
Request for recusal

BACHELET Michelle [REDACTED] Fri, May 15, 2020 at 1:46 PM
To: REILLY Emma [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; POLLARD Catherine [REDACTED]; AG [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Reilly,

I am responding to your request that I recuse myself from any involvement in your case, on account of the review quote I recently provided for Mr. Tistoune's publication, *The UN Human Rights Council: A Practical Anatomy* (2020).

I stand by, as a statement of fact, the quote given in these terms: "The author is well-placed to raise awareness and understanding of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms from his unique vantage point of having worked with the Council since before its inception – a timely analysis as the Council reflects on its own efficiency and effectiveness." I do not believe that such a quote gives rise to reasonable apprehension as to my objectivity with respect to your case.

I shall continue, in close consultation with my colleagues in New York, to address the various aspects of your case as appropriate.

Regards,
High Commissioner

From: REILLY Emma [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2020 17:53
To: BACHELET Michelle [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; POLLARD Catherine [REDACTED]; AG [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for recusal

Dear Ms Bachelet,

In light of the review you provided for Mr. Tistoune's book on the Human Rights Council, which I am told conveniently omits any mention of his instruction that names of human rights defenders be provided to China, I am writing to formally request that you recuse yourself from any involvement in my case. You cannot be considered unbiased.

Kindly respond to confirm your recusal. I will merely note for the record your failure to respond to any of my multiple requests to meet per the provisions of UN policy that requires you to do so, or that you implement the explicit instructions of the SG in my case, communicated to your predecessor on 2 April 2018, or that you respond to the explicit recommendations of the Ethics Officer in my case communicated in March 2018.

I re-attach the email handing over the names of He Geng and Dolkun Isa, both of whom have now made public comment in support of me. OHCHR handed over their names without their knowledge or consent. Gao Zhisheng (He Geng's husband) was tortured, and Dolkun Isa's parents apparently killed in the Xinjiang concentration camps.

Defaming me as "attention-seeking," "hysterical," or whatever the latest sexist insult may be does not have the power to change facts. As UN senior management has made abundantly clear it has no intention of obeying UN rules, even after a judgement explicitly noting that they are not merely optional in my case, I will now take measures to correct the public record myself. You will have been told the lie that I *sought* attention, and Ms Pollard's investigators kept having to be corrected on this point, but it is untrue - until today, I only ever responded to journalists who independently contacted me.

I look forward to confirmation of your recusal.

Regards,

Emma Reilly