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Communication from the Committee of Ministers
Doc. 10263 – 16 September 2004

**Election of a judge to the
European Court of Human Rights
in respect of Slovakia**

(in accordance with Article 23, paragraph 1, of the European
Convention on Human Rights)

*Letter from the Secretary General of the Council of
Europe to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly,
dated 15 September 2004*

Dear President,

Pursuant to the decision of the Ministers' Deputies
of which I enclose a copy, I have the honour to trans-
mit to you the list of candidates for the post of judge to
the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the
Slovak Republic.

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Signed:
Terry Davis

Decisions of Ministers' Deputies
895th meeting – 15 September 2004 – Item 4.3

European Court of Human Rights
Second partial renewal
Nomination of candidates for the election of judges
Candidature in respect of the Slovak Republic
(CM (2004) 149)

Decisions

The Deputies:

1. took note of the list of candidates for the election
of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights
presented in respect of the Slovak Republic;
2. agreed to transmit the said list of candidates to the
President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

**Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic
to the Council of Europe**

Mr Pierre-Henri Imbert
Director General
Directorate General for Human Rights – DG II
Council of Europe

Dear Mr Director General

In response to your letter of 26 May 2004 regarding
the election of a Slovak Republic judge to the European
Court of Human Rights it is my pleasure to transmit
herewith the new list of candidates (including candi-
dates of both sexes) which has been approved by the
Slovak Government on 23 June 2004.

- Mr Ján Drgonec;
- Ms Soňa Smolová;
- Mr Ján Šituka.

Please find enclosed the curriculum vitae of each
candidate.

I would like to very kindly ask you to proceed with
the list of candidates in such a way as to make it possi-
ble for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of
Europe to elect a new Slovak judge during its next part-
session in October 2004.

Please accept, Mr Director General, the assurance
of my highest consideration.

Signed:
Marek Eštok
chargé d'affaires a.i.

Curricula vitae of candidates

Ján Drgonec

I. Personal details

Name, forename: Drgonec, Ján
Sex: male
Date and place of birth: 20 April 1952, Bratislava
Nationality: Slovakian

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

1971-76: Law Faculty of Comenius University,
Bratislava (graduated lawyer)
1977: Doctor of Laws (JUDr) in "The History of State
and Law" at the Law Faculty of the Comenius
University, Bratislava
1981: Candidate of Legal Sciences (CSc.) under a
thesis on law of contract at the Law Faculty of
Comenius University, Bratislava
1991: Doctor of Legal Sciences (DrSc.) with work on
computer law at the Slovak Academy of Sciences,
Bratislava

III. Relevant professional activities

a. Details of judicial activities

21 January 1993-20 January 2000: judge of the
Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic

*b. Details of non-judicial legal activities**Academic career*

1998: Visiting professor at the University of Texas at Austin (Texas, USA)

1980-92: Full-time scientific worker at the Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

1 February 1980-31 December 1981: Scientific assistant

1 January 1982-25 November 1986: Scientific fellow

26 November 1986-29 July 1990: Senior scientific fellow

27 June 1991: Chief research fellow

1 July 1988-31 January 1990: Head of the Department of Public and Private Law

1 February 1990-1 February 1993: Head of the Department of Civil and Commercial Law

1992: Visitor at Institut suisse de droit comparé, Lausanne

1993-2001 (31 March): Part-time chief research fellow at Ústav štátu a práva SAV, Bratislava

Private practice

1 February 2000-13 November 2002: Attorney at law
July-August 2000: Short-term consultant at the World Bank, Washington, DC, (ECA – Poverty Reduction/Economic Management Unit)

Public service

External counsel of the President of the Slovak Republic for constitutional law and legislation

1994-99: Member of the Sub-Commission on Constitutional Justice at the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe

c. Details of non-legal professional activities

Not applicable.

