

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name: TISHEVA Genoveva

Nationality: Bulgarian

Date and place of birth: 1 February 1957, Sofia, Bulgaria

Working languages: English, French, Italian, Russian and Bulgarian as a mother tongue

Current position/function:

- Director of the Women's Human Rights Training Institute/ WHRTI/
- Chair of the Alliance for Protection from Gender- Based Violence /APGBV/
- Managing Director of the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation /BGRF/- with ECOSOC Consultative status
- Member of the Expert Group to the National Anti- Trafficking Commission, Council of Ministers
- Associate member, Advisory Council on Equality between Women and Men, Council of Ministers

Main professional activities¹:

- Training of legal professionals on Human rights and Women's rights in the Women's Human Rights Training Institute, in the Academy for Prevention of Violence of the APGBV
- Active involvement in drafting of the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, amendments of Penal Code, legislation on equality and VAW
- Legal counselling, preparing and supporting legal cases for protection of women and children at national and international level
- Independent Legal expert in the European Equality Law Network
- Vice- President of the European Women Lawyers' Association/EWLA/
- Recipient of the Special Recognition HR Defender Award of the Advocates for Human Rights from Minnesota for 2017

Educational background:

- L. L. M. Law Faculty of *Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridsky"*, 1980
- Diplomas of the *International Faculty of Comparative Law*, Specialization in EU law, *University "Robert Schumann", Strasbourg, France*, 1991
- Certificate on the Rights of Women Workers , *ILO Tr. Centre- Turin*, 2002
- Diploma on Development, Law and Social Justice, *Institute of Social Studies /ISS/, The Hague, The Netherlands*, 2004

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

- Coordinating and presenting of shadow reports under the UN treaties and mechanisms (CEDAW- 18th and 52d session, First and Second Universal Periodic Review of Bulgaria , ICCPR, CESCR), since 1998
- Participation in the governmental WG for the adoption of the National Plan for the implementation of the CEDAW Recommendations /2013/
- Working with the government for enforcement of the Views of the CEDAW Committee under the OP CEDAW- 2014
- Participation as governmental delegate in CSW 58,59, 61-/ 2014- 2017/
- Participation in the 4th WC on Women- Beijing, 1995

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

- “ *Access to justice for women victims of violence*”- Guide for CSOs – BGRF, 2017
- *Trafficking in Human Beings from a Gender Perspective- Directive 2011/36/EU*”/European parliament/- co- author - 2016
- *A comparative analysis of Gender Equality law in Europe 2016/* European Commission/- author for the BG report
- *Monitoring report on Sexual and other forms of GBV in the Context of the International Protection in Bulgaria- UNHCR, co-author- 2015*

¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in three annual sessions of three weeks duration, plus participation (on a rotating basis) in a pre-session working group of one week in respect of each session.