

TRANSPARENCY IN NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES: TOWARDS A NEW VETTING SYSTEM?

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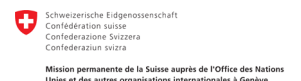
The states parties to the various international human rights treaties nominate and elect treaty body (TB) members from among their nationals. The nominations are compiled by the UN Secretary-General who submits them for consideration to all the states parties to a specific treaty.

This discussion – co-organized by our Geneva Human Rights Platform with GQUAL, TB-Net, the International Service for Human Rights and the International Disability Alliance – will look into election processes for UN TBs, the concrete impact of Feminist Foreign Policy on the nomination and election of TB members, what can we learn from fellow international mechanisms, as well as the inclusion of a vetting process for TBs.



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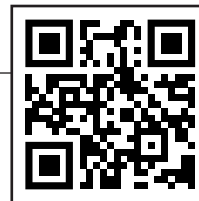
In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/268 (paragraph 13), when nominating independent experts for committee elections, States are encouraged to give due consideration to:

- Equitable geographical distribution
- The representation of different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems
- Balanced gender representation;
- The participation of experts with disabilities.

The resolution also reaffirms the importance of the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (paragraph 35). All elected members serve in their personal capacity. Underlining the need for independence and impartiality, but also qualification of members, in June 2012, the UN TB Chairs discussed and endorsed the Addis Ababa Guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of UN TBs.

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