

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 49th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/985419>)
and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC49.aspx>)
- Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org
- A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).
- No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.
- Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the [regional groups](#) for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: JEGEDE	5. Year of birth: 1958
2. First (given) name: SEGUN	6. Place of birth: IRE - EKITI
3. Other name, if any:	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): NIGERIAN
4. Gender: MALE	8. Any other nationality: N/A

¹ The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE

NOTE: Please describe why the candidate's competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:

1. QUALIFICATIONS (200 words limit)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)

I am a former United Nations staff member and lawyer with 36 years post call experience at national and international levels. I obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1983 from the University of Lagos, Nigeria and in 1984 received a post graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Council of Legal Education, Lagos Nigeria. Subsequently, in 2003, I acquired a Master of Laws degree at the University of South Africa. I have undertaken several law and French language courses and participated in various seminars on human rights organized by the United Nations. In addition to my strong interpersonal and analytical skills, my written and verbal communication abilities are excellent. I speak and write well in English with a good working knowledge of French. I am currently studying German.

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words limit)

Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations' work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)

I became acquainted with international human rights instruments, norms and principles during my 13-year stint as Investigator, Legal Advisor and International Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. My pre-United Nations human rights activism and my role as one of key experts involved in the work investigation and prosecution of the main perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide provided me with a rare opportunity to apply a variety of international human rights instruments in my work on a daily basis. Virtually all core 9 international human rights instruments were flagrantly violated prior to and during the Rwandan genocide, thus frequently bringing their elements into focus during crime investigations and the ensuing complex trials. Moreover, as the Director of a non-governmental organization, Legal Watch and Human Rights Initiative, registered in Nigeria, I have remained abreast of trends in human rights by taking lead roles in capacity building seminars structured to strengthen the capability of the Nigerian Ministry of Justice, the Armed Forces and the police to integrate human rights norms into their analytical and prosecutorial duties.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words limit)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)

As Explained in NO. 2 above.

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4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication: BOOK - THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND JURISPRUDENCE

Journal/Publisher: MIJ PUBLISHERS

Date of publication: JUNE 2014

Web link, if available: AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

2. Title of publication: BOOK CHAPTER: THE RIGHT TO FAIR TRIAL IN INTERNATIONAL LAW :PROTECTING HUMANITY : Essays in International Law in Honour of Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Journal/Publisher: Martinnus Nijhoff, Leiden, Holland

Date of publication: July 2010

Web link, if available: <https://brill.com/view/title/18293>

3. Title of publication: BOOK CHAPTER: PROHIBITION AGAINST SUBSEQUENT PROSECUTION - Periscoping the Non Bis in Idem Principle. (From Human Rights to International Criminal Law; Studies in Honour of an African Jurist [Martinus

Journal/Publisher: Martinnus Nijhoff, Leiden, Holland

Date of publication: MAY 2018

Web link, if available:

https://brill.com/view/book/edcoll/9789047420446/Bej.9789004160552.i-776_021.xml

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words limit): The Scheme of Admissibility of Evidence in Proceedings before the ICTR and ICTY:- The African Yearbook of International Law, May 2005 Edition.

* From Euphoria To Distrust: Is Africa's Distrust of the International Criminal Court Justified?- The Guardian, Nigeria, 7 April 2016.

Genocide is not an Option In Nigeria- The Guardian, Nigeria, 7 July 2021. Genocide is not an option in Nigeria. — Opinion — The Guardian Nigeria News – Nigeria and World News

4.2 Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: Guest Speaker at 2018 International Day of reflection on the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi In Rwanda, held at Covenant University Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria

Event organizer: United Nations Information Center

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 7 APRIL 2018

Web link, if available: <http://expressnews.rw/un-advocates-spirit-of-brotherhood-to-prevent-genocide/>

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2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

STRENGTHENING JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN NIGERIA : SEMINAR FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PROSECUTORS

Event organizer: WAYAMO FOUNDATION

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 14 JUNE 2019

Web link, if available: <https://www.wayamo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019.06-Nigeria-programme.pdf>

3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: At the presentation of the book- THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND JURISPRUDENCE

Event organizer: LEGAL WATCH AND HUMAN RIGHT INITIATIVE

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 14TH OCTOBER 2014

Web link, if available: <https://guardian.ng/art/jegede-presents-rwandan-genocide/>

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words limit):

5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words limit) to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.

Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

I affirm that i will be available for at least 3 months per year to dedicate myself to the work of the mandate. My law firm is well staffed with competent attorneys to run the affairs of the firm in my absence. My part-time appointment as Special Prosecutor will also not inhibit my participation in Human Rights Council sessions as there are several other team members to deal with outstanding cases while i am engaged in the work of the Mandate. With regards to remuneration, i am prepared to work without financial compensation other than travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**
- Governments**
- Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**
- International organizations or their offices**
- Non-governmental organizations**

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- National human rights institutions**
- Other human rights bodies**

Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only) (200 words limit):

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE

(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

MOTIVATION LETTER

I am an innovative and resourceful attorney, public consultant and author who works well in dynamic environments and quickly adapts to the ever changing demands of a new technological age, with a developed understanding of the United Nations systems.

At the moment, i work as a litigator and part-time Special Prosecutor appointed by the federal government of Nigeria to prosecute high profile corruption cases as part of its anti-corruption crusade, and also consult for international and national agencies such as the International Labour Organisation, National Human Rights Commission. Cumulatively, I have 34 years of professional experience acquired in the course of my work as a legal practitioner and in the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

The highlight of my career was at the ICTR where I served in various capacities for approximately 13 years as an Investigator and Legal Adviser, interfacing with local authorities and policy makers in Rwanda. Subsequently, as a Prosecutor, I played a significant role in the prosecution of cabinet members and senior military officers responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Rwanda in 1994. I have published a book and articles on the work of the Tribunal.

In regards to the important mandate of Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi, I am fully motivated to work assiduously towards its effective implementation by helping to provide the Human Rights Council with balanced and insightful advise to radically minimize, human rights violations in the country. Having worked and traveled extensively in post genocide Rwanda to conduct investigations into human rights abuses which were caused by conditions responsible for the ongoing human rights situation in Burundi I have no doubt that the experience garnered in Rwanda would be put to good use when conducting fact-finding missions and assessing complaints from alleged victims of human rights violations

SEGUN JEGEDE
CANDIDATE

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: YORUBA

2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:

Arabic: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or Not easily:

Write: Easily or Not easily:

Speak: Easily or Not easily:

Chinese: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

English: Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **EASILY**

Write: Easily or not easily: **EASILY**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **EASILY**

French: Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **EASILY**

Write: Easily or not easily: **NOT EASILY**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **EASILY**

Russian: Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Spanish: Yes or no: If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country*). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
Master of Laws, University of South Africa, Part-time.	2001-2003	Pretoria, South Africa
Post graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. Nigerian Law School, full time. Sept1983-June 1984 .	1983-1984	Lagos, Nigeria
Bachelor of Laws, University of Lagos	1980-1983	Lagos, Nigeria

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (most recent) occupation. Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

<p style="text-align: center;">Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position, full- or part-time:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Years of work (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present):</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Place and country:</p>
<p>Federal Government of Nigeria Special Prosecutor Part-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in brainstorming sessions with legal experts and jurists in the Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption to develop: a Code of Conduct for Prosecutors; Prosecutor's Guidelines for the prosecution of high profile corruption cases; Plea Bargain Manual; Corruption Case Management Manual and Sentencing Matrix for Judges. • Direct investigation into allegations of corruption against senior government officials and Judges of Superior Courts. • Instruct law enforcement officers on criminal proceedings and procedure. • Responsible for drafting and filing charges against Judges, senior federal civil servants and former State governors/officials. • Direct the investigation and Prosecution of Judges and judicial officers for corruption charges. • Coordinate in-depth research in numerous areas of the law as required, before and during court proceedings. • Drafting of motions, responses and briefs at all 	<p>2017-Present</p>	<p>Abuja, Nigeria</p>

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<p>levels of the court system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare case reports. • Initiate appeal process at the Court of Appeal. • Regular Meetings with the offices of the Attorney General and Solicitor General to review the anti-corruption crusade. • Coordinate capacity building programs for senior civil and military prosecutors 		
<p>Segun Jegede & Co Principal Partner Full-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with businesses involved in a variety of disputes, such as partnerships and shareholders, sales of merchandise, licensing, construction or real estate. • Review documents, briefs and visit dispute sites. • Examine and Cross examine witnesses in court • Create law firm organizational strategies by contributing opinions and substantiation to the firm's strategic thinking and direction. • Establish law firm operational strategies by evaluating trends. • Create understanding and positive image of the law firm by building relationships; maintaining credibility; providing information to the legal community, media, government, and the public; building legal staff and employee commitment to the firm and the community. • Generate revenues by attracting and pleasing clients; obtaining new referrals from existing and past clients. • Maintain law firm stability by establishing and communicating a law firm value system; enforcing ethical legal practices; inspiring service excellence. • Prevent disruptive conflict by observing and resolving disagreements impartially. • Implement pragmatic solutions to staff problems and promote harmonious work relationships. • Enhance law firm reputation by doing anything and everything legally, ethically, and morally appropriate to assist the firm in helping clients and potential clients. • Train and mentor support staff including 	<p>2012-Present</p>	<p>Lagos, Nigeria</p>

