliation Commission, in which function he has shown outstanding leadership, dynamism and commitment to the cause of victims in Colombia.

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#### Statement of qualifications

##### Education

- 1984 - 1985 Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA), Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France.
- 1983 - 1984 M.A. in International Relations, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1976 - 1977 Graduate Studies in Political Science, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1971 - 1975 B.A. in Sociology, Université de Paris – VIII, Paris, France.

##### Professional experience

- 2005 - 2009 President of the National Committee for Reparation and Reconciliation.
- 1986 - 2007 Professor, Institute of Political Studies and International Relations, National University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2001 - 2007 Columnist of the daily newspaper *El Tiempo*, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1992 - 2007 Member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation “National Forum for Colombia”, Bogotá, Colombia.



- 1992 - 2007 Member of the Editorial Committee of the Journal *Revista Foro*.
- 2002 - 2003 Visiting Fellow of the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Professor of the Department of Sociology and the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 2002 Visiting Professor at Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Ecuador, Quito.
- 2002 Visiting Professor at the University of Salamanca (Spain) and at the International University of Andalusia, La Rábida, Spain.
- 2001 - 2002 Visiting Research Fellowship of the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 2000 - 2001 Visiting Fellow of the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.
- 2000 Edward Larocque Tinker Professor Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University, New York.
- 1998 - 2001 Columnist of the daily newspaper *El Espectador*, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1998 - 1999 Director, Institute of Political Studies and International Relations, National University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1998 - 1999 Director of the Academic Journal *Análisis Político (Political Analysis)*, Institute of Political Studies and International Relations, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1997 Visiting Professor, Universidad Central de Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1996 Visiting Fellow, Tübingen University, Germany.
- 1995 Member of the National Commission for the Reform of Political Parties.
- 1993 Professor, Institute for Advanced Studies on Latin America, IHEAL, University of Paris VIII.
- 1989 Member of the Commission for the Overcoming of Violence in Colombia.
- 1988 Visiting Professor, Diplomatic Academy, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 1987 Member of the National Commission for the Study of Violence.

#### **Honours, fellowships and awards**

- Scholarship: French Government, 1984-1986.
- Edward Larocque Tinker Visiting Professor, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University, spring 2000.
- Visiting fellowship, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2000-2001.
- Visiting research fellowship, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, 2001-2003.

## **Publications**

### Books

- “*Una democracia asediada. Balance y perspectivas del conflicto armado en Colombia*”, Bogotá: Editorial Norma, 2005.
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### Co-authored books

- “*Pacificar la paz. Lo que no se ha negociado en los acuerdos de paz*”, Report presented to the Consejería Presidencial para la paz, Bogotá, IEPRI-CINEP-CECOIN-Comisión Andina de Juristas, 1993.
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- “*La Comisión de Reforma de los Partidos*”, Memoria de Trabajo, Bogotá, Ministerio del Interior, 1996.

### Editor

- Pilar Gaitán, Ricardo Peñaranda and Eduardo Pizarro (eds.), “*Democracy and Economic Restructuring in Latin America*”, Bogotá, CEREC-IEPRI, 1996.
- Rafael Sevilla, Christin von Haldenwang, Eduardo Pizarro (eds.), “*Kolumbien. Land der Einsamkeit?*” (Colombia. Land of Solitude?), Berlin: Horlemann, 1999.
- Clara Rocío Rodríguez and Eduardo Pizarro (eds.), “*Los retos de la democracia: viejas y nuevas formas de la política en Colombia y en América Latina*”, Bogotá, IEPRI-Fundación Foro Nacional por Colombia-Fundación Heinrich Böll, 2005.
- Eduardo Pizarro (ed.), “*Reelección presidencial y garantías para la oposición*”, Bogotá, Konrad Adenauer-IEPRI, 2005.
- Scott Mainwaring, Ana Maria Bejarano, Eduardo Pizarro (eds.), “*The Crisis of Democratic Representation in the Andes*”, Stanford University Press, 2006.

