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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

22 February 2022

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for eleven vacancies of special procedure mandate holders and members of an expert mechanism, scheduled to be filled at the 49th session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia South America, and the Caribbean**
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean**
3. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific**
4. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change**
5. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan**
6. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi**
7. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**
8. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Western European and other States**
9. **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Asia-Pacific States**
10. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Asia-Pacific States**
11. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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In follow-up to my letters of 25 January 2022 and 8 February 2022, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt respectively of the Consultative Group's report, dated 24 January 2022, and its addendum, dated 7 February 2022, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

My proposal aims at identifying the most qualified candidates for the vacancies in light of the criteria established by the Human Rights Council. In doing so, I also paid due consideration to gender balance, geographic representation as well as to an appropriate representation of different legal systems.

As to the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia**, following my consultations with stakeholders and careful consideration of the views expressed, and while acknowledging the expertise and experience of the candidate ranked first by the Consultative Group, I have decided to propose for appointment **Ms. Antonina GORBUNOVA**, taking into account gender balance and the representation of experts of different indigenous origins.

In relation to the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Brendalee ALFRED CUNNINGHAM**.

With regard to the position of **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Valmaine TOKI**.

For the position of **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Ian FRY**.

Regarding the position of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Richard BENNETT**.

Concerning the position of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Fortuné Gaetan ZONGO**.

As to the **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**, I propose for the appointment **Ms. Francesca P. ALBANESE**.



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In relation to the **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Western European and other States**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Matthew GILLETT**.

With regard to the position of **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Asia-Pacific States**, following consultations with stakeholders and careful considerations of the views expressed, and while acknowledging the expertise and experience of the candidate ranked first by the Consultative Group, I have decided to propose for appointment **Ms. Angkhana NEELAPAIJIT**, given her life experience, her professional experience in the field of the mandate and her ability to engage in sensitive negotiations with various stakeholders.

For the position of **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Asia-Pacific States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Pichamon YEOPHANTONG**.

Regarding the position of **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Carlos Alberto SALAZAR COUTO**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Federico Villegas', written in a cursive style.

Federico Villegas
President of the Human Rights Council



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Mandate holders

to be appointed at the 49th session of the Human Rights Council

1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
Ms. Antonina GORBUNOVA (F) (Russian Federation)
2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean
Ms. Anexa Brendalee ALFRED CUNNINGHAM (F) (Nicaragua)
3. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific
Ms. Valmaine TOKI (F) (New Zealand)
4. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change
Mr. Ian FRY (M) (Tuvalu)
5. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
Mr. Richard BENNETT (M) (New Zealand)
6. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
Mr. Fortuné Gaetan ZONGO (M) (Burkina Faso)
7. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967
Ms. Francesca P. ALBANESE (F) (Italy)
8. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Western European and other States
Mr. Matthew GILLETT (M) (New Zealand)
9. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Asia-Pacific States
Ms. Angkhana NEELAPAJIT (F) (Thailand)



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10. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Asia-Pacific States

Ms. Pichamon YEOPHANTONG (F) (Thailand)

11. Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

Mr. Carlos Alberto SALAZAR COUTO (M) (Peru)