2019 Election of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

On 21 June 2019, States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) elected 9 candidates to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) for renewal of half of the membership: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/Elections28.aspx

This paper provides the overview of the election and joint civil society initiative.

14 candidates nominated to the 2019 CERD election

Geographical composition

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Election questionnaire

The International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), Minority Rights Group International (MRG) and the International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights (Race and Equality) circulated a questionnaire to the candidates in order to promote a merit-based and transparent CERD election process. Responses received were posted on a dedicated website: www.untbelections.org, and shared with States parties prior to the election.

Overall response rate

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Elected candidates

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* Candidate from Morocco and Colombia withdrew their candidacies
**2019 CERD Election Results**

**Geographical composition**
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 22%
- Africa: 34%
- Asia-Pacific: 22%
- Eastern Europe: 11%
- Western and other States: 22%

**Gender**
- Male: 33%
- Female: 67%

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**Current composition of the Committee**

**Geographical composition**
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 22%
- Africa: 28%
- Asia-Pacific: 17%
- Eastern Europe: 11%
- Western and other States: 22%

**Gender**
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%

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**Composition of the Committee from 2020**

**Geographical composition**
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 17%
- Africa: 33%
- Asia-Pacific: 22%
- Eastern Europe: 6%
- Western and other States: 22%

**Gender**
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%

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**In April 2019, Ms. Verdugo Moreno (Spain) replaced Mr. Marugán to serve the remainder of his term until 19 January 2020.**