**Annex II**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)**

Family name and first name: ……MASSAH BONFACE …………………………

Date and place of birth: …………11 June 1983…………………………………

Place of residence: …LILONGWE, MALAWI ………………………………………

Nationality: ………MALAWIAN……………………………………………………

United Nations working languages: …………ENGLISH …………………………..

Current position/function:

(Five lines maximum)

A Commissioner at Malawi Human Rights Commission served as chairperson of Disability and Elderly Rights Directorate for three years and now chairperson of Child Rights Directorates. I am the current Country Director for Standing Voice - Malawi office where among others, I lead in interventions and initiatives aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of persons with albinism. ………………….

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Ten lines maximum)

I am Chairperson of the Federation of Disability Organization in Malawi (FEDOMA). I led the Association of Persons with Albinism in Malawi (APAM) as the President and National Coordinator from 2009-2016. I have served on the Board of Directors for Malawi Network Against Trafficking in Persons (M-NAT) and Disabled Women in Africa (DIWA). I am an expert member of the Albinism Think Tank team by the UN Independent Expert on enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism and the plan of action to end attacks and other human rights violations targeting persons with albinism in Africa (2021–2031). I am a member of the Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD) regional advocacy platform to champion UNCRPD and African Disability Protocol and key resource person on the development and implementation of the National Action Plan on Albinism in various African countries.…………….

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

(Five lines maximum)

Master’s (MPhil) degree in Human Rights and Disability Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Master’s (MPhil) Rehabilitation, Disability, Gender and Development, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

BSc in Agriculture, University of Malawi, Malawi.

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Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

(Three lines maximum)

……Yes I Do Identify Myself as Someone with a Disability I Am a Person with Albinism……………………………………………….

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

(Five lines maximum)

…… I have over 15 years’ experience and expertise in equality and non-discrimination work for persons with disabilities in Africa. I have worked on equal and effective legal protection against discrimination and supporting victim of torture, to foster their inclusion and dignity. I have raised awareness to combat stereotypes and harmful practices against persons with disabilities throughout community, family level and policy level regarding persons with disabilities.…………………………..

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Five lines maximum)

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We Are Human, Just Like You: Albinism in Malawi – Implications for Security (a), Charlotte Baker - Lancaster University (b) Patricia Lund - Coventry University (c) Boniface Massah -Standing Voice (d) Jones Mawerenga - University of Malawi. (2021)

Identifying strategies to enhance the educational inclusion of visually impaired children with albinism in Malawi, (a) Paul Lynch - School of Education, University of Birmingham (b) Pat Lund - Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Coventry University (c) Boniface Massah - The Albino Association of Malawi (2012)

Information booklet for young people with albinism and for teacher; Paul Lynch, Pat Lund and Boniface Massah (2012)

Families influencing the education of pupils with albinism in Malawi – a prism for educational, social and health practice. Gareth Dart – University of Worcester, UK g.dart@worc.ac.uk, Dr Pat Lund – University of Coventry, UK apx251@coventry.ac.uk, Boniface Massah – Association of Persons with Albinism in Malawi bonmassah@gmail.com (2013)

Look at Me See My Abilities Not My Albinism Condition. Annuntiatus, International association on Special Education, Vol, xxvii, issue 2 May 2015……………………