

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council

Thirteen initially foreseen vacancies

23 January 2020

I. Background

1. In paragraph 47 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of Permanent Representatives identified by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council (24 February to 20 March 2020) are: H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan (Djibouti), Mr. Abbas Kadhom Obaid Al-Fatlawi (Iraq), H.E. Mr. Ernesto Massimo Bellelli (Italy), Mr. Alejandro Dávalos (Ecuador) and H.E. Ms. Oxana Domenti (Republic of Moldova). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2019 and will end on 31 March 2020, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The group held its initial organizational meeting on 30 May 2019.

3. A total of 19 mandate holder vacancies are to be filled at the Council's forty-third session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from African States** [HRC resolution 42/23]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Asia-Pacific States** [HRC resolution 42/23]
3. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Eastern European States** [HRC resolution 42/23]
4. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** [HRC resolution 42/23]
5. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Western European and other States** [HRC resolution 42/23]
6. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic** [HRC resolution 33/25]
7. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia** [HRC resolution 33/25]
8. **Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights** [HRC resolution 34/3]¹

¹ The selection process for five mandates is being conducted with the understanding that the appointment of these mandate holders will be made only provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

9. **Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons** [HRC resolution 42/12]
10. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia** [HRC resolution 42/33]
11. **Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context** [HRC resolution 34/9]¹
12. **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences** [HRC resolution 42/10]
13. **Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [HRC resolution 35/19]
14. **Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights** [HRC resolution 36/10]
15. **Special Rapporteur on the right to food** [HRC resolution 40/7]
16. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [HRC resolution 42/20]
17. **Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material** [HRC resolution 34/16]¹
18. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders** [HRC resolution 34/5]¹
19. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar** [HRC resolution 40/29]¹

4. Of the nineteen vacancies listed above, thirteen were initially foreseen. Five additional posts – vacancies number 1 to 5 above – arose due to the decision of the Human Rights Council to establish a new five-member Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, as per Human Rights Council resolution 42/23 of 27 September 2019. One additional vacancy – that of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, vacancy number 14 above – also was not initially foreseen and arose due to the resignation of the current mandate holder, Mr. Idriss Jazairy, on 9 December 2019.

5. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for the following 13 mandates:

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. **Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights**
4. **Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons**
5. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia**
6. **Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context**
7. **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences**
8. **Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights**
9. **Special Rapporteur on the right to food**

10. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples**
11. **Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material**
12. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders**
13. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

6. The recommendations of the Consultative Group in relation to the six remaining mandates will be contained in an addendum to the Group's report (forthcoming as a separate document):

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from African States**
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Asia-Pacific States**
3. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Eastern European States**
4. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**
5. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Western European and other States**
6. **Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights**

7. The Consultative Group has decided to present its recommendations relating to the above-mentioned mandates in an addendum to its report due to the very short time available for launching the calls for applications and the finalization of the interview process. The Group informed the President of the Human Rights Council of its decision in a letter dated 6 January 2020.

II. Process

8. The application period for the submission of applications for the thirteen initially foreseen mandates opened on 6 September 2019. The call for applications closed on 17 October 2019 for the following nine mandates: EMRIP member from Asia; Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons; Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences; Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples; Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material; and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.

9. Due to the initially limited number of applications received, the application period was extended until 27 October 2019 for the following four mandates: EMRIP member from the Arctic; Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia; Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

10. The Consultative Group considered 152 individual applications from 130 eligible candidates submitted for the aforementioned 13 vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21.² The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the

² Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

designated OHCHR web page³ as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I of this report).

11. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would individually rank and propose a list of candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, personal integrity, availability and motivation. As a result of this ranking exercise, the Group established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed in compliance with relevant criteria and provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 as well as relevant Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

12. The Consultative Group held 19 formal meetings on 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 21 November, 13 and 20 December 2019, and 16 January 2020 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned thirteen vacancies. Due to work-related scheduling conflicts, Mr. Abbas Kadhom Obaid Al-Fatlawi participated in the shortlisting for all mandates and in the interviews for all candidates shortlisted for the EMRIP member from the Arctic and partly in the interviews for candidates shortlisted for other mandates.

13. In its organizational meeting of 30 May 2019, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process would be equally shared among its five members on a rotational basis, rotating after every mandate, according to the overall number of mandates to be considered during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. However, due to the number of unforeseen vacancies and the extremely high number of interviews to be conducted, a series of work-related scheduling conflicts arose for some members of the Consultative Group. Consequently, the chairing arrangements were decided by the Consultative Group on the basis of the availability of its members. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below.

14. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102 and paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. In addition, for the vacancies in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Group took into consideration the recommendation made in paragraph 6 of Council resolution 33/25 that, in the selection and appointment process, due regard be given to recognized competence and experience in the rights of indigenous peoples, experts of indigenous origin and gender balance, in addition to the criteria for nominating, selecting and appointing mandate holders established by the Human Rights Council in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to its resolution 5/1. Accordingly, the Group gave due regard, *inter alia*, to the indigenous origin of the candidates as per their self-identification in their application forms.

15. On gender balance, the Consultative Group duly took note of the Guidelines on Gender Parity⁴ adopted by the 2015 Consultative Group, whereby a quota was established so as to list no more than three candidates out of five of the same sex. The current Consultative Group decided not to adopt these Guidelines formally but to take them into consideration during the interview process.

16. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates,

³ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC43.aspx>

⁴ Annex to the letter from the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council (dated 23 December 2015).

and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21.

17. Based on the decision of the Consultative Group on the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, Mr. Alejandro Dávalos (Ecuador) did not participate in the shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. In view of the fact that the candidate from Ecuador was not shortlisted, Mr. Dávalos subsequently took part in the interview process.

18. The Consultative Group discussed the issue of the impact of candidates lobbying members directly and decided to follow a self-disclosure procedure in situations where any member has been approached with regard to the applications of candidates. The Consultative Group decided to strongly discourage meetings of individual candidates with members of the Group, and inform candidates that this is the practice of the current Group. However, the Group decided that – if a meeting takes place – the candidate would be informed that its taking place and its contents would be shared with the other members of the Group. This principled position has been included in the frequently asked questions section on the OHCHR nomination and selection of special procedures website.⁵

19. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity as well as the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest.

20. The Group held a total of 54 interviews with 50 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned mandates (see annex II of this report for the list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews occurred on 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 21 November, 13 December 2019 and 16 January 2020, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

21. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's statement 29/1 of 3 July 2015. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates.

22. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic

23. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Abbas Kadhom Obaid Al-Fatlawi. There were two eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the two candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following candidate as best qualified to fulfil the mandate.

1. Laila Susanne VARS (F) (Norway)

Indigenous origin: Sami

⁵ See <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>

24. **Laila Susanne Vars** is the Rector/Chancellor of the Sámi University of Applied Sciences and the outgoing EMRIP mandate holder from the Arctic region (appointed for a three-year term in March 2017 and eligible for re-appointment for another three-year term pursuant to paragraph 7 of Council resolution 33/25). She has previously worked as the Research Director of Norwegian National Human Rights Institution and served as the Executive Director of the Gáldu Resource Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Kautokeino, Norway. Since 2001, she has been working as a legal adviser in international and domestic law in the secretariat of the Sámi Parliament in Norway and as research fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Tromsø. She is the former Vice-President of the Sámi Parliament of Norway and former member of the Sámi Parliamentary Council. She holds a PhD in international law and indigenous peoples' rights earned from the University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway. Ms. Vars belongs to Sami indigenous community. The Consultative Group noted her experience and knowledge of working with the United Nations mechanisms on the rights of indigenous peoples, her extensive work and engagement in the area of the mandate and her commitment to continue to further contribute to the EMRIP.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Asia

25. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Ernesto Massimo Bellelli. There were five eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Binota Moy DHAMAI (M) (Bangladesh)

Indigenous origin: Tripura

2. Jannette CANSING SERRANO (F) (Philippines)

Indigenous origin: Blaan-Bagobo

26. **Binota Moy Dhamai** is member of the Executive Council of the non-governmental organization Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and is currently serving his second term as member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. He previously worked as the Asia Regional Coordinator of the AIPP Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Programme and with several other organizations active on the rights of indigenous peoples in Bangladesh. He holds a Master of Arts from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a Master in Environmental Management and Development from the Australian National University. He is currently a doctoral candidate focusing his research on advancing indigenous peoples' human rights and the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council. Mr. Dhamai belongs to Tripura indigenous community. Mr. Dhamai confirmed that, if he were to be appointed EMRIP expert, he would resign from the position of member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Dhamai's expertise in the area of indigenous peoples' rights and his clear articulation objectives of, and challenges for, the mandate.

27. **Jannette Cansing Serrano** is a consultant for Gender, Development and Indigenous Peoples at the National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines. She previously worked as Senior Technical Advisor for special groups of indigenous peoples for the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines and served as Chairperson and Commissioner for Central Mindanao of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines. She also was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Regional Initiative on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Development (UNDP). She holds a Master in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management and a Master in Development Administration from the Australian National University. Ms. Cansing Serrano

belongs to the Blaan-Bagobo indigenous community. Ms. Cansing Serrano confirmed that, if she were to be appointed EMRIP expert, she would relinquish the consultancy with the National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines. The Consultative Group noted her experience in the area of the mandate and her stated ability to build bridges across different positions.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

28. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Independent Expert with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

29. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Alejandro Dávalos. There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Yuefen LI (F) (China)

