***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6 APRIL 2022 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/893271*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/893271)*)
and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC50.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC50.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).*
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** AGOMOH  | **5. Year of birth:** 1969 |
| **2. First (given) name:** UJU  | **6. Place of birth:** OKIGWE, IMO STATE, NIGERIA |
| **3. Other name, if any:** ROSELYN  | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** NIGERIA |
| **4. Gender:** FEMALE  | **8. Any other nationality:** NIL |

**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 hold academic degrees in the fields of Law, Criminology, and Psychology which makes me exceptionally qualified to implement the mandate of Special Rapporteur on Torture with a holitistic and multidisciplinary approach. I have served as a council member of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria and the Special Rapporteur on Police, Prisons and Centres of Detention in Nigeria; Member National Committee on Prison Decongestion and Reform of Nigeria. I currently sit on the Investigative Panel treating all cases of alleged human rights violations (most of which are cases of torture) by Police Officers in Nigeria. I have undertaken over 1000 prison visits in 150 prisons across 32 countries and thus understand the need for effective monitoring and oversight of prisons and detention centres.

I have published extensively in (Nigerian and international academic journals) on topics such as torture, human rights and justice sector reforms. I regularly teach university courses on these.

I communicate clearly, effectively and with persuasion to diverse audiences in oral and written English. I have extensive experience in engaging in effective and respectful dialogue with senior state officials, diplomats, international civil servants and local civil society actors and victims of human rights violations.

1. **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.)**

Through more than 25 years of working on security/justice sector reforms, human rights, and the fight against torture, I have in-depth knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles relevant to the fight against torture and related sectors. As a clinical psychologist, I also have theoretical and practical expertise with the multiple international medical ethical norms, standards and practice that are essential to making the fight against torture comprehensive and effective.

I have interacted expensively with both UN and regional human rights bodies in Africa including the Human Rights Council's Universal Period Review, the UN Committee against Torture, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). This has given me a strong understanding the functioning and institutional mandates of these institutions.

I founded and continue to lead Prisoners’ Rehabilitation And Welfare Action (PRAWA), which works on justice, reparation and prevention of torture in Nigeria and in the African region. I have also served as an elected representative of the Africa region on the board of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) from 2009 and 2016. Through this experience, I have become a globally recognised expert on torture prevention and security/justice sector reform.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words limit)

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

I have globally recognised competence in prison visit methodology and a strong ability to assess prison conditions objectively and engage in constructive dialogue with prison officials on how to implement changes that make a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable persons in detention.

I have a strong competence in rehabilitation and reparation for torture victims, which I have gained through my multidisciplinary education and more than two decades of work in Nigeria, on the African continent and globally through my affiliation with the IRCT.

I have strong regionally relevant competencies in justice/security sector reform, which I have gained through my engagement with the following: The African Correctional Service Association (in Uganda, South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Burkinafaso,etc); African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; as the President International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA Africa); implementation of the Prison Reforms in Africa (PRIA) project in Rwanda, Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo; and during UN Assessment Mission in Benin and Mali.

Finally, I am a highly experienced public speaker with more than 100 public presentations in 20 countries and over 100 media appearances in Nigerian and global print and live interviews.

1. **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.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Assessment and Treatment of Female Prisoners in Africa.

**Journal/Publisher:** United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI) Resource Material Series No. 94

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://www.unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/

**2. Title of publication:** Protecting the Human Rights of People with Mental Health Disabilities in African Prisons (Chapter 16 in: Colonial Systems of Control: Criminal Justice Systems in Nigeria)

**Journal/Publisher:**  University of Ottawa Press

**Date of publication:** 2008

**Web link, if available:** www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1ckph37.20

**3. Title of publication:** Overuse in the Criminal Justice System in Nigeria (Part Iii - National Reports 3 Eme Partie. Rapports Nationaux

**Journal/Publisher:** Cambridge University Press

**Date of publication:** 2019

**Web link, if available:** www.cambridge.org/core/books/al

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words limit):As of to date i have a total of 51 publications. These include publication on torture, human rights, deaths in custody. Note some of the publication are on training manuals, trainers' and practice guidelines (operational guidance notes), etc.

* 1. **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:** Statement on implementation of the UN Convention against Torture in Nigeria during public meeting with Nigerian State officials and civil society organisations.

