

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD

**Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers
[HRC resolution 26/7]**

**Appointments of special procedures mandate holders to be made
at HRC29 in July 2015**

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family name: Chanet	5. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
2. First name: Christine	6. Date of birth (dd-mm-yy): 23-Feb-44
3. Maiden name (if any):	7. Place of birth: Paris
4. Middle name:	8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): French
	9. Any other nationality:

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)

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.)

Law degree, Postgraduate diploma in law, Postgraduate diploma in criminology Laureate of the Paris Faculty of Law, former Counsellor to the Court of Cassation – Section President and Dean at the criminal division, former Chairperson of the Committee in charge of reviewing criminal law decisions following the delivery of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights Member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights Officer of the National Order of Merit, Officer of the Legion of Honour, barrister at the Paris bar, fluent in French (native) and English both orally and in writing

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words)

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. (Please state how this was acquired.)

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Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.)

Extensive knowledge and experience of international human rights law and principles as well as experience in human rights field missions acquired through the following UN positions:

Former member of the UN Committee against Torture

Former President of the United Nations Human Rights Committee 1997–1998 and 2005–2006 and current member of the UN Human Rights Committee (until the end of 2014)

Former Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for examining the situation in Cuba

Member of the Working Group for the application of the Bangalore Principles on judicial independence

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3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

international human rights expert in the United Nations (see above information) as well as national human rights expert (see above information) with a recognized expertise and experience in international penal law.

4. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words)

to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)

Full availability to the work of the mandate throughout the year

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER (600 word limit)

I have the honour to present myself as candidate for the mandate of special rapporteur for the independence of judges and lawyers.

This mandate needs an experience that I can afford as well by my functions as a judge in the supreme court in France (Cour de Cassation, dean at the criminal chamber until 2012), my 27 years mandate in the human rights committee, twice chair of this treaty body, and also two mandates of special rapporteur (Cuba, Israel/Palestine). I think I can also bring some experience from my participation as a member of the International Group of Judiciary Integrity for the application of the Bangalore principles.

The right of anyone to a fair trial is guaranteed by the international treaties as the International Covenant of Political and Civil rights (ICCPR). This right is granted by the integrity of the judiciary, in other words without any kind of corruption, by the independence of the judges from the State and the lobbies, and by the impartiality of judges who must be without any link or conflict of interest with the persons involved in the trial.

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The judge is ruled only by the law. He or she guarantees equality of every one in front of the law. On my point of view, the special rapporteur has to : inquire to detect irregularities of the judicial system , proposes solutions to improve the situation , reviews the efforts and improvements of the situation and at least report to the council in the line of the human rights council resolution.

My last experience on this topic was a mission in Ivory Coast (october-november 2013) with representatives of judges, lawyers and other judicial professionnals in Grand Bassam. The purpose of this meeting was to improve the judicial system in the line of the Bangalore principles.

All these matters must be approached with the utmost professionalism.

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

**Please indicate all language skills:
Mother tongue: French**

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

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

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

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

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:

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications (university level and higher).

Name of degree and name of academic institution:	Years of attendance (From/To):	Place and country:
Judge	1968-70	Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature
Postgraduate diploma in criminology and private law	1963-68	Paris Law University Pantheon Assas

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.

Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position:	Years of work (From/To):	Place and country:
Advocate-General at the Court of Appeal of Paris	1992	1996
Technical adviser in the Office of Pierre Arpallange, French Minister of Justice	1988	1988
Special Assistant in the Legal Affairs Directorate at the French Ministry of External Relations	1981	1983
Technical adviser and subsequently Special Assistant and then Director at the Secretariat of State for Women's Affairs	1974	1976

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their 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 his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

no

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that 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 she/he discharges his 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?

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.

no

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5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she 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.

No applicable