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights*a. Publications*

Author of a monograph on fundamental rights and freedoms in two volumes (604 pages in total)

Author of chapters in monographs edited in the Czech Republic and Poland, for example:

“Konceptia ochrany základných práv a slobôd podľa Ústavného súdu Slovenskej republiky” (The model of protection of fundamental rights and freedoms according to the reasoning of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic), in Dančák, B. and Šimíček, V. (eds.), *Základní lidská práva a právní stát v judikatuře ústavních soudů*, Masarykova univerzita – Mezinárodní politologický ústav, Brno, 2000, pp. 30-44, ISBN 80-210-2451-8

“The Slovakian experience with the realisation of fundamental rights and freedoms”, in Complak, K. (ed.), *Europa Wschodnia – Ameryka Łacińska/Europa del Este – América Latina*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, Wrocław, 2002, pp. 248-265, ISBN 83-229-2214-0

“Ústavnoprávne aspekty použitia sledovacích technológií mocenskými zložkami štátu” (The constitutional issues posed by tapping and application of other technologies by the armed forces of the state), in Dančák, B. and Šimíček, V. (eds.), *Bezpečnosť Českej republiky (Právní aspekty situace po 11. září 2001)*, Masarykova univerzita v Brně – Mezinárodní politologický ústav, Brno, 2002, pp. 107-122, ISBN 80-210-3009-7

Author of papers on freedom of expression, right to privacy, right to have a case settled within a reasonable time, positive obligation, etc. published in the Slovakian law reviews *Justičná Revue* and *Bulletin Slovenskej Advokácie*.

b. Legislative activities

Working on the draft of the law on protection of privacy from tapping (adopted by parliament as Act No. 166/2003 Z.z.)

c. Judicial activities

Reporting judge of the Constitutional Court to:

Case II. ÚS 8/96 concerning the freedom of movement and the constitutional right of every Slovakian citizen to freely enter the territory of the Slovak Republic (for more details, see *Bulletin on Constitutional Case-Law*, No. 3, 1996, pp. 403-404)

Case PL. ÚS 15/1998 dealing with the conformity of the Law on General Elections with the Slovakian Constitution (the most significant case in Slovakia concerning freedom of expression; for more details see *Zbierka náleзов a uznesení Ústavného súdu Slovenskej republiky* 1999, pp. 27-75)

Case II. ÚS 28/96 concerning the right of access to information under Article 26 of the Slovakian Constitution and Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (see, *Zbierka náleзов a uznesení Ústavného súdu Slovenskej republiky* 1997, pp. 98-118)

Case I. ÚS 79/93 on violation of Article 17, paragraph 6, of the Slovakian Constitution and Article 5, paragraph 4, of the European Convention on Human Rights due to the obligatory detention of a mentally-ill person in a hospital without a court decision

A series of cases concerning the right to privacy, and the right to have cases settled within a reasonable time (for example, case II. ÚS 26/95, *Zbierka náleзов a uznesení Ústavného súdu Slovenskej republiky* 1995, pp. 52-67, where the violation of this right was declared for the first time in Slovakia)

d. Teaching activities

1997-99: Lecturer on “Constitutional guarantees for fundamental rights and freedoms” – course for undergraduate students at the Law Faculty of Comenius University, Bratislava

V. Political activities**a. Public office**

Member of the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic (appointed for a period of five years on 26 June 2002)

1994-99: Member of the Sub-Commission on Constitutional Justice at the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe

1990: Part-time member of the Temporary Governmental Commission for Establishing the Central Slovakian Authority for the Protection of the Environment

b. Elected posts

Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic (the Slovakian Parliament)

Chairman of the Constitutional and Law Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

c. Posts held in a political party or movement

Member of the Presidium of the ANO Party

VI. Other activities

I am not a member of any citizens' organisation, sports club or any other sort of organisation.

VII. Publications and other works

Some 9 books and 3 other books as co-author; chapters in collective monographs edited in the Czech Republic, Poland, Switzerland and Spain; and 103 papers in law reviews edited in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, England, Germany, South Africa, Hungary and Wales

Fundamental works

Ústava Slovenskej republiky. Komentár (The Constitution of the Slovak Republic. Commentary) Šamorín, Heuréka, 2004, 811 pages, ISBN 80-89122-95-1

Základné práva a slobody podľa Ústavy Slovenskej republiky (Fundamental rights and freedoms under the Constitution of the Slovak Republic), Vol. 1, MANZ, Bratislava, 1997, 264 pages, ISBN 80-85719-13