### Some book chapters

- “From ‘Restricted’ to ‘Besieged’: The Changing Nature of the Limits to Democracy in Colombia”, in Scott Mainwaring and Frances Hagopian (eds.), *Advances and Setbacks in the Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America*, Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- “Political Reform in Colombia after 1991: What Still has to be Reformed?”, in Christopher Welna and Gustavo Gallón (eds.), *Democracy, Peace and Human Rights in Colombia*, Notre Dame University Press, 2006.
- “Colombia: Towards an Institutional Collapse?”, in Susana Rotker (ed.), *Citizens of Fear. An Interdisciplinary Approach to Urban Violence in Latin America*, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 2002.
- “Kolumbien im Auge des Hurrikan”, in Linda Helfrich and Oliver Diehl, *Kolumbien im Fokus. Einblicke in Politik, Kultur, Umwelt*, Frankfurt: Vervuert, 2001.

- “Colombia: ¿renovación o colapso del sistema de partidos?” in Juan Ibeas and Manuel Alcántara (eds.), *Colombia ante los restos del siglo XXI: desarrollo, democracia y paz*, Salamanca, Ediciones de la Universidad de Salamanca, 2001.
- “Skyer over Colombia”, in *Maktens Kanaler – Latin-Amerikaårboka 2000*, Oslo, 2000.
- “Auf dem Weg zu einem Mehrparteiensystem?”, in Rafael Sevilla, Christin von Haldenwang, Eduardo Pizarro (eds.), *Kolumbien, Land der Einsamkeit?*, Berlin: Horlemann, 1999.
- “Toward an Institutional Collapse?”, in *Crisis? What Crisis? Security Issues in Colombia*, Washington, Institute for National Strategic Studies, 1999.
- “Les forces armées dans un contexte d’insurrection chronique ou le statut des forces armées dans la société colombienne”, in Jean-Michel Blanquer and Christian Gros (eds.), *La Colombie à l’aube du troisième millénaire*, Paris: IHEAL, 1966.
- “Revolutionary Guerrilla Groups in Colombia”, in Charles Bergquist, Gonzalo Sánchez and Ricardo Peñaranda (eds.), *Violence in Colombia. The Contemporary Crisis in Historical Perspective*, Delaware: SR Books, 1992.

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#### 4. Rehn, Elisabeth (Finland)

[Original: English]

##### Note verbale

The Embassy of Finland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties and, with reference to the Secretariat's note no. ICC-ASP/8/S/18, dated 24 April 2009, as well as note no. ICC-ASP/8/S/31, dated 9 September 2009, has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of Finland has nominated Ms. Elisabeth Rehn, Minister, as a candidate for election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of Victims.

A statement specifying the qualifications of Minister Rehn, as well as her curriculum vitae are attached to this note. The statement is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7 of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of Victims.

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##### Statement of qualifications

*Statement submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties relating to the procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims, adopted on 9 September 2002, and with the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of the States Parties adopted on 7 April 2009*

##### (a) ICC-ASP/1/Res.7, paragraph 6

*Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity.*

Having served a long career as a Member of the Finnish Parliament from 1979 to 1990, Ms. Elisabeth Rehn was appointed the first female Minister of Defence in the world in 1990. In addition, in 1991, she received the portfolio of Minister of Equality Affairs. According to section 60 of the Finnish Constitution (Act No. 731/1999), members of the Government shall be Finnish citizens known to be honest and competent. The Ministers are responsible before the Parliament for their actions in office. Every Minister participating in the consideration of a matter in a government meeting is responsible for any decision made, unless he or she has expressed an objection that has been entered in the minutes.

Throughout her public office, Ms. Rehn has enjoyed firm trust and support from Finnish society. Her wide popularity translated into candidacy in the presidential elections in 1994, where she was voted into the final round against Mr. Martti Ahtisaari. She received more than 46 per cent of the votes and thus nearly became the first female president of Finland. In 1995-1996 Ms. Rehn served as a Member of the European Parliament. In 2005 she received the honorary title of Minister in recognition of her long service for and commitment to the Finnish people.