2. Daniel BRADLOW (M) (South Africa)

3. Bodo Geronimo ELLMERS (M) (Germany)

30. **Yuefen Li** is a Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance at the South Centre, an intergovernmental organization of developing countries. Previously, she has held senior positions at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) where she provided overall management of the Debt and Development Finance Branch and conducted research and analysis on relevant issues including vulture funds and violation of human rights. She has published books and articles on how debt crisis would negatively affect citizens economically, socially and culturally, and co-authored a book on initiatives proposed by UNCTAD to limit the negative impacts of debt crisis. Ms. Li obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Beijing Foreign Studies University in China and a Master's of International Management degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in the United States of America. Ms. Li indicated that she would resign from her current position if appointed special procedure mandate holder and in case it was deemed necessary. The Consultative Group noted her profound understanding of the mandate, clear vision of the key issues and current challenges. It also noted her legal expertise and substantive experience in the area of the mandate.

31. **Daniel Bradlow** is Chair of the South African Research Chair Initiative in International Development Law and African Economic Relations at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa. He previously worked as the head of International Economic Relations and Policy Department of the South African Reserve Bank. He was Professor at the American University Washington College of Law and served part-time as a member and chair of the independent review mechanism of the African Development Bank and as a member of the Working Group on extractive industries, environment and human rights of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He has published on issues relating to finance and human rights, including on sovereign debt and human rights. His academic background is in economics, political science and international law. He has a doctorate in international development law from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The Consultative Group noted his legal expertise in the area of the mandate and the clarity in identifying priority areas for the further development of the mandate.

32. **Bodo Geronimo Ellmers** is Head of Policy of the European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) and has previously worked as a policy and advocacy officer and manager of the same organization. He also worked for Global Call to Action against Poverty, a network of German development non-governmental organizations. He cooperated closely with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and with the United Nations Cooperation and Trade Affairs Department, having been a member of an expert group on Debt Workout Mechanisms from 2013 to 2014 and contributing expertise to the Intergovernmental Expert Group on Financing for Development. He also cooperated with the current and previous mandate holders, including on thematic and country reports. He holds a Master's degree in political science from Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany. The Consultative Group noted his engagement and expertise in the area of the mandate as well as the ability to cooperate with a variety of stakeholders.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

33. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Oxana Domenti. There were 14 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Claudia MAHLER (F) (Austria)

2. Andrew BYRNES (M) (Australia)

3. Kevin BELL (M) (Australia)

34. **Claudia Mahler** is a Legal Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor at the German Institute of Human Rights (the German "A" status national human rights institution) and currently serves as Vice-Chair of working group on the rights of older persons under the Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions. She was a founding member of the Committee of the Advisory Board on Human Rights of the Ministry of Interior in Austria. She was also part of the Council of Europe's working group on the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons in 2014. She holds a Magistra iuris and a Doctorate of Legal studies from the Leopold Franzens Universität Innsbruck (Austria). The Consultative Group noted her diverse experience in the area of the mandate, her extensive knowledge in working with human rights mechanisms and her expertise in assisting States, at regional and national levels, to fulfil their international human rights obligations.

35. **Andrew Byrnes** is a Professor of international law and human rights at the University of New South Wales, Australia, where he served as Chair of the Australian Human Rights Centre. He previously carried out consultancy for several United Nations entities and international bodies. He also served as President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, as Co-Rapporteur of the International Law Association's Human Rights Law and Practice Committee, on the External Forum on Gender and Development of the Asian Development Bank, as external legal adviser to the Australian Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights and on the Human Rights Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association. He holds a Master of Laws from the Harvard Law School and from the Columbia University of Law School, New York, United States of America. Mr. Byrnes indicated that he would step down from any of his current associations with non-governmental or other organizations, in case they were likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted his in-depth knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate as a human rights lawyer and legal adviser to a variety of stakeholders.

36. **Kevin Bell** is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, as well as a barrister and Queen's Counsel. He will be retiring from his position as Supreme Court Justice in March 2020 and will be appointed Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law at Monash University, where he will also be professor. He previously worked as an NGO activist and as a judge. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Monash University (Melbourne, Australia) and a Master in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The Consultative Group noted Mr. Bell's diverse working experience and appreciated his deep understanding of the interplay between aging, dignity and human rights. It also noted Mr. Bell's clear commitment and enthusiasm to advancing the rights of older persons.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

37. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan. There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Isha DYFAN (F) (Sierra Leone)

2. Francesca DEL MESE (F) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

3. Tarik KURDI (M) (Sudan)

38. **Isha Dyfan** was Director of International Advocacy at Amnesty International where she provided strategic political advice and lead advocacy programmes in New York, Geneva and London. She has previously worked as the Director of Human Rights and a Gender Affairs Officer at the United Nations/African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur, as well as the Chief of Women's Rights and Gender Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). She has practiced law for 13 years and has experience applying international human rights instruments, norms and principles in cases of violations of human rights in the field. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sierra Leone and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London, as well as an Advance diploma in Law from the Council of Legal Education (Inner Temple) in London. The Consultative Group noted her clear vision for implementing the mandate through cooperation with the Government and all parties concerned, her direct experience with a variety of stakeholders in the region and her expertise in the area of gender equality.

