



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

2 June 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 eight vacancies, including a member of an expert mechanism and seven special procedure mandate holders, scheduled to be filled at the 50th session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**
- 2. Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**
- 3. Special Rapporteur on the right to education**
- 4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**
- 5. Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**
- 6. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Eastern European States**
- 7. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States**
- 8. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Western European and other States**

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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In follow-up to my letter of 24 May 2022, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report, dated 23 May 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 Right to Development (EMRTD)**, member from **Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Liliana VALIÑA**.

In relation to the **Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Nazila GHANEA**.

Regarding the position of **Special Rapporteur on the right to education**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Farida SHAHEED**.

With regard to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Elizabeth SALMON**.

For the position of **Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**, 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. Alice Jill EDWARDS** taking into account not only gender balance within the mandate, which has been held by six men since it was created, but also the importance of the gender perspective in the implementation of the mandate and the need for a heightened awareness of the particular vulnerabilities of specific groups, such as women and children.

Concerning the position of **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**, member from **Eastern European States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Grażyna BARANOWSKA**.

As to the **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises**, member from **African States**, I propose for the appointment **Mr. Damilola OLAWUYI**.



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In relation to the **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Western European and other States**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Robert MCCORQUODALE**.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'F. Villegas', with a long, sweeping underline.

Federico Villegas  
President of the Human Rights Council



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**Mandate holders**

**to be appointed at the 50th session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Latin American and Caribbean States  
**Ms. Liliana VALIÑA (F) (Argentina)**
2. Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief  
**Ms. Nazila GHANEA (F) (Islamic Republic of Iran)**
3. Special Rapporteur on the right to education  
**Ms. Farida SHAHEED (F) (Pakistan)**
4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
**Ms. Elizabeth SALMON (F) (Peru)**
5. Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment  
**Ms. Alice Jill EDWARDS (F) (Australia)**
6. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Eastern European States  
**Ms. Grażyna BARANOWSKA (F) (Poland)**
7. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States  
**Mr. Damilola OLAWUYI (M) (Nigeria)**
8. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Western European and other States  
**Mr. Robert MCCORQUODALE (M) (Australia)**