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<p>associate counsel and legal assistants</p> <p>PUBLIC CONSULTANCY SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a full range of consulting services for the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the National Human Rights Commission. • Pro Bono Counsel to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal. • Pro Bono Counsel to the Lagos State Government, Nigeria 		
<p>Legal Watch and Human Rights Initiative Founder and Executive Director</p> <p>Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the gathering of information on human rights violations. • Receive and investigate complaints of human rights violation, for such abuses as discrimination of minorities or women, unjust imprisonment, violence against children. • Visiting victims, displaced persons and prisons to identify under aged prisoners for release • Interacting with government leaders and attending trials. • Collaborate with NGOs and stakeholders for capacity building projects • Observing trials and elections. <p>Intervene with local authorities on behalf of victims</p>	<p>2012-Present</p>	<p>Nigeria</p>
<p>UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA</p> <p>Prosecutor</p> <p>Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed evidence collected by investigators to determine culpability of suspects. • Drafted indictments for confirmation before the tribunal • Presented scores of prosecution witnesses in court. • Cross-examined defence witnesses including experts in court. • Handled a wide range of multi-discipline and complex legal matters involving substantive and procedural issues of international and domestic law. • Reviewed judgments and orders of trial 	<p>2002-2012</p>	<p>Tanzania</p>

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<p>chambers and advised on trial strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in plea negotiations with Accused persons in appropriate cases. • Undertook extensive analysis and legal research into legislation and jurisprudence from diverse jurisdictions. • Prepared prosecution motions and responses to Defence motions. • Investigated persons responsible for genocide and serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda. • Attended workshops and seminars. • Provided support services to Prosecution teams. • Acted as the Chairman of the Staff Rebuttal Panel <p>Other ex- officio duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro bono Counsel to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal • Chairman of the United Nations [ICTR] Staff Rebuttal Panel <p>Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participated in the investigation and successful prosecution of the Army Generals, Senior Government Officials and Interahamwe Militia who planned and executed the 1994 Rwandan genocide. • Undertook a nationwide survey on rape and sexual assault committed. • Collaborator in the implementation of the new United Nations Internal Justice System. 		
<p>United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR) Legal Advisor Full-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted indictments for confirmation before the Trial Chamber • Provided legal analysis of witness statements and other materials for use during trial. • Prepared the prosecution case including testimonial, documentary and demonstrative evidence for presentation at trial. • Drafted motions and briefs. • Conducted extensive legal research using independent judgment, discretion and initiative in support of the prosecution case. 	<p>2000-2002</p>	<p>Rwanda</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed evidence collected by investigators to determine culpability of suspects. 		
<p>United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR) 1998 – 2000</p> <p>Investigator/Crime Analyst Full-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted discreet investigation of persons responsible for genocide and serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda. Interviewed and obtained hundreds of written statements from potential witnesses Engaged in the tracking of numerous persons charged with genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Drafted reports and analysed action plans. Analysed diverse documents for use in court 	1998-2000	Rwanda
<p>Segun Jegede & Company Legal Practitioners and Public Consultants Full-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated Defence position in relation to trials and appeals before the trial courts and Court of Appeal Attended to all stages of trial proceedings Coordinated a team of junior lawyers to ensure compliance with filing deadlines Coordinated the preparation of oral argument and presentation of oral submissions before the high court and appeal courts Prepared written appeal briefs for filing and presentation. Preparation of diverse deeds and other documents for corporate clients Provided pro bono services to indigent clients. 	1988-1998	Lagos, Nigeria
<p>Duro Ajayi & Co Counsel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked as defense counsel in criminal trials; Represented clients in civil litigation Drafted transfer deeds and agreements; Handled cases referred to chambers by the Legal Aid Council <p>Federal Ministry of Justice 1984-1985 State Counsel</p>	1984-1988	Lagos, Nigeria

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wrote legal opinions for the Director of Public Prosecutions and represented the Federal government in court;• Drafted indictments; Engaged in legal research and analysis• Reviewed investigations, examined evidence and analyzed criminal reports submitted by law enforcement and determine if cases justify prosecution.• Filed criminal cases, prepared pleadings, wrote briefs and conducted legal research for precedent.• Prepared for criminal cases in court and developed presentations for each case.		
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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)
To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's behalf.

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

NO

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate's ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:

NO

3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate's moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:

NO

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)

Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.

Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.

YES

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

The candidate does not hold a decision making position in government. Candidate's appointment as Special Prosecutor by the Nigerian government is a part-time and solely independent one. The candidate is prepared to relinquish the position should it be adjudged incompatible with the position of Special Rapporteur.

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VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate. The candidate's name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.

I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org).

Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.

Name: SEGUN JEGEDE

Date: 19/11/2021
