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**France's Candidate for
the Human Rights Committee - reelection**

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The adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in 1966 and the creation of the Human Rights Committee testify to the significant progress in the protection of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948.

The COVID-19 pandemic, together with other challenges, including climate change, have nevertheless revealed the persistence of inequalities and the difficulties that the consolidation of the progress made internationally as well as in national systems since the 1970s poses. The full effectiveness, indivisibility and universality of human rights are especially crucial in the face of these threats. Respect for human rights, including civilian and political rights, is essential to exiting the global COVID-19 crisis and to building a better, more resilient, fairer and more sustainable world.

As a member of the Human Rights Committee since 2019, I have worked to further the promotion and universal protection of human rights. Challenges remain considerable and I hope to pursue my work, by submitting my candidacy for a second term, with France's support.

THIS WORK IS BASED ON THREE FUNDAMENTAL PILLARS

► **Firstly, my international legal expertise, applied to the reality in the field.**

In charge of recording new claims, the granting or refusal of temporary measures and the monitoring of the contentious processing of individual claims in the Human Rights Committee, I have worked on the themes of incorporating environmental protection in the right to life to the benefit of the most vulnerable communities, defending the civic space and stepping up efforts to fight violence against women, particularly during armed conflict. I have also represented the Committee in the COVID-19 Working Group which brings

together representatives from all United Nations treaty bodies. As the Rapporteur for this Group, I drafted the Declaration of Human Rights during the pandemic, which was published on Human Rights Day on 10 December 2021.

► **Secondly, my method.**

I draw on comprehensive, harmonized and comparative analysis of human rights issues. Taking the universality of human rights seriously does not mean adhering to unquestionable and absolute values, but rather being capable of studying each issue in a spirit of openness and cultural diversity, drawing on regional and

local particularities and the demands of preserving the universal principles of international human rights law. This means promoting discussions between regional protection bodies. To this end, I was appointed the point of contact in the Committee for Relations with the European Court of Human Rights.

► **Thirdly, my philosophy, which is that of a pragmatic approach to human rights.**

Determining and clarifying the meaning of a norm that sets out a right has to be the fruit of contradictory, advisory or diplomatic discussion. I believe more in the power of persuasion and argument than in that of sanction. It is according to this philosophy that I carried out Committee missions in the field or by videoconference with numerous administrations, courts and non-governmental organizations in

Africa, Asia and Latin America. For example, I visited El Salvador in 2019 and Kenya in 2021 to speak about women's rights and access to safe, legal and free abortions. As the Committee's communication contact, I sought to raise awareness about the Committee's work, which is in line with this philosophy.

I am convinced that my expertise and commitments would be a useful contribution to the work of the Committee and will, if elected, continue to fulfil my mandate rigorously and independently. "

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Hélène Tigroudja, Public Law Professor
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CURRENT POSITIONS

- ▶ Independent Expert at the United Nations Human Rights Committee (since 2019)
- ▶ Professor of International Public Law – Aix-Marseille University
- ▶ Hauser Global Professor at New York University
- ▶ Guest Professor at Washington American University (Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law)
- ▶ Expert on the General List of Experts in Reparations for the Registry of the International Criminal Court

SOLID ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

- ▶ Guest Professor at the French National School of Public Administration (ENA), Sciences Po Paris, the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the University of Geneva, the Max-Planck Institute of Heidelberg, the Free University of Brussels, the Catholic University of Louvain and the University of Abomey-Calavi.
- ▶ Agrégation in Public Law (2004); PhD in International Public Law at Lille 2 University (2001) on “The Status of Victims in International Human Rights Law”.

EXPERTISE RECOGNIZED BY HER PEERS INTERNATIONALLY AND NUMEROUS FIELD MISSIONS

- ▶ Since 2002, numerous field missions for the Human Rights Committee (Honduras, Kenya, Peru, Salvador), the Council of Europe (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine), the European Union (Serbia,

Tunisia, Uzbekistan), the United Nations, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the National School of Administration (Jordan), the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance and UNESCO (Central Asia, Maghreb, Senegal).

- ▶ Regularly asked to give classes, training sessions and conferences in foreign universities and for the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law.
- ▶ Appointed by the Academy of International Law in 2014 to co-supervise international research into women’s rights and the elimination of discrimination; elected in 2017 to the International Law Association Committee on International Human Rights in Times of Emergency; member of the editorial board of the African Yearbook of International Law.

LANGUAGES

French, English, Spanish

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

- ▶ *The American Convention on Human Rights: A Commentary*, Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2021 (co-author)
- ▶ “Procedural Developments at International Human Rights Courts and Bodies”, *The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals* 19, pp.304–341, 2020
- ▶ *Traité de droit international des droits de l’homme* (Treatise of international human rights law), Paris, Pédone, 2018.
- ▶ *Women’s Rights and the Elimination of Discrimination* (co-published with Maarit Jänterä-Jareborg), 2016, Brill/Nijhoff, Académie de droit international.