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Subject: Extension of deadline for applications for the four vacancies of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the 27th session of the Human Rights Council (8-26 September 2014)

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that, further to its note verbale dated 23 May 2014 regarding the call for applications for the four vacancies of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the twenty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council (listed below), **the deadline for the submission of applications has been extended to Monday, 28 July 2014 (midnight GMT):**

- *Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation* [HRC res. 24/18]
- *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Western European and other States* [HRC res. 16/16]
- *Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States* [HRC res. 18/28]
- *Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Eastern European States* [HRC res. 18/28]

Updated information on the selection and appointment of mandate holders, and the on-line application procedure is available at the following web page link:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

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