39. **Francesca Del Mese** is a self-employed lawyer. She is a Crown Court judge and a Legally Qualified Chair for serious police misconduct hearings in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and she serves as a Deployable Civilian Expert in Security and Justice. She has served as an Ombudsman in Financial Ombudsman Service and as a Commissioner in Independent Commission for Aid Impact. She has worked as a consultant for various United Nations departments and agencies and national human rights institutions, for which she conducted independent evaluations and provided advice on international human rights instruments and standards in Somalia, the Sudan and several other countries. She served as the legal advisor to the OHCHR Mission of Inquiry into Atrocities Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic. She obtained an Advanced Master's degree in international relations and peace and conflict resolution in Queensland, Australia, and a postgraduate diploma in organizational leadership from Oxford University in the United Kingdom. The Consultative Group noted her experience in supporting human rights standard setting in various countries, including Somalia, and her expertise in the area of gender equality.

40. **Tarik Kurdi** has retired after 35 years of service at the United Nations, where he worked on several aspects of protection and assistance of refugees and internally displaced persons, emergency management, donor relations, human rights, humanitarian and political affairs. He held leadership positions in UNHCR Geneva and country offices in Sudan, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Iraq, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Syrian Arab Republic. He recently served as the Chair of the 10th session of the Forum on Minority Issues of the Human Rights Council. He has obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in Beirut and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and Development from the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom. The Consultative Group noted his relevant experience in the area of the mandate and his experience in the field, including in Somalia.

VIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

41. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

42. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan. There were 15 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Balakrishnan RAJAGOPAL (M) (United States of America)

2. Helena ROSETA (F) (Portugal)

3. Kevin BELL (M) (Australia)

43. **Balakrishnan Rajagopal** is Professor of Law and Development and the Director of the Programme on Human Rights and Justice at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States of America. He previously worked as a Human Rights Officer in Legal Assistance at the OHCHR country office in Cambodia and at the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, where he was responsible for monitoring, investigation, education and advocacy, as well as law drafting in a variety of areas including land and housing. He has been elected to the Executive Council and Executive Committee of the American Society of International Law and sits on the Asia Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch. He obtained law degrees from the University of Madras in India and the American University Washington College of Law, as well as a doctorate from the Harvard Law School in the United States of America. Mr. Rajagopal indicated that he would resign from the Asia Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted his vast knowledge and experience, both in academia and in advising different stakeholders on the right to housing. The Consultative Group also noted his clear vision on the priorities to be pursued for the further development of the mandate and his knowledge and experience of the United Nations system.

44. **Helena Roseta** is an architect with 50 years of experience in activism on the right to housing, and was the President of Lisbon Municipal Assembly until October 2019. As a former member of the National Parliament, she contributed to the articles of the Portuguese Constitution of 1976 relating to the right to housing, environment, quality of life and residents' unions rights. After re-election in 2015, she coordinated the Working Group on Housing with a central role on changing the rental, deprived neighbourhoods protection and housing for young people legislation, which has later led to

the adoption of the Housing Basic Law. As a Lisbon City Councillor with Housing and Local Development portfolios, she developed the strategic Lisbon Housing Programme and the programme for deprived neighbourhoods, while, as the Mayor of Cascais, she worked on informal settlements. She holds a Master's degree in Architecture from Escola Superior de Belas Artes, Lisbon. The Consultative Group noted her expertise and knowledge of the mandate and of its specific challenges. The Consultative Group also noted her motivation, determination and pragmatic approach to the right to housing. The Consultative Group further noted the candidate's experience in gender mainstreaming and concrete proposals on how to integrate the gender perspective into the work of the mandate.

45. **Kevin Bell** is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, as well as a barrister and Queen's Counsel. He will be retiring from his position as Supreme Court Justice in March 2020 and will be appointed Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law at Monash University, where he will also be professor. He previously worked as an NGO activist and as a judge. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Monash University (Melbourne, Australia) and a Master in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The Consultative Group noted his diverse working experience and his expertise and practical experience, including as a judge, on the right to housing. The Consultative Group also noted his clearly articulated vision on the priorities for the mandate.

