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The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the provisions of articles 5 to 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and wishes to confirm that the third meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol which will elect twenty members to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Thursday 28 October 2010, at 10.00 a.m., Palais des Nations, Room XIX.

Your Excellency's Government is invited to be represented at the meeting and to forward, as soon as possible and not later than 22 October 2010, the credentials for its representative, issued either by the Head of State or Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, together with the names of the other members of its delegation. Credentials should be directed to the Office of the High Commissioner, United Nations Office at Geneva, Geneva 10, Switzerland, to the attention of Mr. Patrice Gillibert, Secretary of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.

The following documents for the meeting will be available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cat/opcat/elections2010.htm>):

- (a) Provisional Agenda (CAT/OP/SP/6)
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General outlining the election procedures (CAT/OP/SP/7)
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General containing the List of candidates and biographical data (CAT/OP/SP/8 and addenda)
- (d) Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Meetings of the States Parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT/OP/SP/3)
- (e) General Assembly resolution 64/173 on the Promotion of equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (A/RES/64/173)
- (f) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (A/64/212)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the official who signed the document.

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