**LAM SHANG LEEN PAUL (Republic of Mauritius)**

**Date and place of birth**: 4 July 1948, Port-Louis, Mauritius

**Working languages**: English and French

**Current position/function**

Legal Consultant - Constitutional Law and Corporate Law;

Arbitrator in the field of construction;

Mediator.

Chairperson of the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking in Mauritius set up by the President of the Republic of Mauritius.

**Positions previously held**

Former member of the Subcommittee on the Prevention Against Torture (2011 to 2016);

Former Bureau Member (Vice Chair) SPT responsible for NPM (2015-2016) and Head of the African Regional Group (2013-2014);

Former Judge (First Instance and on Appeal), Supreme Court of Mauritius, judge (1994 to 2015);

Former Chairman of the Council of Legal Education (2009-2015)

Former Chairman of the steering committee for the implementation of the judiciary for the electronic filing of cases and the management of court cases.

Former Presiding Judge of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court dealing with

Corporate litigation, insolvency and bankruptcy;

Former Presiding Judge of the Assizes [Criminal Division of the Supreme Court] dealing with high profile serious criminal cases.

Sole Arbitrator in numerous construction disputes.

**Educational background**

1968: Higher School Certificate, Cambridge;

1970–1973: Professional Bar Exams – Council of Legal Education, London;

1974: Post-graduate diploma from the Council of Legal Education, London;

1976–1979: Law Degree, University (Aix-Marseilles);

1980: Diploma Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (Section Internationale) Paris.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

Held position as Chairman of the Prisons’ Board, Chairman of the Probation Board, Chairman of the steering committee for the computerization of the Supreme Court for the setting up of video-link with the prisons. Presided over numerous criminal cases since 1976 to 1992. From 1984 to 2007, presided over serious criminal cases before the Assizes with Jury and without jury and sitting as judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal. In 2008, Presiding Judge of the newly created Criminal Division of the Supreme Court dealing with numerous high profile criminal cases and Drug Trafficking. Member of the panel to look into reforms in the Administration of Justice. Interaction with the NPM (Mauritius) and working sessions with its President.

**List of most recent publications in the field**

None but has handed down several cases concerning the rights of the accused parties to a

fair hearing, bail and police brutality. Has for the past nine years contributed in the

discussion papers at the annual workshop organized by the Law Faculty, Trinity College,

Dublin in topics including Human Rights, Fair Hearing, Discrimination, Capital

Punishment, Sentencing, Independence of the Judiciary, the ICCPR and the ICESCR;

Convention Against Torture; the Standard Minimum Rules (Mandela Rules); Conventions regarding treatment of female prisoners and minors.