After her long and distinguished career in Finland, Ms. Elisabeth Rehn has dedicated her service to activities at the international level. For the period from 1995 to 1998 she was appointed the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Croatia, FRY, Bosnia and Herzegovina and FYROM. In 1998-1999 she served as United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of Secretary-General in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2001-2002 she worked as a UNIFEM Independent Expert on the impact of war on women. Based on the findings of this work she co-authored a report entitled 'Women, War, Peace' with H.E. Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Until present, Ms. Rehn has received several requests for expertise in issues relating to war crimes and their impact on women, peacebuilding and women's leadership. She has also accepted positions of trust in these fields of expertise.

The prominent career of Ms. Elisabeth Rehn reflects her high moral character, impartiality and integrity in concrete terms.

*Ms. Elisabeth Rehn has competence and experience in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.*

Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is a recognized international expert on issues relating to most serious crimes, having herself witnessed and reported on such crimes and their impact on victims in the western Balkans and Africa. She has been first-hand in the field and has deep understanding of the situation of the victims of violence. She has also gained valuable insight into the legal challenges facing the victims of most serious crimes through her experiences in giving testimony at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

In recent years, Ms. Rehn has been most active within the framework of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, addressing the role women have in the prevention and resolution of conflicts. Time and again she has stressed the importance of justice and of not accepting impunity. She has also advocated for the need to recognize the special circumstances of women as victims and survivors.

Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is familiar with issues relating to reparations and the challenges in directing such reparations to the most vulnerable. She has addressed this issue in her reports together with recommendations, as well as in her public lectures and speeches. Furthermore, Ms. Rehn is a strong advocate for the empowerment of women, and, among her other activities, she has been actively involved in co-organizing the International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and Security in Liberia together with H.E. Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, and H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland. Ms. Rehn's dedication to addressing the needs of the victims of serious crimes and to improving their position is a clear guiding light in her international career.

**(b) Seventh ICC-ASP Bureau Meeting (7 April 2009), Agenda and Decisions, paragraph 4, subsection (d)**

*Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is available to carry out her functions on a regular basis.*

Ms. Elisabeth Rehn has dedicated most of her public life to the cause of those most vulnerable. In numerous high-level functions she has consistently raised awareness of issues such as human rights abuses, the situation of war crimes victims and the empowerment of women, and brought them to the forefront of attention of the international community. A dynamic and widely recognized expert, she continues to be actively involved in these issues.

Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is a sought-after lecturer and keynote speaker in all regions of the world. She also regularly participates in various expert meetings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. As Ms. Rehn has retired from permanent functions, she will have the necessary flexibility to accommodate time and efforts for the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims on a regular basis. Ms. Rehn is truly motivated to devote her service for the cause that she finds extremely important.

*Ms. Elisabeth Rehn has experience in fund-raising.*

Ms. Elisabeth Rehn is an economist by education. She has held various positions of trust in non-governmental organizations, such as UNICEF, UNIFEM, the Finnish Red Cross and WWF. In this context fund-raising has played a relevant part. During her long career Ms. Rehn has developed an excellent network of high-level international contacts in governments, international organizations and civil society. She is widely acknowledged as a powerful speaker with excellent social skills.

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### **Personal**

Date of birth: 6 April 1935 in Helsinki

### **Education**

B.Sc. Economics, Helsinki, 1957.

### **Titles**

Minister 2005, Econ. Dr.h.c. 1994, Pol. Dr.h.c. 1998.

### **Languages**

Swedish, Finnish, English, German.

### **Public service**

- Member of the Finnish Parliament 1979-1995.
- Member of the European Parliament 1995-1996.
- Minister of Defence 1990-1995.
- Minister of Equality Affairs 1991-1995.
- Presidential candidate 1994, 2000.

### **International experience**

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Croatia, FRY, Bosnia and Herzegovina and FYROM, 27 September 1995 - 15 January 1998.
- Amicus curiae invited by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, case against Radovan Karadžić and Ratko Mladić, 1996.
- United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of Secretary-General in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 16 January 1998 - 15 July 1999.

