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**PROTOCOL INSTITUTING A CONCILIATION AND GOOD OFFICES
COMMISSION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING THE SETTLEMENT
OF ANY DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN STATES PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION:
NOMINATIONS AND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON**

SUMMARY

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the above Protocol, the Director-General communicates to the Executive Board the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of five members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission by the General Conference at its next session.

Under the terms of the same paragraph, the Executive Board is required to transmit this list to the General Conference with such suggestions as it may consider useful.

Decision proposed: paragraph 14.

1. At its 12th session on 10 December 1962, the General Conference adopted a Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education.¹
2. Article 1 of this Protocol established, under the auspices of UNESCO, a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission, to be responsible for seeking the amicable settlement of disputes, between States Parties to the Convention, concerning the application or interpretation of the Convention.

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3. The Protocol having entered into force on 24 October 1968, the General Conference at its 16th session, under Article 2 of the Protocol, elected the 11 members of the Commission on 6 November 1970.
4. The term of office of one member of the Commission, Mr Iskander Ghattas (Egypt), expiring, the General Conference at its 33rd session will be required to fill the corresponding vacant seat.
5. Three further seats, vacant since the 32nd session, and the vacant seat of a member of the Commission elected at that same session of the General Conference, Mr Louis Peter van Vliet (Netherlands), who decided to stop being a member as of 1 September 2004, also remain to be filled.
6. A list of members of the Commission, with indication of the dates of their election or re-election, appears in Annex I.
7. Under Article 2 of the Protocol, the members of the Commission must be persons of high moral standing and acknowledged impartiality. They serve in their personal capacity. In the election of members of the Commission, the General Conference shall endeavour to include persons of recognized competence in the field of education and persons having judicial experience, or legal experience, particularly of an international character. It shall also give consideration to equitable geographical distribution of membership and to the representation of the different forms of civilization as well as of the principal legal systems.
8. Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Protocol provides that the Commission may not include more than one national of the same State.
9. Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol provides that the members of the Commission shall be elected from a list of persons nominated for the purpose by the States Parties to the Protocol, after consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO. Each State Party may nominate not more than four persons, who must be nationals of States Parties to the Protocol.
10. In pursuance of paragraph 2 of the same Article, the Director-General, by letter DG/18/2005/006 of 5 March 2005, invited the States Parties to the Protocol to submit nominations, specifying the vacant seat for which they are submitting the nomination. In accordance with the Record of the Meeting of the States Parties to the 1962 Protocol (Paris, 7 and 8 October 2003),² the Director-General also recalled the terms of Article 7 of the Protocol, whereby, subject to the provisions of Article 6, members of the Commission shall remain in office until the election of their successor.
11. The list of States Parties to the Protocol as at 1 June 2005 is reproduced in Annex II.
12. At the date of the preparation of the present document no State had presented any candidates.
13. It is further to be noted that at the request of its Chairperson, Mr Francesco Margiotta-Broglio (Italy), the Commission will meet on 13 and 14 October 2005 in parallel with the 33rd session of the General Conference, so as to examine and adopt proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Commission² that may help revitalize this procedure.

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14. The Board may wish to adopt a draft decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of document 172 EX/24 and of the fact that no persons have yet been nominated by the States Parties to the aforementioned Protocol for the purpose of the election of five members of the Commission,
3. Requests the Director-General to transmit to the General Conference any candidatures which he may receive before the opening of its 33rd session.

ANNEX I

**CONCILIATION AND GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION
TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING THE SETTLEMENT
OF ANY DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN STATES PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION**

Membership and dates of election or re-election

Member	Date of election or re-election
Ms Léa Akissi (Côte d'Ivoire)	16 October 2003
Mr Pierre-Michel Eisemann (France)	16 October 2003
Mr Iskandar Ghattas (Egypt)	15 November 1999
Mr Klaus Hübner (Germany)	16 October 2003
Mr Francesco Margiotta-Broglio (Italy)	16 October 2003
Ms Florence Mutonyi D'Ujanga (Uganda)	16 October 2003
Ms Yvette Rabetafika-Ranjeva (Madagascar)	16 October 2003

ANNEX II

**LIST OF STATES PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL INSTITUTING
A CONCILIATION AND GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION TO BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR SEEKING THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE
BETWEEN STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST
DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION**

(Paris, 10 December 1962)

Argentina	Madagascar
Australia	Malta
Brunei Darussalam	Morocco
Costa Rica	Netherlands
Côte d'Ivoire	Niger
Cyprus	Norway
Denmark	Panama
Dominica	Philippines
Egypt	Portugal
France	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Germany	Senegal
Guatemala	Solomon Islands
Israel	South Africa
Italy	Spain
Jordan	Uganda
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM

This document communicates the list, as at 8 August 2005, of the persons nominated for the purpose of election to the Commission:

Dr Munther AL-MASRI (Jordan) (President of the National Center for Human Resources Development);

Dr Iman EL KAFFAS (Egypt) (Associate Dean and Director of Equal Opportunity and Student Leadership Development Program at the American University, Cairo).

The detailed biographical information provided by the States Parties to the Convention is attached as an annex.