Základné práva a slobody podľa Ústavy Slovenskej republiky (Fundamental rights and freedoms under the Constitution of the Slovak Republic), Vol. 2, MANZ, Bratislava, 1999, 340 pages, ISBN 80-85719-23-1

Ústavné práva a zdravotníctvo (Constitutional rights and health care), Archa, Bratislava, 1996, 338 pages, ISBN 80-7115-034-7

Tlačové právo na Slovensku (Press law within the territory of Slovakia), Archa, Bratislava, 1995, 191 pages, ISBN 80-7115-034-7

Štát a právo v službách životného prostredia (The government and the laws on duty for the environment), Abies, Prešov, 1993, 140 pages, ISBN 80-88699-00-2

Vedecko-technický rozvoj, právo a národné hospodárstvo (New technologies, laws and the national economy), Veda, Bratislava, 1991, 242 pages, ISBN 80-224-0152-8

Právne kultúry Ázie a Afriky (Cultures of law in Asia and Africa), Veda, Bratislava, 1991, 240 pages, ISBN 80-224-0227-3

Moderná medicína a právo (Modern medicine and the law) (joint author P. Holländer), Obzor, Bratislava, 1982, 238 pages

Moderná medicína a právo (Modern medicine and the law) (joint author P. Holländer), 2nd fundamentally revised and supplemented edition, Obzor, Bratislava, 1988, 304 pages

Works in English

"Independence under control – The road for the judiciary of the 21st century", in Segado, F.F. (ed.), *The Spanish Constitution in the European constitutional context*, Dykinson, Madrid, 2003, pp. 2097-2131, ISBN 84-9772-094-6

"The Slovakian experience with the realisation of fundamental rights and freedoms", in Complak, K. (ed.), *Europa Wschodnia – Ameryka Łacińska/Europa del Este – América Latina*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, Wrocław, 2002, pp. 248-265, ISBN 83-229-2214-0

"Laws on extraordinary medical activity in post-socialist central Europe", in *Bioethics: from ethics to law, from law to ethics*, Schulthess Polygraphischer Verlag, Zurich, 1997, pp. 109-126, ISBN 3-7255-3633-3

"New crimes for new times", in *Festschrift für Jan Štěpán*, Schulthess Polygraphischer Verlag, Zurich, 1994, pp. 285-294, ISBN 3-7255-3198-6

"The status of the foetus", *Medicine and Law*, No. 3-4, 1994, pp. 215-239

"The relationship between physician and patient under Slovak Law", *Medical Law International*, No. 4, 1998, pp. 287-298

VIII. Languages

a. Mother tongue: Slovak

b. Official languages: English (reading, writing and speaking: very good)

c. Other languages: Czech (reading, writing and speaking: very good)
Russian (reading: very good, writing and speaking: good)

IX. Other relevant information

Not applicable

X. Residence

I confirm that if elected I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg during the tenure of my office at the European Court of Human Rights.

Soňa Smolová**I. Personal details**

Name, forename: Smolová, Soňa

Sex: female

Date and place of birth: 5 September 1951, Bratislava

Nationality: Slovak

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

1984: Doctorate, Faculty of Law, Comenius University, Bratislava

1976: Examination for the post of judge

1970-75: Faculty of Law, Comenius University, Bratislava

III. Relevant professional activities*a. Details of judicial activities*

Since 2001: President of a criminal section of the Court of Appeal (*Krajský súd*), Bratislava, responsible for criminal cases

1984-2000: Judge at the Court of Appeal (*Krajský súd*), Bratislava

1976-84: President of the Criminal Section of the Court of First Instance (*Okresný súd*), Bratislava – vidiek

1975-76: Legal trainee at the Court of Appeal (*Krajský súd*), Bratislava

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

October 2003: Head of the Slovakian delegation, European Conference on Policies for the Protection of Children, Nisida, Italy

March 2002: Seminar on Human Rights, Bratislava

May 2001: Trainer of legal trainees – protection of children's rights

December 2000: International Conference: Gypsy Youth

June 2000: Slovakian expert, Octopus II Seminar – Dubrovnik, Croatia: enhancement of international sharing of information to fight corruption and organised crime

May 2000: Slovakian expert, Octopus II Seminar – Budapest, Hungary: enhancement of bilateral and multilateral co-operation in the fight against corruption and organised crime

January 2000: Study visit, Paris, France, Octopus II Programme: international co-operation and working methods of specialised units fighting organised crime

September 1999: Slovakian expert, Octopus II Seminar – Bratislava, Slovakia: protection of vulnerable targets including witnesses

May 1999: Study visit, Paris, France, Octopus II Programme: crime prevention programmes put in place to control juvenile delinquency

V. Public activities

None.