- UNIFEM Independent Expert on the impact of war on women, and co-author of the report 'Women, War, Peace' with H.E. Ms. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, 2001-2002.
- Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Chair Working Table 1, Democratisation and Human Rights, 2003-2004.
- United Nations Development Programme, Independent Expert Review on the PAPP-Programme in the Occupied Territories, Palestine, 2004.
- Patron of the United World College project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2005-, and Chair of the Board in Education from Conflict to Internationalism, 2006-.
- Witness for the prosecution, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, 2008.
- Co-organizer, Women Leaders' Colloquium, Liberia, 2006-2009.
- Invited to visit Yemen for discussions with the political leadership on women's role in decision-making, April 2009.
- Frequent visits to the field and contact with victims of violence.
- Independent Expert for the United Nations and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland on Peace Building, Crisis Management, UNSCR 1325.
- Invited by the United Nations, governments and organizations as lecturer, keynote speaker in Addis Ababa, Mali, Moscow, Jakarta, Aceh, Nairobi, Bujumbura, Seoul and Pretoria.

#### **Memberships and non-governmental organization positions**

- UNICEF, Finnish Committee, 1982-1994, Chair 1988-1993.
- Finnish Red Cross, Vice-chair 1984-1988.
- WWF Finland, Board of Trustees, Chair 2000-2006.
- UNIFEM Finland, Vice-chair of the Board 2003-2005.
- Advisory Board of Femmes Africa Solidarité, member, 2005-.
- Member of the Global Leadership Foundation.
- Advisory Board member of the Regional Women's Lobby South Eastern Europe.

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## 5. Vīķe-Freiberga, Vaira (Latvia)

[Original: English]

### Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform about the decision of the Government of the Republic of Latvia to nominate the candidacy of Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, former president of the Republic of Latvia (1999-2007), for election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of Victims at the elections to be held during the eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague from 18 to 26 November 2009.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia believes that Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga's high qualification and extensive experience in global affairs makes her an excellent candidate who fulfils all necessary requirements of paragraph 1 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.7. She is a person of high moral character, impartiality and integrity, and she has relevant competence in the matters covered by the Trust Fund. The Government of the Republic of Latvia would like to stress that Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga's vast experience would constitute a valuable contribution in the work of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of Victims.

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### Statement of qualifications

Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga is a professor and interdisciplinary scholar having published eleven books and numerous articles, essays and book chapters, in addition to her extensive speaking engagements.

As President of the Republic of Latvia 1999-2007, she was instrumental in achieving membership in the European Union and NATO for her country. She is active in international politics, was named Special Envoy to the Secretary-General on United Nations reform and was an official candidate for United Nations Secretary-General in 2006.

She remains active in the international arena and continues to speak up in defence of liberty, equality and social justice, and for the need of Europe to acknowledge the whole of its history. In December 2007, she was named vice-chair of the reflection group on the long-term future of the European Union.

She is also known for her work in psycholinguistics, semiotics and analysis of the oral literature of her native country.

### Childhood and education (1937-1965)

Vaira Vīķe was born on 1 December 1937 in Riga, Latvia. To escape the Soviet occupation, her family fled the country on 1 January 1945 and became refugees. Vaira began her schooling in refugee camps in Germany and continued in French Morocco, first at the elementary school in Daourat and then at the Girls' College Mers-Sultan in Casablanca.



After arriving in Canada in 1954, she had to work for a year in a bank, and then entered the University of Toronto, obtaining a B.A. (1958) and an M.A. (1960) in Psychology. While studying, she worked as a part-time teacher in a private girls' school and Spanish translator, and afterwards as a full-time clinical psychologist at the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital (1960-1961). Resuming her education at McGill University in Montreal, she earned a doctorate (Ph.D.) in experimental psychology in 1965. She speaks Latvian, English, French, German and Spanish and understands Italian and Portuguese.