In the light of the foregoing, the draft decision in paragraph 14 of document 172 EX/24 should read as follows:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education,
2. Having taken note of the list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Protocol for the purpose of the election of five members of the Commission communicated to it by the Director-General pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the said Protocol (172 EX/24 and Add.),
3. Transmits this list to the General Conference at its 33rd session;
4. Requests the Director-General to add to this list any candidatures which he may receive before the opening of the 33rd session of the General Conference.

ANNEX

Curriculum Vitae

1. **Name:** Munther W. MASRI
2. **Place & Date of Birth:** Nablus-Palestine, 1935
3. **Nationality:** Jordanian
4. **Civil Status:** Married, two sons and one daughter
5. **Education**
 - B.Sc. (Hons) Electrical Engineering, University of London, 1958.
 - M.Sc. Electrical Engineering, University of Birmingham, 1959.
 - B.A. (Hons) Mathematics, University of London, 1961.
 - Ph.D. Education (Technical Ed.), University of London, 1985.
6. **Membership of Professional Bodies**
 - Member, Engineering Association (Jordan)
 - Fellow, Institute of Electrical Engineers (FIEE) (United Kingdom)
 - Fellow, Chartered Management Institute (FCMI) (United Kingdom)
7. **Employment Record**
 - Adviser to HRH Prince Al-Hassan, President of the National Center for Human Resources Development, 1998-now.
 - Secretary General, Higher Council for Science and Technology, 1999-2001.
 - Minister of Education, 1996-1998 and Minister of Higher Education 1997-1998.
 - Secretary General, Ministry of Education, 1987-1995.
 - Director General, Vocational Training Corporation, 1977-1988.
 - Director of Vocational Education, Ministry of Education, 1972-1978.
 - Manager, Electric Department, Municipality of Nablus, 1966-1972.
8. **Awards and Medals**

Holder of four national awards and medals.
9. **Professional Posts**
 - Served on many boards, councils and networks in social, economic, educational and scientific fields
 - Served as consultant for regional and international organizations, such as the World Bank, UNESCO, UNICEF, EU, GTZ, the Arab Labour Organization (ALO), etc.
10. **Studies and Publications**
 - Written more than eighty studies, articles and papers in the fields of education and human development, and submitted to conferences or published in periodicals.
 - Authored and co-authored about forty books in the fields of electrical technology, education and human development.

Curriculum Vitae

Iman El-Kaffass, Ph.D.

Iman El-Kaffass is Associate Dean and the Director of the Equal Opportunity and Student Leadership Development Program at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. Through the two programs, Dr El-Kaffass introduces to students the principles of equal opportunity and respect of diversity and ensures that these principles are applied by the university when reaching out to underprivileged students from different governorates of Egypt.

Dr El-Kaffass is founder and chair of the board of the Egyptian Association for Education and Development (EAED), a non-governmental organization working in the field of promoting education reform, human and societal development in Egypt. She is a founding member and member of the board of the Al Karma Center for Human Development, another NGO working in the field of research and projects related to human development. She is also a founding member and member of the board of the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council, formed by academicians, business people and civil society to enhance Egypt's competitiveness among comparable nations and to support Egypt's direction towards the knowledge-based society.

Dr El-Kaffass is a member of the Supreme Policies Council/the Policies Secretariat of the National Democratic Party – the majority party of Egypt. She is also a member of the Parliamentary Committee of the Party and executive board member of its Education and Scientific Research Committee. Further, she is a member of the education committee of the National Specialized Councils of Egypt, formed of politically appointed intelligentsia to advise on education reform in Egypt. Through her membership in these political committees she has played a recognized role in developing and promoting a number of policies related to educational reform in Egypt such as the policy on decentralization and community participation, secondary education reform, student comprehensive evaluation, enhancing student life, establishing the knowledge-based society, reforming scientific research and linking education to the labour market, among others. She was also a member of the committee that prepared the law of the establishment of the Egyptian Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency and a member of the National Committee for the Establishment of Education Criteria that developed the criteria and indicators to be used for the evaluation of school education.

Dr El-Kaffass is adviser to the Minister of Education and to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. She is also a member of the following national committees: the National Supreme Committee for Pre-University Education Reform, the National Committee for Higher Education and Scientific Research Reform and the National Committee on Higher Education Quality Assurance.

Dr El-Kaffass has recently been appointed by Egypt's Prime Minister as member of the Technical Committee for the Cabinet of Ministers' Team on Human Development. The Team on Human Development is formed of 12 cabinet ministers whose responsibilities directly impact human development such as education, culture, health, youth, employment, media and others. The goal of the Team is to coordinate policies and procedures taken by different ministries in a collaborative effort to ensure human development in Egypt.

Dr El-Kaffass is holder of a Ph.D. degree in Higher Education Administration from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, United States of America, with specialization in organizational assessment and development. Her Master's Degree is in Public Administration with specialization in organizational development from the American University in Cairo, and her bachelor's degree is in Political Science, with specialization in political sociology from the American University in

Cairo. Her research and professional interests are mainly in the domains of education, comprehensive human development, human rights and equal opportunity especially for women and people with special needs.

Finally, Dr El-Kaffass is a member of multiple international and regional associations all working in the domain of human and social development, among which are the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Egypt's International Economic Forum.