IX. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences

46. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Ernesto Massimo Bellelli. There were 13 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

- 1. Aidan MCQUADE (M) (Ireland)**
- 2. Tomoya OBOKATA (M) (Japan)**
- 3. Adelle BLACKETT (F) (Canada)**

47. **Aidan McQuade** is an independent consultant supporting governments and businesses to develop responses to slavery and labour abuse. He previously served as Director of the non-governmental organization Anti-Slavery International and worked as Senior Field Coordination and Protection Officer for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and as Country representative of Oxfam in Angola. He holds a Master of Business Administration, a Postgraduate diploma in research methodology and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Strathclyde University, Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Consultative Group noted his substantive knowledge, experience and clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges related to this mandate as well as the stated humanitarian focus that the candidate would maintain if appointed.

48. **Tomoya Obokata** is a Professor of International Law and Human Rights at Keele University in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He previously worked with the International Organization for Migration, the United Kingdom Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the European Union, the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime as well as with non-governmental organizations. He also taught human rights as a lecturer at the University of Dundee and University of Belfast. He holds a Master of Arts in Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the University of

Essex, a Master of Laws in International Criminal Law from the University of Sussex and a PhD in Law from the University of Nottingham, all in the United Kingdom. The Consultative Group noted his ability to identify the challenges currently facing the mandate and the impact of intersectional discrimination on victims of slavery.

49. **Adelle Blackett** is Professor of Law and Canada Research Chair in Transnational Labour Law and Development at McGill University in Canada. Previously, she worked as Labour Law Specialist at the International Labour Office in Geneva, as an expert on standard setting on domestic workers and on labour law reform in Haiti. She also has been appointed to the Quebec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission by the National Assembly of Quebec and is now still a human rights expert panel member. She holds a Master and a Doctorate in Law from Columbia University, New York, United States of America. The Consultative Group noted her substantive and technical knowledge in the area of the mandate and her understanding of its trans-disciplinarity.

X. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

50. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Alejandro Dávalos. There were 14 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Olivier DE SCHUTTER (M) (Belgium)

2. Juan Pablo BOHOSLAVSKY (M) (Argentina)

51. **Olivier De Schutter** is Professor of Law at the University of Louvain, Belgium, and at SciencesPo in Paris, France, member of the Global Law School Faculty at New York University, United States of America, and since 2015 member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He served as Special Rapporteur on the right to food between 2008 and 2014. He was previously Secretary-General of the International Federation for Human Rights and chaired the European Union Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights. He is the author of several expert reports for the Council of Europe and is the author and co-author of books and articles on economic and social rights and on the relationship between human rights and development. He holds a LL.M. from Harvard University, a diploma cum laude from the International Institute of Human Rights of Strasbourg and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Louvain. Mr. De Schutter indicated that he would resign as member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted his engagement, expertise, and vision addressing the challenges of the mandate, in particular the capacity to contextualize possible solutions at national level linking them with the Sustainable Development Goals.

52. **Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky** is the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights since 2014. He previously worked as a sovereign debt expert for UNCTAD. He has also been a professor of law, a legal consultant for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and a partner in an Argentinian law firm specializing in class action litigation. He has published books and articles on global economics, finance and human rights. He holds a doctorate in Law from the University of Salamanca, Spain, a European Doctorate from the University of Vienna, Austria, and a Post-Doctorate in Law from the University of New York. Mr. Bohoslavsky indicated that his tenure as Independent Expert on foreign debt would expire by the time that the new Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

is appointed. The Consultative Group noted his varied experience, both practical and academic, relevant to the mandate as well as his stated willingness to engage and cooperate with a variety of stakeholders to build consensus for the implementation of the mandate.

XI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the right to food

53. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Oxana Domenti. There were 11 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below, with two candidates ranked equally and listed alphabetically in the second place.

1. Michael FAKHRI (M) (Lebanon)

2. Christophe GOLAY (M) (Switzerland) and Ana María SUÁREZ FRANCO (F) (Germany)

54. **Michael Fakhri** is Associate Professor at the University of Oregon in the United States of America where he teaches courses on human rights and development, corporate social responsibility, food law and international trade. He practiced law in Canada as a social justice litigator and argued human rights claims before Canadian courts and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He has published extensively on the right to food. He obtained a Master of Law from Harvard Law School, United States of America, a doctorate from the University of Toronto, a bachelor of laws from Queen's University and a bachelor of science from University of Western Ontario, in Canada. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge and expertise covering a wide range of aspects related to the mandate, his clearly articulated vision on how to contribute to the mandate's further development a diverse experience with a variety of stakeholders.

55. **Christophe Golay** is Senior Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on economic, social and cultural rights at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. He served as consultant on the right to food for the Food and Agriculture Organization and as a legal adviser to the first Special Rapporteur on the right to food. He has published articles and monographs on the right to food and economic, social and cultural rights. He obtained a Master's degree in international law and international relations, and a doctorate in international law on the right to food and access to justice, both from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. The Consultative Group noted his substantive knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate as well as experience with special procedures and human rights mechanisms.

