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Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten is the United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict appointed since 12 April 2017.

Prior to this appointment and since 2003, Mrs. Patten served as a member of the [Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW\)](#). She was the Chairperson of the Working Group on General Recommendation No. 30 on “Women in Conflict Prevention, Conflict and Post-Conflict situations”. She has been a member of several High-Level Panels and Projects, including the High-Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on the

Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, and the Advisory Panel for the African Women’s Rights Observatory (AWRO) within the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). She previously was a Commissioner appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to the International Commission of Inquiry into the massacre in Guinea Conakry, on 28 September 2009.

A national of Mauritius, she has been a practicing lawyer since 1982 and a member of the [Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn](#). She also served as an Adviser in the Ministry of Women’s Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare of Mauritius from 2000 to 2004.