VI. Other activities

2004: Head of French-Slovak legal dictionary project

September 2003: Seminar on Community Law, Omsenie, Slovakia

June 2003: Seminar on Legal French, Omsenie, Slovakia

February 2002: Seminar on Training Trainers in Community Law, Bucharest, Romania, under the aegis of EIPA Luxembourg

May 2002: Seminar on Legal French, Omsenie, Slovakia

November 2002: Seminar at the Legal Service Training College, Paris, France; training at the Assize Court in Metz

November 2001: Seminar on Training Trainers in Community Law, Bucharest, Romania, under the aegis of EIPA Luxembourg

April 2001: Training supervisor for a legal trainee (Coline Craighero) from the Legal Service Training College, Paris, France, at the Court of Appeal in Bratislava

October-December 2000: Training at the Directorate of Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice

March 2000: International scientific conference: protection of children's rights, Piešťany, Slovakia

October-November 1999: Seminar at the Legal Service Training College, Paris, France: presentation of French judicial institutions, followed by training at the Mulhouse Regional Court and the Court of Appeal in Colmar

April 1999: Expert, seminar on enhancing investigative resources – programme organised under the aegis of the Council of Europe Octopus II Programme, Strasbourg, France

April-June 1999: Training at the Directorate of Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice

VII. Publications and other works

"Children's judge. Legal protection of children", international conference, Piešťany, 2000

VIII. Languages

- a. Mother tongue: Slovak
- b. Official languages: French (reading and speaking: very good; writing: good)
- c. Other languages: Russian (reading, writing and speaking: very good)

IX. Other relevant information

Computer skills – MS Word, MS Excel, Outlook, Internet

X. Residence

I confirm that I will take up permanent residence in Strasbourg if elected a judge to the Court.

Ján Šikuta**I. Personal details**

Name, forename: Šikuta, Ján
 Sex: male
 Date and place of birth: 25 October 1960, Bratislava
 Nationality: Slovak

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

1979-83: Law Faculty, Comenius University, Bratislava, law studies
 1984: Doctor of Laws
 1985: Judicial Exam (Ministry of Justice)
 1989-91: Law Faculty, Charles University, Prague, Postgraduate Studies in Law

III. Relevant professional activities*a. Details of judicial activities*

1983-85: Post of judge-candidate. In the course of the above-mentioned period, in order to become a judge, I applied, after graduating in law studies, for the post of judge-candidate. During that period, I went through all kinds of court work. I had practice in and experience of the circulation of a court file from registration through to its handling by the court administration and up to court proceedings, trial and final judgment. During this period, under the supervision of a professional judge, I studied files, cases (criminal and civil), prepared all the necessary and relevant documentation for proceedings, drafted concepts of simple decisions and judgments, and attended court hearings in order to see procedural rules in practice. In the meantime, I had to study national legislation, national case-law (of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic) and I had to attend semi-

nars organised for candidates on a regular basis. At the end of this preparatory period, I had to pass tests and exams required by legislation, organised by the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Court. This period culminated in the final judicial exam, after which I was elected by the Slovak Parliament for the post of judge.

1986-89: Post of the First-Instance Court judge. I started to work as a judge, appointed to the District Court in Bratislava, the court of first instance, where I dealt with civil cases. I studied court complaints, put together relevant evidence, conducted court hearings, interviewed parties involved in the cases, witnesses, asked for expert opinions and reports, took into consideration all relevant facts, made legal analyses and finally, took and pronounced judgments. Another part of my daily activities was drafting the court judgments and other kinds of court decisions, including appropriately designed motivations/reasoning. Accordingly, I continued to study all kinds of legislation and Supreme Court case-law. In addition to this, from time to time I published articles in law magazines related to interesting legal issues.