56. **Ana María Suárez Franco** is permanent representative of FIAN International at the United Nations in Geneva. Her previous experience includes legal work and consultancy with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to social security, as well as legal work on public and tax law in Colombia. She has a law degree and pursued postgraduate studies in public policies and international law in Colombia. She has a Master in Law from Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg and a PhD in Law from the University of Mannheim, Germany. Ms. Suarez Franco indicated that she would recuse from any representational role within FIAN, if appointed as mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted her experience in applying international human rights standards to the right to food and knowledge of the United Nations system related to the promotion and protection of human rights.

XII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

57. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan. There were 13 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. José Francisco CALÍ TZAY (M) (Guatemala)

2. Brian KEANE (M) (United States of America)

3. Hannah MCGLADE (F) (Australia)

58. **José Francisco Calí Tzay** is currently Ambassador of Guatemala in Germany and former Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. He previously served as Director for human rights at the Human Rights Head Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, consultant on indigenous issues at the Office of the Vice-President of Guatemala and President of the national reparations program for victims of the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. He also founded non-governmental organizations such as the Comite Campesino del Atliplano, Human Rights Legal Action Centre (CADLH) and the Union del Pueblo Maya de Guatemala. He graduated from the law school, Mariano Galvez University, Chimaltenango, Guatemala and studied Comparative and Indigenous Peoples Law at the University of Oklahoma, United States of America. Mr. Cali Tzay indicated that he would resign as Ambassador of Guatemala in Germany, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted his vast knowledge, expertise and experience in the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his strong focus on cooperation with various stakeholders and balanced view of the different interests at stake in the implementation of the mandate.

59. **Brian Keane** is Advisor for the non-governmental organization Land is Life, an international coalition of indigenous people. He previously was Executive Director of that same NGO and served as the first Advisor on Indigenous Peoples' Issues for the United States Foreign Assistance under the Obama administration. He also served as member and Rapporteur of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for the term 2017 - 2019. He holds a Bachelor in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts, United States of America. Mr. Keane indicated that he would resign as advisor to Land is Life, if appointed special procedure mandate holder and if a conflict of interest were to arise. The Consultative Group noted his experience and expertise in the mandate and his clearly articulated vision of the priorities to be implemented to further develop the mandate.

60. **Hannah McGlade** is Senior Indigenous Research Fellow at Curtin University and member of the Mental Health Tribunal in Australia. She served as Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Family Law Services and as member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. She is a former OHCHR Senior Indigenous Fellow and has been appointed as member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for the term 2020 - 2022. She holds a Masters in Law from Murdoch University, Australia, and a PhD from Curtin University, as well as a Certificate in Global Mental Health. Ms. McGlade indicated that she would resign as member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted her experience and expertise in the area of the mandate.

XIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material

61. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

62. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Oxana Domenti. There were initially 12 eligible candidates for this vacancy, with one candidate subsequently withdrawing her application. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Katherine KAUFKA WALTS (F) (United States of America)

2. Mama Fatima SINGHATEH (F) (Gambia)

63. **Katherine Kaufka Walts** is a faculty member at Loyola University Chicago and Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Human Rights of Children in the United States of America. She worked as Executive Director of the International Organization for Adolescents and as Supervising Attorney at the National Immigrant Justice Center, both in Chicago. She also held appointments on child trafficking issues with the American Bar Association, the Office of Trafficking in Persons and the Office of Victims of Crime with the United States Government. She has published on issues relating to the mandate. She has Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, both in the United States of America. The Consultative Group noted her vision for the mandate and the manner in which she clearly articulated and set out some of the most challenging areas of the mandate, including how the mandate would interact with other initiatives across the United Nations system.

64. **Mama Fatima Singhateh** is a self-employed legal consultant working on promotion of human rights issues, good governance and legal and institutional reforms. She worked as the Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Gambia. She has experience working as a judge, as well as the State Counsel prosecuting criminal cases related to gender-based violence. She worked as a coordinator of a joint project between UNICEF and the Ministry of Justice of the Gambia. She obtained a Bachelor of Law and a Masters in Law degree at the University of Hull and completed the bar vocational course at the University of Cardiff, both in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Consultative Group noted her expertise in the area of the mandate, her pragmatic approach in dealing with the issue of sale of children as a cross-cutting issue and her ability to engage various stakeholders.

XIV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

65. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

66. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Ernesto Massimo Bellelli. There were initially 24 eligible candidates for this vacancy, with one candidate subsequently withdrawing his application. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Santiago CANTON (M) (Argentina)

2. Mary LAWLOR (F) (Ireland)

3. Andrea BOLAÑOS VARGAS (F) (Colombia)

67. **Santiago Canton** served as Government Minister of Human Rights for the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 2015 to 2019. He chaired the independent international commission of inquiry

of the Human Rights Council on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and was one of the three members of the Organization of American States (OAS) panel of independent international experts on the possible commission of crimes against humanity in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. He was the Executive Director of the non-governmental organization Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. He previously worked as Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and also served as the OAS Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression. He holds a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master degree in International Law from the American University Washington College of Law. The Consultative Group noted his extensive knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law and multifaceted expertise in the area of the mandate. The Group also noted his vision of the opportunities and challenges related to the mandate, as well as of how to ensure the effective protection of human rights defenders.

68. **Mary Lawlor** is Adjunct Professor of Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility in the School of Business of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Previously, she was Director of Amnesty International Ireland and Executive Director of Front Line Defenders, organization she established in 2001 to provide practical support to human rights defenders worldwide. Ms. Lawlor holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Psychology from the University College of Dublin, a Postgraduate Diploma in Montessori Teaching from Sion Hill College, Dublin, and a Postgraduate Diploma at the Associate Institute of Personnel Management from the National College of Ireland. Ms. Lawlor indicated that she would resign from the position as member of Boards of some non-governmental organizations, if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted her diverse experience with a variety of stakeholders and her knowledge, expertise and practical approach related to the mandate.

69. **Andrea Bolaños Vargas** is a consultant specialized in the rights of human right defenders, women and indigenous peoples at the national, regional and international level. She worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and for UN-Women. She also previously worked for the non-governmental organization Plataforma Internacional contra la Impunidad, and for the Office of the Prosecutor in Guatemala. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and in International Humanitarian Law from the University of Bogota, Colombia, and a postgraduate diploma in human Rights and democratization process from the University of Santiago de Chile. The Consultative Group noted her expertise as consultant related to the mandate, in particular with reference to the integration of a gender perspective in its implementation.

XV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

70. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

71. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Alejandro Dávalos. There were 11 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

- 1. Thomas H. ANDREWS (M) (United States of America)**
- 2. Marzuki DARUSMAN (M) (Indonesia)**
- 3. Jared GENSER (M) (United States of America)**

72. **Thomas H. Andrews** is the head of Andrews Strategic Services, a consultancy working with non-governmental organizations aiming to build demilitarization strategies in Washington, D.C. He served on the United States Congress as a member of the House of Representatives from Maine. In his capacity of Senior Advisor of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, he acted as a consultant to the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, on a programme that supported human rights and democracy advocates from Myanmar. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Bowdoin College, United States of America. The Consultative Group noted his experience in working closely with both government leaders and communities for the implementation of human rights mechanisms. The Consultative Group noted his clear vision for the implementation of the mandate and his motivation to advance accountability, human rights and fundamental freedoms, rule of law and justice on the basis of facts, integrity and impartiality.

73. **Marzuki Darusman** has served on several Human Rights Council and United Nations mandates, most recently as the Chair of the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar. He served also as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, member of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Chair of the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Sri Lanka. At the national level, he served as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Indonesian National Human Rights Commission and as the Attorney General of Indonesia. He holds a graduate degree in international law of the sea and an honorary doctorate in law from Parahyangan Catholic University in Indonesia. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of, and experience with, the country concerned, his willingness to maintain the momentum created by the outcome of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar and his capacity to cooperate with different stakeholders.

74. **Jared Genser** is the founder and Managing Director of Perseus Strategies, LLC, a law firm focused on public international law, human rights and corporate social responsibility projects, and Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in the United States of America. He has worked on human rights issues relating to Myanmar for almost 20 years, including serving pro-bono as Aung San Suu Kyi's international lawyer until her release from house arrest. He has obtained a public policy degree from Harvard University and a legal doctorate from the University of Michigan. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of the country concerned, his experience in advising both Governments and communities, and his solid expertise in gender equality.

*Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁶***Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
EMRIP member from the Arctic**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ruslan	GARIPOV	Russian Federation	M
Laila Susanne	VARS	Norway	F

**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
EMRIP member from Asia**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Guimei	BAI	China	F
Jannette	CANSING SERRANO	Philippines	F
Binota Moy	DHAMAI	Bangladesh	M
Shree Kumar	MAHARJAN	Nepal	M
Prabindra	SHAKYA	Nepal	M

Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Alexei	AVTONOMOV	Russian Federation	M
Ilias	BANTEKAS	Greece	M
Daniel	BRADLOW	South Africa	M
Ayesha Yunus	DAWOOD	South Africa	F
Bodo Geronimo	ELLMERS	Germany	M
Vinodh	JAICHAND	South Africa	M
Yuefen	LI	China	F
Nicholas John	LUSIANI	United States of America	M
Pedro	ROSSI	Brazil	M

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Andrew	BYRNES	Australia	M
Jayashree	GUPTA	India	F
Vugar	HASANOV	Azerbaijan	M
Jyotsana Bela	KAPUR	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F

