

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT)
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38 lines maximum**

Name and first name: Aisha Shujune Muhammad.

Date and place of birth: 23 December 1977, Male`, Maldives.

Working languages: English and Dhivehi.

Professional background: I have been in government service since 1997, and became one of the first two female judges of the Maldives upon appointment to the bench of the Civil Court in 2007, on which I presided until resignation in 2014. In 2019, while I was Associate Partner at Nasheed & Co (Law Practice), I was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the first ever Bar Council of Maldives, on which I served until my appointment to the Supreme Court. I also served on the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture from 2011-2018.

Educational background (5 lines maximum): Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), Royal Institute, Colombo, University of London External, and Master of Laws, University of Western Australia.

Current position/function (5 lines maximum): Justice of the Supreme Court of Maldives since 4 September 2019, where my main functions are to adjudicate and interpret the law when hearing matters before the court, which includes constitutional matters, matters of original jurisdiction and appeals.

Main professional activities (10 lines maximum): I have also been elected to represent the Justices of the Supreme Court at the Judicial Service Commission of the Maldives, an independent institution entrusted to investigate complaints against the judiciary, ensure fair disciplinary action, advise the President and parliament on matters relating to the judiciary and the administration of justice. I have also advised and assisted in formulating policies in respect to administration justice. Additionally, I am also involved in the training of judges, and have provided training on matters relating to human rights, including issues related to torture and torture prevention.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (10 lines maximum): I served on SPT for between 2011 and 2018, and was its Vice Chairperson for Jurisprudence and SPT Rapporteur for the duration of my tenure. I have contributed to developing the criminal justice system in Maldives, assisted in developing the Prisons and Parole Act, advised the government on basic minimum standards that are required in prisons, and provided training to prison staff, state officials and civil society on the subject of torture and torture prevention both in and outside of Maldives. I have worked extensively in developing a modern juvenile justice system, assisted in the drafting of the Juvenile Justice Act and provided multiple rounds of training on the subject. I am currently involved in providing input to roll out the Juvenile Justice Act. Additionally, I am a passionate advocate for gender equality.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (5 lines maximum): Although I have no publications relevant to the mandate of SPT, I have been involved in drafting regulations and writing papers that relate to the SPT mandate.