1990-94: Post of Appeal Court judge. In 1990, I was re-elected by the parliament to the Court of Appeal (court of second instance) in Bratislava as an appeal judge. I dealt with civil, and later on (from 1992) also with administrative, cases. In addition to my agenda, I was the appeal judge specialised in cases related to the Law of Intellectual Property and Labour Law. Though my activities were similar to those at the court of first instance, in the court of second instance, I dealt with revision of first instance procedures and decisions. I studied appeals, first instance court files, co-ordinated work with other judges in the senate/chamber (three judges to each appeal chamber), conducted court hearings, interviewed parties involved in the case and experts as needed, drafted decisions/judgments including motivations/reasoning. In the meantime, before Slovakia acceded (succeeded after the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic) to the European Convention on Human Rights, I started to have an interest in human rights, including the European Convention on Human Rights. In addition to the above, I started to familiarise myself with the ECHR's case-law (see under III.b).

Since July 1994, I have worked with the UNHCR, whilst retaining my post as judge at the Court of Appeal (see below).

b. Details of non-judicial legal activities

1994-2004: Legal officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In mid-1994, I succeeded in the competition for the post of legal officer at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Since that time, I have been posted at the UNHCR Representation in Bratislava, whilst retaining my post as judge at the Court of Appeal. That gave me the opportunity, on the one hand, to stay in contact with the Slovak authorities, including the national judiciary and to monitor developments in the national legislation and, on the other hand, to gain knowledge and experience in the field of human rights with a focus on asylum seekers and refugees.

At national level, I commented on drafts of national legislation relating to foreigners, residency, minorities and refugees, and prepared UNHCR legal opinions and standpoints in selected cases which had been sent to administrative or judicial bodies dealing with asylum cases at all levels (Migration Office, Supreme Court, Constitutional Court), where, *inter alia*, I argued cases according to ECHR case-law (in particular case-law related to Articles 3, 5, 6 and 8 of the ECHR). As part of the UNHCR's mission in Slovakia, I came into contact with the highest national institutions, such as the parliament, the government, the Constitutional Court, ministries, etc., but also with asylum seekers and refugees, from whom I got their perspective on life and human rights. In addition, I delivered lectures to national judges and other administrative decision makers dealing with asylum issues. My lectures focused on the international protection of human rights and refugees, including the protection offered by the Council of Europe system.

At an international level, I came into contact with a wide range of international institutions (the Council of Europe, the European Commission) and non-governmental organisations (Amnesty International, the International Helsinki Federation, Minority Rights Group, etc.) dealing with human rights. Another part of my job was to deal with the human rights protection instruments of other systems, such as the United Nations conventions, EXCOM recommendations, etc., which I applied in my daily work. I also assisted the Slovak Government and the governments of central and eastern European countries in institution-building processes aimed at building functional and effective asylum systems (for example, my missions to Moldova for the purpose of training and lecturing Moldovan judges, prosecutors, lawyers and immigration officers in the field of human rights, refugee protection, etc.). Since 1994, I have been working in a multicultural and international environment, using English as a working language on a daily basis.

c. Details of non-legal professional activities

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IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

Attended human rights courses

1992-93: Course on international law organised by the Jan Hus Foundation, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

1993: Course on democracy, the rule of law and human rights, organised by the Netherlands Bar Association, the Netherlands, Dutch Helsinki Committee, the Independent Association of the Judiciary, Hilversum, The Hague, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1993: International course on refugees and asylum law, Exeter College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

1994: UN course on the issues of assistance to displaced populations in Europe, Queen Elisabeth House, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

1994: UN training for advisers on the law on refugee status, Queen Elisabeth House, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

1994: Elena 7th international course on asylum and refugee law, Athens, Greece

1995: 16th Annual International Human Rights Training Programme, Canadian Human Rights Foundation, John Abbott College, Quebec, Montreal, Canada (Certificate of Achievement)

1997: International protection of refugees training, John Knox Centre, Geneva

1998: Advanced course on the international protection of human rights, Institute for Human Rights, ABO/Turku, Finland

2001: EU Focal Points Training, Brussels, Belgium, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

2002: 2nd Training Seminar on the EU *acquis* in the Field of Asylum and Migration, Vienna, Austria, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

Lecturing activities

1994-2004: I have been delivering lectures as a guest lecturer at different universities in Slovakia, as well as abroad, focusing on international law and relations, human rights and the international protection of refugees, including the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. I also had the opportunity to talk about case-law relating to the UN Human Rights Committee and UN Committee against Torture.

