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**BIOGRAPHIES OF PANEL PARTICIPANTS**

## **OPENING SESSION**

### **Ms. Anna Fotyga – Chairperson**

Anna Fotyga, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, brings to her post decades of distinguished leadership in government, civil society, and the private sector. Minister Fotyga is a graduate in foreign trade of Gdansk University and was a staff member of the Foreign Department of the National Executive Commission of Solidarity from 1981. She has held a number of senior positions in government and the private sector including most recently that of deputy and coordinator of the Union for Europe of the Nations Group at the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament.

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### **Ms. María Francisca Ize-Charrin - OHCHR**

María Francisca Ize-Charrin is currently Director, Operations, Programmes and Research Division, at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Her longstanding service to the United Nations has included extensive work for the "1503 procedure" and the Commission on Human Rights. During her tenure as Secretary of the Bureau of the Commission on Human Rights, Ms. Ize-Charrin followed closely the process of creation of the Human Rights Council. Ms. Ize-Charrin is a graduate in International Relations of El Colegio de México and Sussex University.

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### **Mr. Param Kumaraswamy – Keynote speaker**

Param Kumaraswamy is a Barrister-at-law at Inner Temple, London, and practices law in Kuala Lumpur since 1967. A former President of the Malaysian Bar between 1986-1988, he was also one of the founder members of the Malaysian Bar Council's Human Rights and Legal Aid Committees. Mr. Kumaraswamy was the President of the Law Association of Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) from 1993 -1995, a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists since 1990, and its Vice-President between 2004 and May 2005. In 1994, he was appointed the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers by the Commission on Human Rights and served on that mandate until 2003. He is a founding member of Transparency International - Malaysia and served as its Vice President and President from Jan. 2005 – Feb. 2006. Mr. Kumaraswamy is also a member of the Regional Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism.

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### **Mr. Kzimirz Marcinkiewicz**

Acting Mayor of Warsaw and former Prime Minister of Poland.

## **SESSION 1**

### **Mr. Zbigniew Ziobro**

Zbigniew Ziobro, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland, has established a strong record defending the law over many years in public service. Minister Ziobro, a graduate of the Law and Administration Department of Jagiellonski University, began his notable career in the prosecution services at the Office of the District Prosecutor in the city of Katowice. He was first elected to the Lower House of the Polish Parliament and appointed Deputy Minister of Justice in 2001 and named Minister of Justice in 2005. During his terms in office, Minister Ziobro has sponsored numerous initiatives to more effectively combat corruption.

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### **Mr. Eduardo E. Rodríguez Veltzé**

Eduardo E. Rodríguez Veltzé was Minister and President of the Supreme Court of Bolivia (1998-2006). In June 2005, as a result of several in rules of constitutional succession, the Congress he was designated as the President of the Republic. In this capacity he held general elections in December 2005 and transmitted the power in January 2006 after which time he also resigned from the Supreme Court. President Rodríguez Veltzé has worked as the Legal Deputy-Auditor, adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and representative of the ILANUD (Instituto Latinoamericano de Naciones Unidas para la Prevención del Delito y la Justicia Penal) in Bolivia. President Rodríguez Veltzé is a lawyer and graduate of San Simón de Cochabamba University in Bolivia, and he holds a Masters in Public Administration from J.F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.

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### **Mr. Fredrik Eriksson**

Fredrik Eriksson is a Swedish lawyer (public law and public procurement) and institutional reform expert specialised in transparency and anti-corruption issues. He has advised NGO's, and has worked for UNDP, the World Bank, ADB and the European Commission on topics such as good governance, legal and institutional reform, access to information, transparency, anti-corruption strategies, and public sector ethics and integrity. He is one of the founders and the managing director of the NGO Integrity Management and Programmes for Accountability and Transparency (IMPACT).

