

Annex II

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Name and first name: Dairiam, Ms. Mary Shanthi
Date and place of birth: 17 September 1939, Selangor, Malaysia
Working languages: English, Malay

Current position/function: (5 lines maximum)

Member, Gender Equality Task Force, UNDP, 2007-present; Member of the Advisory Panel, Disability Rights Fund, Boston, USA. 2008-present; Member of the Board of Directors, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW), Malaysia, 1996- Present; Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Institute for the Empowerment of Women. Member of the Advisory Committee, Malaysia, 2007-Present; The National Advisory Council on Women, Member, Malaysia, March 2005- present

Main professional activities¹: (10 lines maximum)

- Founding Member of the Board of Directors, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW), Malaysia, 1996- Present
- Executive Director, International Women Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW), Malaysia, 1993-2004
- Project Officer, Women and Development Programme, Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom, March – July 1992
- Programme Associate, Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD), Malaysia, 1988 – 1990
- Head, Programme and Technical Division, Federation of Family Planning Associations, Malaysia, 1982 – 1985

Educational background: (5 lines maximum)

- University of Sussex, United Kingdom, MA Gender and Development, 1991
- University of Madras, India, MA English Literature, 1962
- University of Madras, India, BA English Literature, 1960

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:
(10 lines maximum)**

United Nations- Trained advocates in Aceh, Indonesia to promote women's right to equality through law reform that is compliant with the CEDAW Convention, 2007; Trained Governments of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cambodia in the preparation of their reports to the CEDAW Committee, 2006-2007; Did a need assessments for the implementation of the Convention in Afghanistan, 2006; Trained Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Liberia, Malaysia, Samoa, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uruguay and Timor Leste to prepare them for the review of their compliance with their obligations under the Convention by the CEDAW Committee, 2004-2006 and 2009

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)- Carried out an analysis of the draft Gender Equality Law in Tajikistan to assess comprehensiveness and compliance with the requirements of CEDAW, March 2003; Conducted a review of the compliance of the laws of Tajikistan with the requirements of the CEDAW Convention, August 2002

**List of most recent publications in the field:
(5 lines)**

Examination of the Jurisprudence of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women with Reference to the Cases Decided on Under the Optional Protocol, April, 2009; Culture And Inequality: International Human Rights Instruments As A Tool For Change, February, 2009; The Role Of Women In Society: Malaysian And Asian Perspectives, May 2008; From Global to Local: The Role of NGOs, 2007; The Practice of Child Marriage in South Asian Countries: A Gross Form of Gender Based Discrimination and a Violation of Human Rights, July, 2006;

¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in two/three annual sessions of three weeks duration, plus participation (on a rotating basis) in a pre-session working group of one week in respect of each session.