**Event organizer:** National Human Rights Commission in partnership with PRAWA, Cleen foundation, and OMCT at the 61st independence anniversary of Nigeria

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 30TH September 2021

**Web link, if available:** https;//youtu.be/uz3NniwgQ\_U; See also: https://youtu.be/tmPFzY04P2Q

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Discussions on Prison Reforms and on Rehabilitation, Reintegration and victim support to persons in detention

**Event organizer:** African Independent Television (AIT)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** March 11, 2021

**Web link, if available:** http://youtu.be/xNAn-fDNvAQ

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Statement on the right rehabilitation for torture victims during the 10th International Symposium by the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) in MExico City 2016.

**Event organizer:** International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 5-7 December, 2016

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words limit):I have made several public statements including during national and international conferences/symposia for example as the edwin megargee distinguish scholar awarded to me at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the international community corrections association on the 17th september 2014, cleveland ohio, usa. I have also made statements at national and international media platforms including Al-Jazeera and Tedx.

1. **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 am pleased to confirm my availability to perform the mandate as required by the UN Human Rights Council and the torture survivors around the world whose lives I seek to improve. Am current not on day-to-day employment of PRAWA since October 2016 and thus run a flexible shift that allows for my research, training and other consultancy activities. I am currently in discussion with a number of universitites regarding the possibility of securing a teaching / professorial position that would host the implementation of my mandate.

This situation, ensures that I can dedicate the 4-6 months of work necessary to carry out the mandate effectively and the flexibilty to attend meetings and implement country visits in different geographical locations through out the year.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

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

[x]  **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**

[ ]  **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)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below; cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves even if nominated by another entity.)

Through more than three decades of existence, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Torture (SRT) has been a driving force and lead contributor to the significant global advances that have been made since its creation in 1985. As I will outline in this motivation letter, I have the skills and motivation to build on these achievements and take the SRT mandate forward in a way that makes real impact in the lives of victims and the people most vulnerable to torture.

Thanks to the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), we are now close to univeral ratification of the UN Convention against Torture, which provides a comprehensive global strategy for fighting torture - and more importantly a promise to victims and the people at risk of torture that we will soon have a world without torture. The main challenge that remains is to make the promise of the Convention and multiple national anti-torture laws reality in the lives of victims and those most vulnerable to torture and to make sure that victims themselves are central actors in the process.

I have more than 25 years of experience in creating national change in the fight against torture in Nigeria, in the broader African region and globally through my central role in the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT). I collaborate closely with all the central global anti-torture actors from civil society and international organisations and I have a proven track record of turning international principles and ideas into concrete action on the ground in Nigeria. I am also a member of the OMCT Covid - 19 Global Crisis Action Group established in 2021 to design strategies that will help local organisations and thebroader anti-torture movement to develop convincing public messaging on torture and detention in the context of Covid 19 pandemic.

Closely related to this challenge is the urgent need for the mandate to take a renewed perspective on the fight against torture - the perspective of a woman and a person from the global south. Not because of representation but because this perspective is the missing ingredient in taking the UN Convention against Torture from promise to reality in peoples lives. In my work in Nigeria and globally, I have brought attention to gender specific forms of torture such as those faced by women in prisons and other detention centres as well as in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps and amongst trafficked women. In addition, I have extensive experience in how to make concrete advances in eradicating torture in contexts where police and prison authorities have very limited resources to perform highly challenging, demanding and essential roles in society and therefore end up reorting to torture.

If I were to be selected as the new Special Rapporteur on Torture, I would approach the mandate with a victim-centred perspective. Based on my decades of first hand experience of working directly with victims, I would do this by creating spaces where victims can effectively inform and direct the work of the mandate directly rather than having others speak for them.