### **Professional career (1965-1999)**

From 1965 to 1998, Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga pursued a professorial career at the Department of Psychology of the French-speaking University of Montreal, where she taught psychopharmacology, psycholinguistics, scientific theories, experimental methods, language and cognitive processes. Her experimental research focused on memory processes and language, and the influence of drugs on cognitive processes. At the same time, she did scholarly research on semiotics, poetics and the structural analysis of computer-accessible texts from an oral tradition - the Latvian folksongs (*Dainas*). Between 1965 and 1999, she authored seven books and about 160 articles, essays or book chapters and has given over 250 speeches, allocutions and scientific communications in English, French or Latvian, as well as numerous radio, TV and press interviews in various languages.

Since 1957, she has been actively engaged in community service, focusing on questions of Latvian identity and culture, and the political future of the Baltic States.

Dr. Vīķe-Freiberga has held leading positions in national and international scientific and scholarly organizations, as well as in a number of Canadian governmental, institutional, academic and interdisciplinary committees, where she acquired extensive administrative experience. Recipient of many medals, prizes and honours for distinguished work in the humanities and social sciences (see appendix).

In June 1998, she was elected Professor *emerita* at the University of Montreal and returned to her native land, Latvia, where, on 19 October, the Prime Minister named her Director of the newly founded Latvian Institute.

### **Presidency of the Republic of Latvia (1999-2007)**

On 17 June 1999, Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga was elected President of the Republic of Latvia by the Parliament (*Saeima*). In 2003, she was re-elected for a second term of four years with 88 votes out of 96.

She has actively exercised the powers conferred on the President by the Constitution of the Republic of Latvia and has played a leading role in achieving Latvia's membership in NATO and the European Union. Invited speaker at numerous international events. Outspoken pundit on social issues, moral values, European historical dialogue, and democracy.

She has been a member of the Council of Women World Leaders since 1999, a regularly invited participant to the World Economic Forum (Davos) and to the annual meetings of the American Academy of Achievement since 2000.

During her presidency, she authored and published an additional three scholarly books, plus one book containing her numerous speeches and invited addresses between 1999 and 2007.

**Post-presidency (since July 2007)**

Since the end of her presidency in July 2007, Dr. Vīķe-Freiberga has been actively participating as an invited speaker at a wide variety of international events. A founding member of the Club of Madrid, she is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, and honorary patron of several foundations. She was a member of the Support Committee of the 2007 European Book Prize and an honorary patron of the Paris Colloquium on the Teaching of European literatures. During the spring semester 2008, she was an invited Senior Fellow at the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

She was chair of the European Research Area Board Identification Committee (2008), chair of the Review panel of the European Research Council (2009), and since December 2007, vice-chair of the reflection group on the long-term future of the European Union.

Dr. Vīķe-Freiberga and Dr. I. Freibergs have founded a company “VVF Consulting” that offers consulting services to public and private organizations.

Dr. Vīķe-Freiberga has received many medals and awards, including the 2005 Hannah Arendt Prize for political thought, the 2007 Emperor Otto Prize for contributions in defining European identity and future, and the 2009 Hayek Medal for promotion of freedom and free trade. She has been awarded 37 orders of merit and 16 honorary doctorates (see appendix). Four biographies about President Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga have been published (in Latvian, English, French, Finnish, Italian, Russian and Spanish), and a full length documentary film “The Threefold Sun” in 2008.

**Administrative experience (until 1999)**

- Member of Council (1994-1998) and President of Academy I of the Royal Society of Canada (1998-1999).
- Member of the Killam Research Fellowships and Prizes Selection Committee (1995-1998), appointed by the Canada Council.
- Member of the Science Council of Canada (1980-1983) and Vice-president (1984-1989), appointed by the Governor General of Canada; invited Consultant by the Commission of constitutional reform of the Brazilian Parliament (1989); member of a Canadian governmental consultative committee on the disposal of nuclear waste (1990-1991, 1995-1996).
- Member of the Board of Directors (1982-1988) and President (1984-1986) of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies – AABS.
- Member of the Consultative Committee on Mental Health Research, Health and Welfare Canada (1983-1986).
- Member and president of organizing committees of various national and international symposia and conferences (1982-1986).
- Member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities (1980-1982).
- Appointed Canadian member and Chair of the Special Panel on Human Factors of the NATO Scientific Programme in Brussels (1978-1981).
- Member of the Board of Directors (1976-1982) and President (1980-1981) of the Canadian Psychological Association.
- Member of the Board of Directors (1977-1982) and President (1980-1981) of the Social Science Federation of Canada.

