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Born in Moscow in 1959. Higher education: 1981 – Legal Department of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations. Degree, equivalent to LL.D., from the Moscow State Institute for International Relations in 1984. Degree, equivalent to Doctor habilitatus, from the Institute of State and Law (Russian Academy of Science) in 1999. Degree of professor of law from the Moscow State University of Humanitarian Studies (Moscow, Russia) in 2003 and from the University named after D.Kunaev (Almaty, Kazakhstan) in 2008. He has worked for more than 30 years as a lecturer and later professor of law in the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, the Independent Institute of International Law and the State University of Humanitarian Sciences. Since 2019 a Vice-Rector and a Head of the International Law Chair of the Institute of International Law and Economics named after A.Griboyedov. Guest professor at the Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) in 1994, at the University after D.Kunaev (Almaty, Kazakhstan) in 2003-2011, at the National Kazakh University after Al-Farabi (Almaty, Kazakhstan) in 2011. He also worked as a senior research fellow and a Head of departments in the Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Science (1994-2016) and of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Legal Studies (2016-2018). Since 2007 till 2015 was a Director of the Centre for Comparative Law at the High School of Economics (Moscow, Russia). Author of more than 370 scientific publications in Russia, Canada, the UK, Germany, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, etc. In 1994-2002 Director of the Legal Department of the Foundation for the Development of Parliamentarism in Russia. Since 2007 till 2018 Editor-in-Chief of the oldest Russian legal journal “State and Law”. Since 2003 member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: 2012-2014 Chairperson of the Committee, 2008-2010, and 2014-2016 – Vice-Chairperson, 2016-2018 – Rapporteur of the Committee; member of several Committee’s working groups, including in 2004-2008, 2010-2012, and 2014-now of the Working Group on Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure (2014-2016 – chairperson of this Working group), 2016-now of the Working Group on Individual Communications, in 2018-now of the Working Group on Inter-State Communications. In 2014 and in 2015 – Personal

Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office (Switzerland, Serbia) on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, Focusing also on Intolerance Against Christians and Members of Other Religions. Since 2011– attorney at law (status received from the Moscow Regional Chamber of Advocates).