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Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for six vacancies of special procedure mandate holders to be appointed at the 36th session of the Human Rights Council

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 24 April 2017, **the deadline to apply** for the following six special procedure mandate holders are to be appointed at the thirty-sixth session of the Council (11-29 September 2017) **has been extended to Thursday, 8 June 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT):**

1. **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [HRC res. 34/35]**
2. **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States [HRC res. 27/25]**
3. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States [HRC res. 32/4]**
4. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States [HRC res. 32/4]**
5. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States [HRC res. 32/4]**
6. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Western European and other States [HRC res. 32/4]**

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