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### **Mr. Nihal Jayawickrama**

Nihal Jayawickrama is the Coordinator of the UN-sponsored Judicial Integrity Group. He was formerly Executive Director of Transparency International, Berlin, Ariel F Sallows Professor of Human Rights, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Associate Professor of Law, University of Hong Kong; and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Sri Lanka. He is the author of *The Judicial Application of Human Rights Law: National, Regional and International Jurisprudence* (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

## **SESSION 2**

### **Mr. Robert Archer**

Robert Archer has been the Executive Director of the International Council on Human Rights Policy since its creation in 1998. The Council undertakes practical research into dilemmas and problems facing organisations working in the field of human rights. He has degrees in Philosophy and English literature from Cambridge University and in African Studies from the University of London. Before joining the International Council, he taught and researched in Madagascar, was employed by a publisher in Paris, and worked on international human rights, development and governance issues in British NGOs.

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### **Ms. Sandra Coliver**

Sandra Coliver is the Senior Legal Officer for Freedom of Information and Expression at the Open Society Justice Initiative, and supervises a project that addresses resource-related corruption. For more than two decades, she has managed or participated in human rights and rule of law programmes, including with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Crisis Group, the OSCE and the International Foundation for Election Systems. For three years she was based in Bosnia. She served as the Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability, which tracks down foreign-born human rights abusers in the United States, brings civil law suits against them, and seeks to get them prosecuted or deported, and as the first Law Programme Director of Article XIX, the International Centre Against Censorship.

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### **Ms. Anna Bossman**

Anna Bossman began her career as an Assistant State Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney-General's Department after graduating from the Ghana Law School in 1980. She also worked extensively in the energy sector taking up various legal, managerial and consultancy services with multinational oil and gas companies in West and Central Africa. She is a staunch supporter of women and children's rights and advocated with the Federation of Women Lawyer's (FIDA) and the African Women Lawyers' Association (AWLA). In 2002, Ms. Bossman was appointed Deputy Commissioner at the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice and is currently Acting Chairperson.

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### **Mr. Maina Kiai**

Maina Kiai is the Chairperson of the Statutory Independent Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. Before this appointment in 2003, he spent 15 years in civil society in Kenya, the United Kingdom and United States. He is the lawyer trained in Kenya and Harvard Law School and has been a columnist for the "Sunday Nation" in Kenya and has been published in various international journals and books in Kenya, Europe and the United States. Mr. Kiai's interests include the nexus between human rights and accountability and especially building a bottom-up demand driven approach to human rights, anti-corruption and political accountability.

### **SESSION 3**

#### **Ms. Victoria Jennett**

Victoria Jennett works in the Policy and Research Department of Transparency International Secretariat. She carries out research on corruption and development issues, corruption and human rights and corruption and conflict. She is a UK trained lawyer and has taught and researched in the fields of European law, conflict transformation and transitional justice.

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#### **Mr. Colm Allan**

Colm Allan is the Director of the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM, <http://www.psam.org.za/>), an independent institute based at Rhodes University in South Africa. He has participated in a range of national and international expert panels on promoting democratic accountability and combating corruption. He is the author of a number of papers and reports on social accountability and corruption related issues in South Africa ranging from its 1999 arms procurement deal to the effective management of public resources in its Eastern Cape provincial administration. The PSAM has developed an innovative set of rights-based advocacy and evidence-based monitoring tools for promoting social accountability. During the course of 2007 the PSAM will become incorporated into a Centre for Social Accountability (CSA) at Rhodes University, which will conduct training and disseminate academic course materials on social accountability across 10 Southern African countries. Prior to establishing the PSAM in 1999 Mr. Allan lectured in the Department of Sociology at Rhodes University for a period of six years.

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#### **Mr. Dejan Anastasijevic**

Dejan Anastasijevic is a senior investigative reporter for the Belgrade-based VREME weekly, and free-lance Balkan correspondent for TIME magazine. Mr. Anastasijevic's 1998 reports on atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo led to criminal charges by Slobodan Milosevic's regime for "spreading disinformation and aiding terrorists". In October 2002, he was the first Serbian journalist to testify against Milosevic in the Hague. He is a recipient of 2002 Nieman Fellowship for Journalists at Harvard University, Cambridge, and two national press awards (NUNS and "Dusan Bogavac") in 2003.

