

Mr Nicolas Le Coz, President of GRETA;

A Senior Officer of the National Gendarmerie and a lawyer, with a Master II in International Relations (Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University), a Master II in International Public Law (Paris Panthéon-Assas University), he graduated from the Paris Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales (IHEI) where he specialized in international and European human rights law.

Having been legal advisor and delegate for the Dominican Republic at the UN Conference on the setting up of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Mr Le Coz was a trainee at the Chamber of First Instance of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) from July to December 2008 where he mainly worked on two cases. He then joined the Armed Conflict Law Bureau in the French Ministry of Defence, where he was responsible for matters relating to international criminal law and humanitarian law. During this period, he undertook two long term assignments, one in Kosovo\* (2000) as a representative of the Brigadier General commanding the K-FOR Multinational Brigade North to the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) in Mitrovica and the other in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001) as legal advisor (LEGAD) to the Brigadier General commanding the Multinational Division South-East of the NATO Stabilisation Force (SFOR).

Since 2002, Mr Le Coz has served in the Criminal Police Sub-Directorate (SDPJ) of the French National Gendarmerie General Directorate (DGGN) in the Ministry of the Interior. Deputy Head of the "Organised Crime and Specialised Criminality"

Unit of the Criminal Police Office (BPJ), he is responsible, in particular, for matters relating to domestic, international and European criminal law (abduction alerts, action against discrimination, organised crime and serious violations of international humanitarian law) and to the protection of human rights in the context of criminal police activities. He is the author of articles (in reviews and collective publications) on witness protection, money laundering, co-operation in criminal matters, and mutual recognition of judicial orders for freezing and confiscation in the EU, the punishment of the "most serious crimes" and action against trafficking in human beings.

- Ms Vessela Banova, member of GRETA;

**Ms Vessela Banova** is a Bulgarian national. She holds a Diploma in psychology and French language obtained from the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Ms Banova's professional experience covers the functions of a Vice-President of the State Agency for the Protection of Children where she was in charge of action plans concerning the control over the implementation of national and regional child protection programmes as well as consulting as regards cases of unaccompanied minors abroad, child victims of trafficking and other forms of exploitation and violence. Ms Banova also worked in the area of child health and welfare where her main responsibilities included methodological guidance for institutions for children and juveniles. She is a specialist in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. She carries out training sessions for teams of professionals providing services to children and women who have suffered domestic violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation and trafficking.

At present Ms Banova is the Executive Director of an NGO "Bulgarian Initiatives for Child Development" and an adviser to the UNICEF project "Children First". She also works as a clinical psychologist with the "Child and Space" association.

- Mr Markus Lehner - Administrator in the Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention.