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PROFILE

After a so-called ‘Zoom’ campaign I was elected to CEDAW in November 2020. Due to Covid-19 the first few sessions were held online. From the start I became vice-chair of the Working Group on Communications, which was close to my judicial background. In 2022 I became chair of the Working Group. My other keen interest was in the Working Methods of the Committee, so I joined the WG on Working Methods and have proposed several changes since joining. I have found in the past three years that my expertise has served me well in the work, both as chair of the WG on Communications and as member of the Committee. During the years I have served in the Committee I have led four constructive dialogues, with Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and France.

Following my successful career in the judiciary, I became Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings in 2006 by Royal appointment. In 2009 I advised that my mandate be expanded to include child pornography and further broadened to encompass the whole spectrum of sexual violence against children, thus founding and leading a unique institute that independently reports on all aspects of sexual violence against children and is now a well-respected and heeded advisor for the Government. Long before the #MeToo movement I published data and facts on the epidemic nature of sexual abuse of children.

I was honoured with the Dutch Royal order of chivalry: The Order of Orange-Nassau, I am nationally and internationally acknowledged for my commitment and dedication to exposing the nature and extent of human trafficking; for creating awareness, for advocating the needs and rights of victims, and for putting violation of the sexual integrity of children prominently on the map.

I have produced close to 35 reports on THB and sexual violence against children, which contain the results of quantitative and qualitative research reflecting national and international perspectives. In my reports and recommendations on THB I have always stressed the vulnerability of women and children. Special areas were child labour, underage victims of domestic trafficking, victims of sexual exploitation, migrant children, child marriages and Roma children. Over 80% of my 215 recommendations have been adopted. I have been instrumental in ensuring that the National Referral Mechanism has greatly improved victims’ rights and care. My vast knowledge of the above subjects has been a great benefit for my work as member of the CEDAW Committee.

At my farewell in November 2017, Nobel Prize winner, Kailash Satyarthi, actress and humanitarian activist, Emma Thompson and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General Marta Santos Pais, paid tribute to my leadership in the fight against THB and sexual violence against children. I have succeeded in uncovering the complex, inconvenient truth of human exploitation. For three consecutive years I was listed as one of ten most influential women in the Netherlands in the field of justice and public administration.

I was called in as a witness by the UK Parliamentary Committee to present irrefutable evidence at the Modern Slavery Bill Evidence Review sessions. Additionally, I advocated that human trafficking be a part of the academic curriculum, complying with UNESCO’s request to compose an international curriculum on the subject for investigative journalism. I have initiated collaboration with UNODC to issue a report on hidden THB in the Netherlands using groundbreaking methodology to estimate the population involved, providing more in-depth knowledge of where to target anti-trafficking policy. UNODC has duplicated the methodology in other countries in order to monitor Sustainable Development Goal 16.2.

I would be proud to serve the Committee for four more years. I am convinced I am an asset to the Committee.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-present

Member of CEDAW

Chair of the Working Group on Communications

Member of the Working Group on Working Methods

Country Rapporteur on the State parties Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and France.

2018–2019

Professor at Leiden University (the prestigious Cleveringa Chair), on the Rule of Law, Freedom and Responsibility.

2006–2017

National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children

- Produced close to 35 reports on Trafficking in Human Beings, including trafficking for harvesting of organs; Child Pornography; Child Sex Tourism; Sexual Violence against Children
- Expanded her mandate and consequently her staff from 4 to 12 extremely bright and highly motivated members
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative research and translated outcomes into guidelines for policymaking; Reports reflect both national and international angle: www.nationaalrapporteur.nl
- Developed and maintained contact with significant and diverse national and international stakeholders, governmental and NGOs, Parliament, law enforcement, judiciary, youth protection agencies, medical world, academia, media etc.
- Wrote Amicus Brief on invitation for US Supreme Court regarding compensation for victims of child pornography
- Many publications, other than the reports, on THB and sexual violence against children

Results – selection

- Realization of SDG indicator 16.2.2 - number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation - for the Netherlands, thereby creating knowledge of hidden THB victim population
- Judiciary has installed specialised judges for THB cases Improvement of registration and data collection, both on victims as on perpetrators
- Increased media awareness
- ‘Journey’ – THB exhibition, The Hague, opened by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix. Attracted over 11,000 visitors
- Involvement of HRH Princess Beatrix in protection of minor girls from sexual exploitation
- THB now part of curriculum at Leiden University Law School
- Raised international awareness of internal THB; improved protection of underage Dutch victims; prevention of re-trafficking
- Increased knowledge and involvement of THB on local level
- Significant improvements for victims concerning residency status, shelter and rights
- National Referral Mechanism in place
- Involvement of financial institutions in fight against THB
- Police capacity for solving child pornography cases doubled
- Police attitude towards sexual abuse victims hugely improved
- Sexual education of children in schools in line with recommendations WHO prominently on the agenda
- Improvement of data collection on sexual violence against children

1974–2009

Member of Judiciary

- Judge Assistant
 - Prosecutor District Court, Rotterdam
 - Juvenile and Family Judge; Criminal Judge
 - Vice President of District Courts of The Hague and Dordrecht
- curriculum vitae *C.E. Dettmeijer*

NATIONAL TASKFORCES, BOARDS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

<i>2021-present</i>	Chair of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation Misbruikt! (Sexually Abused)
<i>2019-present</i>	Chair of the Social Advisory Board of the Immigration and Naturalization Service
<i>2018-present</i>	Member of NL Helsinki Commission
<i>2012-2016</i>	Member of National Taskforce on Child Physical and Sexual Abuse
<i>2008-2017</i>	Member of National Taskforce Trafficking in Human Beings
<i>2003-present</i>	Member of Council for Leiden University Fund
<i>1996-2006</i>	Member of Scientific Committee for the Judiciary
<i>1996-2000</i>	President of National Association of Family and Juvenile Judges

INTERNATIONAL TASKFORCES, BOARDS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

<i>2018-present</i>	Chair of the Supervisory Board of Child Helpline International
<i>2017-2020</i>	Member of Expert Advisory Council of the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS)
<i>2009-2017</i>	Member of EU network of rapporteurs on Human Trafficking
<i>2014-2018</i>	Member of High Level Global Task Force on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism
<i>2014-2018</i>	Member of Santa Marta Group
	Member of International Child Sexual Abuse Imagery Working Group
<i>2010-2022</i>	Member of Advisory Board of European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, appointed by the Secretary-General of the UN (HEUNI)
<i>1994-2006</i>	Member of Council of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
<i>2001-2006</i>	Secretary - General of International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates

AWARDS

<i>2017</i>	Dutch Royal order of chivalry: The Order of Orange-Nassau
<i>2017</i>	The Hugo Heymans Award

EDUCATION

<i>1973</i>	Leiden University, the Netherlands Law Degree
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LANGUAGES

<i>Dutch:</i>	native speaker
<i>English:</i>	fluent
<i>French:</i>	professional working knowledge
<i>German:</i>	working knowledge