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#### **Mr. Roy Snell**

Roy Snell is the Chief Executive Office/Executive Director as well as co-funder of the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA) and the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE). Previously, he was a Director with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Minneapolis (Minnesota, USA). Mr. Snell holds a Master's Degree in Health and Human Services Administration and is a frequent speaker on compliance & ethic issues. In addition to being a popular speaker, Mr. Snell is the Editor of *Journal of Compliance and Ethics Magazine*. He was also Contributing Editor to both *Corporate Compliance Officer* and *Physician Practice Compliance Report*, on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Laboratory Compliance*, and Co-Editor of *HCCA's Corporate Compliance Professional Handbook*. Mr. Snell was the first Compliance Officer to be featured on the cover of *Modern Healthcare*.

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#### **Mr. Maina Kiai**

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## **SESSION 4**

### **Mr. Juan Martabit**

Juan Martabit has served as Ambassador of Chile since 1993, acting as the representative of Chile in Norway, Brazil, and Singapore and, since 2003, as the Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva. Ambassador Martabit, a graduate of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales/Université de Paris, is currently the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action as well as of the COP of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

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### **Mr. John McMillan**

John McMillan was appointed as the national Ombudsman of Australia in 2003 for a five year term. He is on leave from the Australian National University, where he is a Professor of Administrative Law. Professor McMillan has practiced as a public lawyer for thirty years in a variety of occupations – Associate to a High Court Justice, legal practitioner, public interest advocate, and consultant to government, parliament and law firms. He is a co-author of a leading University legal text, *Control of Government Action: Text, Cases & Commentary* (2005).

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### **Mr. Zbigniew Romaszewski**

Zbigniew Romaszewski is the longest-serving member of the Sixth Senate of the Republic of Poland and a long-standing advocate of human rights and democracy. Senator Romaszewski, a graduate in physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, has chaired the Human Rights and the Rule of Law Commission for several of his terms in office. From 1976, he was involved in the organization of civil society activities for the monitoring and promotion of human rights, including that of the International Human Rights Conference, first held in Cracow in 1988.

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### **Mr. Philliat Matsheza**

Philliat Matsheza holds an LLB from the University of Zimbabwe and a Masters of International Law in Human Rights from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) at the University of Lund, Sweden. He worked as a Zimbabwean diplomat in Ethiopia, Germany and Brussels, and served as Deputy Director of Information and later as Under Secretary for Policy and Legislation in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mr. Matsheza is the founding Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Elections Support Network, a coalition of 37 NGOs in Zimbabwe who promote good governance and free and fair elections, and founding Director of the Human Rights Trust of Southern Africa (SAHRIT). He has written eight publications in human rights and anti-corruption. Currently, he works at the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as an anti-corruption expert.

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**Mr. Roberto Saba**

Roberto Saba is a lawyer and graduate of University of Buenos Aires (1990). He holds a Master in Law from Yale Law School. Since 2001, Mr. Saba is the Executive Director, Association for Civil Rights (ADC), Argentina. He has also worked as a consultant to the World Bank, the Inter American Development Bank, the Argentinean National Government, and the Buenos Aires City Government and Legislature. He has collaborated with several international organizations such as Transparency International (Berlin), Article XIX (London), and the Institute of Press and Society (Lima, Peru), as well as with national NGOs based in Peru, Chile, Venezuela, Ecuador, México, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Ghana, among others, in areas such as democratic development and strengthening of civil society, citizen participation, anti-corruption and transparency policies, human rights, justice reform, freedom of speech and freedom of information.

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**RAPPORTUER**

**Mr. Robert Archer**

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**SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

**Ms. Mona Younis**

Mona Younis is an independent consultant on human rights and philanthropy. From 1998-2005, she was program officer for the Mertz Gilmore Foundation's four human rights programs. From 2000-2005, she also served as coordinator of the International Human Rights Funders Group. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She is author of *Liberation and Democratization: The South African and Palestinian National Movements* (University of Minnesota Press, 2000).