Finally, I have essential multidisciplinary skills that enable me to approach the mandate from both the legal and the health angle. This is essential for creating a more effective global-to-local anti torture movement and for making sure that the interests and needs of those most impacted by torture are adequately addressed. In addition to the above I possess great strength in advocacy and providing constructive engagement and dialogue with both state actors, non-state actors, and victims.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **IGBO**

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

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

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

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

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not 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: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**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.**

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| **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:** |
| BLLLB LawsPhD in Criminology | 20162002-20041998 - 2002 | Enugu, NigeriaLondon, UKIbadan, Nigeria |
| Masters of Philosophy (MPhil) in Criminology | 1994 | Cambridge, UK |
| Masters in Sociology (Deviant Behaviour & Penology) | 1991 | Ibadan, Nigeria |
| Masters in Clinical Psychology | 1992 | Lagos, Nigeria |
| Bachelors in Psychology | 1984 -1989 | Jos, Nigeria |

**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.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Panel Member, National Human Rights Commission - Independent Investigation Panel (IIP) on Allegations of Human Rights Violations Against Special Anti-Robbery Squad and Other Specialized Units of the Nigeria Police Force(Part - Time)Technical Lead, Dissemination and Advocacy on the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) Report on Nigeria (Part Time)Technical Lead, Development of Paralegal Curriculum and Certification of Paralegals In Nigeria (Part time) | October 2020 - April 2022 December 2021December 2020 to date. | Abuja, NigeriaAbuja, NigeriaAbuja, Nigeria |
| Trainer / Consultant, Security Sector Reform/Governance Training, Konrad (Part Time)Team Lead/Consultant, Prison Reform Project, Security Justice Programme, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the British Government(Part Time)National Prgramme Coordinator, Support to Justice Sector in Nigeria Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Implemented Under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) - (Full Time) | 2019 to DateNovember 2016 – March 2018October 2016 - August 2017 | NigeriaAbuja, NigeriaAbuja, Nigeria |
| Lead Consultant for the design of the Rule of Law and Anti - Corruption (RoLAC) Programme funded by the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund and implemented by the British Council (Part Time)  |  April – May, 2016 | Abuja, Nigeria |
| Project Lead, Torture Documentation And Redress Scheme (TDRS)(Full Time) | 2011 -2013 | Enugu, Nigeria |
| National Project Coordinator, Nigerian Police Human Rights Training Programme(Part Time) | 2011 to September 2016; September 2017 to Date | Nigeria (Country-wide) |
| Council Member National Human Rights Commission & Special Rapporteur on Police, Prisons and Detention Centres in Nigeria(Part Time)Member, Presidential Committee on Prerogative of Mercy(Part Time)Member, Presidential Committee on Prison Decongestion and Reforms(Part Time) | 2000 -20082005 - 20091999/2000; 2011 -2012 | Nigeria(Country - wide)Nigeria(Country - wide)Nigeria(Country - wide) |
| Founder/Executive Director, Prisoners' Rehabilitation And Welfare Action (PRAWA)(Full Time) | 1994 - October 2016 | Nigeria (Country -wide) and other African Countries |
| Fellow, International Prisons and Penitentiary Forum (IPPF)(Part Time)Project Lead, Prison Reform In Africa (PRIA) ProjectResearch Fellow 1, Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nsukka, Enugu Campus(Full Time)Member, National Committee on Legislative Reform on Justice Sector (Nigeria) an initiative supported by the Security, Justice and Growth Programme (Part Time)Board Member & Chair, International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) Developing Countries Committee; President, ICPA Africa - Chapter(Part Time)Programme Officer, Security, Justice and Growth Programme SJG/DFIDPrison Staff Training on International Human Rights Standards and Good Prison Practice (Part Time)Consultant, Amnesty International (For Assessment and Monitoring Mission to Sierra Leone (including Central Prison, Freetown) and Condition of Detention of Political Prisoners(Part - Time)Short Term Consultant, World Health Organisation(Development of the Psycho-social Rapid Assessment Tool for Conflict and Post Conflict Situation)Consultant, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Joined the research and assessment mission to the Gambia Prisons of the Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa) (Part Time)Lecturer 1, Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine (Full Time) Full Time / Clinical Psychologist, Lagos University Teaching Hospital (CMUL/LUTH) Full Time | 2015 To Date2011 - 20132009 - 20132007 - 20102003 - 2011; 2013 - 20172002-20032001200019991992-1993 | GlobalKenya, Zambia, Rwanda, Nigeria, Burundi & The Democratic Republic of CongoEnugu, NigeriaAbuja, NigeriaGlobalJigawa, Enugu, Benue and Ekiti States - NigeriaFree Town, Sierra LeoneZimbabwe & GenevaBanjul, The GambiaLagos, Nigeria |

**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.**

Relinguish such positions, occupations or activities.

**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:** Dr. Uju Roselyn AGOMOH

**Date:** 4th April 2022

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)