Law Faculty, Comenius University, Bratislava

Law Faculty, University of Pavol Jozef Šafárik, Košice

Law Faculty, University of Mateja Bella, Banská Bystrica

Law Faculty, Trnava University

Law Faculty, Charles University, Prague

The Slovak Police Forces Academy

The Czech Police Forces Academy

John Abbott College, Montreal, Canada

Law Faculty, Chişinău University, Moldova

Human rights summer schools, organised by the Minority Rights Group Slovakia for selected law school students

Training activities

1995-2004: As a UNHCR legal officer, I delivered training sessions and seminars to different target groups such as judges, advocates, prosecutors, lawyers, asylum decision makers, border police officers, law students and also Roma communities, focusing on human rights in general, international systems of protection of human rights, refugee law and interviewing techniques, in mostly central European countries such as the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, but also in Moldova and Ireland.

V. Political activities*Posts held in a political party or movement*

As an independent judge, according to national law, I cannot be involved in any political activities. As a UN official, the same restrictions apply.

VI. Other activities

1992-94: Vice-President, the Slovak Association of Judges. Following political changes, there was a need for judges to establish their own professional association in order to assist judges in organising different activities. I was one of the founders of the Slovak Association of Judges, and in the mentioned period I was elected as its Vice-President. In that time approximately 60% of Slovak judges joined the association.

1993-94: The Slovak National Centre for Human Rights, member of the Board

2000-04: International Association of Refugee Law Judges (The Hague) – associate member

2002-04: Pan-European Union (the Slovak Republic Section) – member

Other courses attended

1995: Train the Trainers Course I, Moulin de la Forge, Paris, France, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

1995: Train the Trainers Course II, Stadtschlaining, Austria, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

1996: Train the Trainers Course III, Strba, Slovak Republic, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

1996: UN Negotiating Skills Training I, Ankara, Turkey, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

1997: Country of origin information, searching on the Internet training, Vienna, Austria

1998: UNHCR Workshop on Emergency Management Service, Service Cantonal Vaudois de la Protection Civile, Gollion, Switzerland

1998: UN Negotiating Skills Training II, Ferney-Voltaire, France, organised by the UNHCR Geneva

VII. Publications and other works

Effective remedies against administrative decisions and Article 26 of the European Convention on Human Rights, Bratislava, 1995

The European Convention on Human Rights and restrictions on freedom in a democratic society, Bratislava, 1996

Migration policy in Slovakia, refugees and migration in central and eastern Europe, Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal, 1996

Legal status of refugees in the Slovak Republic, global report on the status of the society, the Slovak Republic Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava, 1998

Basic legal instruments concerning refugees (Compendium for asylum judges support project), Bratislava, November 1999

International protection and subsidiary protection of refugees, the Slovak Academy of Science, Bratislava, June 2000

Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights, European Convention and application possibilities of a judge, Bratislava, 2000

Implementation of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 New York Protocol, ICNUR (UNHCR), Chişinău, 2003

“Restriction of the freedom of movement of asylum seekers and refugees in the light of international documents”, *Judicial Revue*, No. 12/2003

VIII. Languages

a. Mother tongue: Slovak

b. Official languages: English (reading, writing and speaking: very good)

c. Other languages: Czech (reading, writing and speaking: very good)
Russian (reading, writing and speaking: very good)
German (reading, writing and speaking: fair)

IX. Other relevant information

1992-94: As the Vice-President of the Association of Slovak Judges, I organised training sessions for Slovak judges. Within the framework of the association's co-operation with the Dutch Judges Association and the Dutch Helsinki Committee, Dutch judges were invited as lecturers and came several times to Slovakia in order to train Slovak judges specifically on the European Convention on Human Rights, its articles and its case-law.

X. Residence

I confirm that, if elected, I will take up residence in Strasbourg.