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## HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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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 the seven vacancies of mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council:

1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic;
2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia;
3. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America;
4. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific;
5. Special Rapporteur on the right to development;
6. Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; and
7. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States.

I have held broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

Following my broad consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to propose in six out of seven cases, the candidate recommended and ranked first by the Consultative Group, for approval by the Council; while in one case, I propose the candidate recommended and ranked second.

With regard to the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic**, I have decided to follow the second recommendation of the Consultative Group. This decision takes into account concerns expressed to me that should the first recommendation of the Consultative Group be followed in all of the four appointments of experts of the EMRIP at the 34<sup>th</sup> session, there would be two out of seven experts of the EMRIP from the same country. While giving due consideration to equitable geographic representation and recognizing the competence and expertise of the two candidates, I therefore propose to appoint **Ms. Laila Susanne VARS (Norway)** as expert member of the EMRIP from the Arctic.

For the position of the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Mr. Edtami MANSAYAGAN (Philippines)**.

As to the position of the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Ms. Kristen CARPENTER (United States of America)**.

In relation to the **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Ms. Megan DAVIS (Australia)**.

As the **Special Rapporteur on the right to development**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Mr. Saad ALFARARGI (Egypt)**.

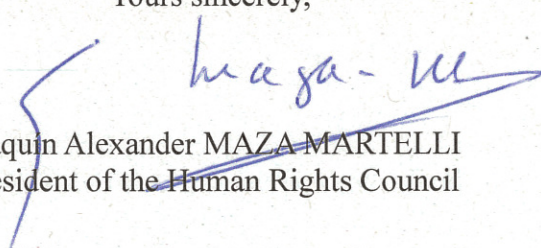
For the **Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Ms. Annalisa CIAMPI (Italy)**.

For the position of the **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, and following the recommendation of the Consultative Group, I propose **Mr. Luciano HAZAN (Argentina)**.

I would like to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their work of having considered 67 individual applications and having conducted 36 interviews for the seven aforementioned specific vacancies, and commend them for the many hours of work they dedicated to their important task and for the seriousness with which they carried out their work.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
Joaquin Alexander MAZAMARTELLI  
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**List of special procedures mandate-holders  
scheduled to be appointed at the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic

**Ms. Laila Susanne VARS (Norway)**

2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia

**Mr. Edtami MANSAYAGAN (Philippines)**

3. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America

**Ms. Kristen CARPENTER (United States of America)**

4. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific

**Ms. Megan DAVIS (Australia)**

5. Special Rapporteur on the right to development

**Mr. Saad ALFARARGI (Egypt)**

6. Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

**Ms. Annalisa CIAMPI (Italy)**

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