- Member of the Post-doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (1975-1978).
- Member of various committees at the University of Montreal (1965-1998).

**Prizes and honours (until 1999)**

- Elected full member, Academy of Sciences of Latvia, 1999.
- Grand Medal of the Latvian Academy of Sciences for distinguished work on oral literature and Latvian folksongs, 1997.
- Pierre Chauveau Medal for distinguished work in the humanities, Royal Society of Canada, 1995.
- Officer of the Order of the Three Stars, Republic of Latvia, 1995.
- Killam Research Fellowship (Canada Council), 1993-1995.
- Marcel-Vincent prize for distinguished achievement in the social sciences, ACFAS (Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences), 1992.
- Dr. habil. philol., Latvian Academy of Sciences, 1992.
- Elected Fellow of Academy I of the Royal Society of Canada, 1990.
- Elected Foreign Member, Academy of Sciences of Latvia, 1990.
- Prize in the social sciences of the World Association of Free Latvians (PBLA, Washington, D.C.) for distinguished work on the Latvian Dainas, 1989.
- Elected Fellow, Canadian Psychological Association, 1979.
- Prof. Anna Abele memorial prize (United States of America) for distinguished work in Latvian philology, jointly with Imants Freibergs, 1979.
- Leave fellowship, Canada Council, 1974-1975.

**Medals and awards (since 2000)**

- Hayek Medal for promotion of freedom and free trade, Jena, Germany, 2009.
- Associated member of the Royal Academy of Science, Humanities and Fine Arts of Belgium, 2008.
- Global Women's Leadership Award, Berlin, 2007.
- Science pavilion at the Lycée Al Khansa in Casablanca, Morocco, named in honour of President Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, 2007.
- Emperor Otto Prize for contribution in defining European identity and future, Magdeburg, Germany, 2007.
- American Jewish Committee (AJC) Madeline and Bruce Ramer Award for diplomatic excellence, Washington, USA, 2007.
- Cross of Honour of the Latvian Red Cross, Riga, 2007.
- Order, 1st class, of the Saint Martyr Jānis, archbishop of Riga and Latvia, 2007.
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Ceres Medal 2007 for her contribution to social justice, moral values and democracy, Rome, Italy, 2007.
- J.W. Goethe University Medal and Walter Hallstein Prize, Frankfurt, Germany, 2006.
- Europa Prize 2006 of the Coudenhove-Kalergi Foundation, Pan-Europa Union, 2006.
- "Small Countries Prize" of the Batliner European Institute, Salzburg, Austria, 2006.
- Baltic Statesmanship Award of the U.S.-Baltic Foundation, Washington, D.C., 2006.

- Hannah Arendt Prize for Political Thought, Bremen, Germany, 2005.
- Medal of the American Jewish Committee dedicated to 'a passionate friend of humanity's abiding values', New York, 2005.
- Medal of Freedom of the Baltic American Freedom League, Washington, D.C., 2005.
- Forbes Executive Women's Forum Trailblazer Award, New York, 2005.
- Award of Distinction of the Canadian Psychological Association, section on Women and Psychology, St. John's, Newfoundland, 2004.
- Medal of the Foundation Edouard-Montpetit of the University of Montreal, 2004.
- Gold Medal of the Free University of Berlin, Germany, 2003.
- Grand Prize of Folklore, Ministry of Culture, Republic of Latvia, 2003.
- Gold Medal of Georgetown University, Washington, United States of America, 2002.
- Medal, Prize and Title of 'Honorary Senator and Protector' of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Salzburg, Austria, 2001.
- American Academy of Achievement Gold Plate Award, London, 2000.

