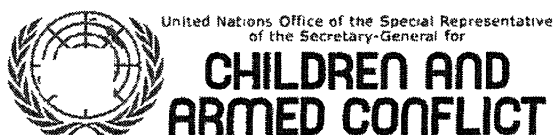


Annex A



Radhika Coomaraswamy, (Ms.) B.A., JD, LLM

1. Biographical Note: (Summary)

Radhika Coomaraswamy, a national of Sri Lanka, was appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict in April 2006. She was reappointed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in February 2007. In this capacity, she serves as a moral voice and independent advocate to build awareness and give prominence to the rights and protection of boys and girls affected by armed conflict.

As the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Coomaraswamy submits an annual report to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on the situation of Children affected by Armed Conflict. She is also charged by the Secretary-General to lead and coordinate UN efforts for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009).

Ms. Coomaraswamy, a lawyer by training and formerly the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission, is an internationally known human rights advocate who has done outstanding work as Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (1994-2003). In her reports to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, she has written on violence in the family, violence in the community, violence against women during armed conflict and the problem of international trafficking.

She has published widely, including two books on constitutional law and numerous articles on ethnic studies and the status of women. More recently she has focused on Children and Armed Conflict, including visiting various situations of concern in affected countries.

2. Education:

High School: United Nations International School
New York, USA

University Degrees: Yale University, B.A. (1975)
Colombia University, J.D. (1977)
Harvard University LLM (1982)

3. Professional Experience:

April 2006 – Present:

Under Secretary General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

1982 – 2006:

Director, International Centre for Ethnic Studies in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In this capacity she directed research projects dealing with ethnic studies and women's rights primarily in South Asia.

2003 – 2006:

Chairperson, Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission. At that time, the SLHRC was constituted as per the Paris Principles and she was appointed by the Constitutional Council. During her tenure the Commission adopted a zero tolerance policy on torture, had a special programme for IDPs and a special project to protect the rights of those affected by the Tsunami. This was in addition to overseeing a caseload of 600 cases a month of those who petitioned the Commission.

1994 – 2003:

Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women of the UN Commission on Human Rights. In this capacity, she reported on violence against women in the family, community and in armed conflict and made field visits to over 20 countries and situations as part of her mandate.

1977 – 1981

Senior Programme Officer, the Marga Institute Sri Lanka

In addition, Ms. Coomaraswamy has served as a member of the Global Faculty of the New York University School of Law. She also taught a summer course at New College, Oxford, every year on the International Human Rights of Women from 1996-2006.

4. Awards:

Ms. Coomaraswamy has won many awards. These include: The International Law Award of the American Bar association, the Human Rights Award of the International Human Rights Law Group, the Bruno Kreisky Award of 2000, the Leo Ettinger Human Rights Prize of the University of Oslo, Cesar Romero Award of the University of Dayton, the William J. Butler Award from the University of Cincinnati, and the Robert S. Litvack Award from McGill University. In November 2005, in recognition of her service to the country and the world, the President of Sri Lanka conferred on her the title of Deshamanya, the highest national honour.

Honorary Degrees: Amherst College, USA (2000); the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (2001); University (2004) and the Katholieke Universiteit of Leuven Belgium (2010).

5. Publications and Lectures:

Ms. Coomaraswamy has spoken at numerous conferences and symposia and has published several articles, monographs, and edited volumes on issues ranging from the institutional and doctrinal development of constitutional norms by the Sri Lankan

Supreme Court to the impact of religion and traditional culture on women's rights in the third world. In her current position her focus has been on the rights of children affected by armed conflict.

She is the author of two books on constitutional law. The first is *A Crisis of Legitimacy: - The Anglo-American Constitutional Tradition in Sri Lanka and Ideology and The Constitution: - Essays on Constitutional Jurisprudence*. She has co-edited two books with Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam, *The Ethical Dilemmas of Development*, and *The Judiciary in Plural Societies*, She has also co-edited a book on social theory with Nira Wickremesinghe entitled *Introduction to Social Theory*. She had co-edited a book with Dilrukshi Fonseka titled *Peace Work: Women, Armed Conflict and Negotiation*, Kali for Women, 2005 and another book was co-edited with Nimanthi Rajasingham titled *Constellations of Violence: Gender, violence and representation in South Asia*, Women Unlimited, 2008 . She has also published numerous articles on ethnic studies and the status of women.