



Against Trafficking in Women
Contra el Trafico de Mujeres
Contre la Traite des Femmes

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c/o Meena Ramkaun
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Room PW 4-037, Palais des Nations
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Dear Ms. Ramkaun

I am writing to you today to submit the nomination of Ms. Wassyla Tamzali of Algeria/France for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Its Causes and Consequences and for her inclusion on the public list of special procedures mandate candidates.

Ms. Tamzali, who is a Franco-Algerian lawyer, is a leader in the area of international human rights and has a long and respected experience and expertise in working to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women. In 1979, she joined UNESCO, where she, for over twenty years, was a creative leader of the development and implementation of initiatives and policies on equal opportunities between women and men, including as director for the program on the promotion of women's rights in the Mediterranean region.

Ms. Tamzali has consistently demonstrated her courage and determination in support of women and girls globally and their right to live lives free from violence. Ms. Tamzali is widely respected and highly regarded by decision makers worldwide as well as among her peers. In 2008, she received the Order of Knight of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur) from the president of the French Republic for her outstanding work on international human rights.

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women International (CATW) strongly supports the candidacy of Ms. Wassyla Tamzali to the position as Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Its Causes and Consequences.

Founded in 1988, CATW holds Consultative II status with the ECOSOC, and is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's human rights by working internationally to combat sexual exploitation in all its forms. CATW and its affiliated organizations monitor and function as clearinghouses for information and documentation on violations of women's human

rights, particularly through prostitution and trafficking in human beings. CATW coordinates multilateral and national projects focusing on the prevention of prostitution and trafficking in women and girls as well as on the development of laws and prosecution of those responsible.

Sincerely,



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