### **Honorary doctorates**

- Dr.h.c. of York University, Toronto, Canada, June 2008.
- Dr.h.c. of the University of Toronto, Canada, June 2008.
- Dr.h.c. of Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland, 2007.
- Dr.h.c. of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, 2007.
- Dr.h.c. of the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 2007.
- Dr.h.c. of the University of Liège, Belgium, 2006.
- Dr.h.c. of the University of Ottawa, Canada, 2006.
- Dr.h.c. of the State University in Yerevan, Armenia, 2005.
- Dr.h.c. of the State University in Tbilisi, Georgia, 2005.
- Dr.h.c. of the State University in Baku, Azerbaijan, 2005.
- Dr.h.c. of the Eurasian National University in Astana, Kazakhstan, 2004.
- Dr.sci.h.c. of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, 2002.
- Dr.h.c. of Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania, 2002.
- Dr.h.c. of the University of Latvia in Riga, 2000.
- Dr.h.c. of Sacred Letters, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Canada, 2000.
- Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LL.D.), Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 1991.

### **Orders of Merit, 1st class**

- Grand Cross of the Cross of Recognition, Republic of Latvia, 2007.
- Grand Cross of the Order of Viesturs (Vesthardus Rex), Republic of Latvia, 2007.
- Grand Collar of the Order of Makarios III, Republic of Cyprus, 2007.
- Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, Empire of Japan, 2007.
- Order of Wissam al-Mohammadi, Exceptional Class with Grand Collar, Kingdom of Morocco, 2007.

- Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold, Kingdom of Belgium, 2007.
- Grand Cross of the Civil and Military Order of Merit of Adolphe de Nassau, Grand-Duchy of Luxemburg, 2006.
- Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (GCB), United Kingdom, 2006.
- Officer of the National Order of Québec, Canada, 2006.
- Order "Xirka Gieh ir-Repubblika", Republic of Malta, 2006.
- Order of the Princess St. Olga Equal-to-the-Apostles, 1st class, Patriarchy of Moscow and All Russia, 2006.
- Order of the Netherlands Lion, Grand Cross with Collar, Kingdom of Netherlands, 2006.
- Order of the Grand Prince Yaroslav-the-Wise, 1st class, Republic of Ukraine, 2006.
- Order of the White Star with Collar, Republic of Estonia, 2005.
- Commander of the Cross of Merit with Star, Republic of Poland, 2005.
- Royal Order of Seraphim with Collar, Kingdom of Sweden, 2005.
- Order of the White Double Cross, Republic of Slovakia, 2005.
- Collar of the Order of Isabel la Católica, Kingdom of Spain, 2004.
- Grand Cross with Collar of the Order of Merit, Republic of Italy, 2004.
- National Order of Merit with Collar, Republic of Malta, 2004.
- Order of Stara Planina, Republic of Bulgaria, 2003.
- Grand Cross of the Order of Infante Dom Henrique with Grand Collar, Republic of Portugal, 2003.
- Grand Cross of Merit, Special Class, Federal Republic of Germany, 2003.
- Order of Merit of the White Eagle, Republic of Poland, 2003.
- Gold Medal of Freedom, Republic of Slovenia, 2002.
- Grand Cross of Merit with Collar, Republic of Romania, 2001.
- Commander of the Legion of Honour, 1st Class, Republic of France, 2001.
- Cross of the Order of Merit with Collar, Republic of Hungary, 2001.
- Grand Cross of the Order of White Rose with Collar, Republic of Finland, 2001.
- Order of Merit Vytautas Dizas, 1st Class with Collar, Republic of Lithuania, 2001.
- Grand Cross of the Order of the Redeemer, Republic of Greece, 2000.
- Grand Cross of the Order of St. Olav, Kingdom of Norway, 2000.
- Order of Merit Terra Mariana, 1st Class with Collar, Republic of Estonia, 2000.
- Commander with Grand-Cross and Collar of the Three-Star Order, Republic of Latvia, 1999.

#### **Books authored**

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