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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CHAMBERS

JUDGE TRECHSEL

Ad Litem Judge Stefan TRECHSEL

(Member of the Tribunal since 7 April 2006)

Switzerland

Born: 25 June 1937

Education:

1956-1963 Educated at the University of Berne, Faculty of Law
1964-1965 Admitted to the bar and at Georgetown University (Washington DC)
1966 Dr. iur. (magna cum laude).
1972 Privatdozent

Professional and Academic Experience:

1968 Started his professional career in Berne: experience as defence counsel before military tribunals, occasionally ad hoc judge in military tribunals.
Since 1975 Member of the European Commission of Human Rights, holding the positions
1975-1977 Visiting professor at University of Fribourg, Switzerland
1977-1979 Guest lecturer at the Universities of Berne, Zurich and St. Gallen
1979-1999 Fully tenured professor of criminal law and procedure at the University of St. Gallen
1987-1994 Vice-President of the European Commission of Human Rights
1999-present Fully tenured professor of criminal law and procedure at the University of Zurich
1995-1999 President of the European Commission of Human Rights

Additional experience:

Counsel in proceedings before Swiss Federal Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. Served as an Independent Expert of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on the issue of political prisoners in Armenia and Azerbaijan.

His legislative experience includes work on various committees concerned with Swiss law reform. Internationally, served as expert for the reform of criminal procedure in Bulgaria, Russian Federation, Kosovo and Tajikistan.

Other academic experience includes Séminaire extérieur of the Hague Academy, Dakar in 1981; general course on human rights at the European University Institute, Florence, in 1997; visiting professorships at the Universities of California in 1999 and Saint Louis in 2000, as well as numerous guest lectureships.

Further experience includes administration of the Swiss Peace Corps in 1966-1967 and investigation into suspect payments to Northrop Corporation in 1975.

Publications:

Author of 6 books in English and German and of approximately 100 articles in law journals in German, English, French, Portuguese and Italian.

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