

Appendix B

Members of the Tribunal for the Hearings on The Protection of War-Affected Children: Securing Children's Rights in the Context of Armed Conflict

After graduating from the Kenya School of Law and the University of Nairobi with an LL.B., **Judge Joyce Aluoch (Kenya)** worked as a District, Resident and Senior Resident Magistrate from 1974-1982 respectively. She has since been a High Court Judge for more than seventeen years. During this time, she has presided over many cases involving the welfare of children displaced as a result of armed conflicts. In addition, Lady Justice Aluoch has considerable experience in cases involving the custody, the right to property and rehabilitation of war-affected children, in particular, those who have been orphaned as a result of armed conflict. In 2000, Lady Justice Aluoch was appointed by the Honourable Chief Justice of Kenya to be the presiding Judge of the first Family Court of Kenya. She has been actively involved in community and international organisations for many years. Currently she retains the position as National Chairperson for the Kenya Girl Guides Association, as a member of the Prestigious Olave Baden Powell Society. Further, she helped to found the International Women Judges Association and today acts as chairperson for its program and planning committee. Locally, she chairs the Kenya Women Judges Association. She has been invited to present papers at many international conferences such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation's conference where she focused on reproductive health issues, for the International Judges Association, at the African Women Judges conference, at a World Bank Meeting on Eastern Africa where she presented on Gender and Law, and many others.

Judge Helio Bicudo graduated in law from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and worked as a District and then Public Attorney until 1979. Under the Carvalho Pinto Government he acted as the Head of the Civil House of the State of Sao Paulo, as well as of the Ministry of Finance, and was later appointed Interim Minister of Finance. Under the Luiza Erunda administration he was named Secretary of Judicial Affairs of the Mayor of the State of Sao Paulo. Dr Bicudo currently presides over the National independent Court Against Child Labour and is a founding member of the Justice and Peace Commission of the State of Sao Paulo. He is the Co-ordinator of the Santos Dias Human Rights Centre of the State of Sao Paulo and a member of the Teotonio Vilela Human Rights Commission, as well as the Counsellor of the Abrino Foundation for Children's Rights. Dr Bicudo was elected Federal Deputy of the Labour Party in 1990 and re-elected in 1994. In recognition, he has been credited for three constitutional amendments dealing with the structure of the police and judiciary, as well as the reorganisation of the penitentiary system. In the international sphere, Deputy Bicudo has also been a Judge in the Permanent Court of the People concerning the Violation of the Basic Rights of Children in Trento, Macerata and Naples, and also represented the Government of Brazil at the International Court against Child Labour in Mexico City, 1996. He is the First Vice-Chairman of the General Assembly of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as well as being the Commission's Rapporteur on Children's Rights. In 1975 he was awarded the *Sobra Pinta Human Rights Medal*, by the Pontificia Universidade Catolica-MG, and has received the National Human Rights Prize of the National Human Rights Movement of Brazil. Dr Bicudo is the author of various books and studies, including in the field of human rights.