⁶ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Claudia	MAHLER	Austria	F
Bahame Tom	MUKIRYA NYANDUGA	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Silvia	PEREL-LEVIN	Argentina	F
Susana	SANZ CABALLERO	Spain	F
Dorika	SEIB	Germany	F
Natasa	TODOROVIC	Serbia	F
Nguyen Toan	TRAN	Viet Nam	M
Milutin	VRACEVIC	Serbia	M
Ying	ZHU	China	M

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Francesca	DEL MESE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Isha	DYFAN	Sierra Leone	F
Osman	EL HAJJÉ	Lebanon	M
Idris	FADLI	Algeria	M
Tarik	KURDI	Sudan	M
Daniel	MEKONNEN	Eritrea	M
Chantal	MUTAMURIZA	Burundi	F
Mama Fatima	SINGHATEH	Gambia	F
Oliver	WINDRIDGE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Abdellatif	BENIDA	Algeria	M
Sheahan	BESTEL	Australia	F
Matthew	DOWNIE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Edesio	FERNANDES JUNIOR	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Kristian	LASSLETT	Australia	M
Zaida	MUXÍ MARTÍNEZ	Spain	F
Omoyemen Lucia	ODIGIE-EMMANUEL	Nigeria	F
Balakrishnan	RAJAGOPAL	United States of America	M
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Helena	ROSETA	Portugal	F
Amar	ROUABHI	Algeria	M
Sebastian Ernesto	TEDESCHI	Argentina	M
Marc	UHRV	France	M
Stuart	WILSON	South Africa	M

**Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery,
including its causes and its consequences**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Manuel	ALBANO	Portugal	M
Jean	ALLAIN	Canada	M
Radhwan	ALWAJEEH	Yemen	M
Adelle	BLACKETT	Canada	F
Kevin	HYLAND	Ireland	M
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Sushma	JOSHI	Nepal	F
Siddharth	KARA	United States of America	M
Aidan	MCQUADE	Ireland	M
Pastor Elías	MURILLO MARTÍNEZ	Colombia	M
Justine	NOLAN	Australia	F
Tomoya	OBOOKATA	Japan	M
Leonardo	SAKAMOTO	Brazil	M

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mohamed	BEHNASSI	Morocco	M
Juan Pablo	BOHOSLAVSKY	Argentina	M
Kristy	BRIMELOW	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Michael	CICHON	Germany	M
Kirsten	DAVIES	Australia	F
Olivier	DE SCHUTTER	Belgium	M
Miloon	KOTHARI	India	M
Kathryn	LANGAT	Kenya	F
Mankui	LI	China	M
Shree Kumar	MAHARJAN	Nepal	M
Balakrishnan	RAJAGOPAL	United States of America	M
Sushma	RAMAN	United States of America	F
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Susana	SANZ CABALLERO	Spain	F

Special Rapporteur on the right to food

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mostafa	ALAEI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Mohamed	BEHNASSI	Morocco	M
Michael	FAKHRI	Lebanon	M
Christophe	GOLAY	Switzerland	M

Jayashree	GUPTA	India	F
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Shree Kumar	MAHARJAN	Nepal	M
Miguel Ángel	MARTÍN-LÓPEZ	Spain	M
Omoyemen Lucia	ODIGIE-EMMANUEL	Nigeria	F
Ana María	SUÁREZ FRANCO	Germany	F
Nettie	WIEBE	Canada	F

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
José Francisco	CALÍ TZAY	Guatemala	M
Sandra Jan	CREAMER	Australia	F
Ruslan	GARIPOV	Russian Federation	M
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Brian	KEANE	United States of America	M
Naomi Ntatai	KIPURI	Kenya	F
Roger Koussetogue	KOUDÉ	Chad	M
Christine	LUZA	Canada	F
Shree Kumar	MAHARJAN	Nepal	M
Hannah	MCGLADE	Australia	F
Kyriaki Pipitsa	NOUSIA	Greece	F
Alvaro	POP AC	Guatemala	M

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mostafa	ALAEI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Radhwan	ALWAJEEH	Yemen	M
Jorge	CARDONA LLORENS	Spain	M
Ekenia	CHIFAMBA	Zimbabwe	F
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Anees	JILLANI	Pakistan	M
Katherine	KAUFKA WALTZ	United States of America	F
Leda	KOURSOUNBA ⁷	Cyprus	F
Catherine	MBENGUE	Switzerland	F
Susana	SANZ CABALLERO	Spain	F
Cristina	SEVILLA	Philippines	F
Mama Fatima	SINGHATEH	Gambia	F

⁷ On 18 November 2019, the candidate informed the Secretariat of her decision to withdraw her candidacy for this post.

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Susan M.	AKRAM	United States of America	F
Mariam	AL-KHAWAJA	Bahrain	F
Jerome	BELLION-JOURDAN ⁸	France	M
Saham Jacques	BEMADJIBAYE		
	NGARASSAL	Chad	M
Andrea	BOLAÑOS VARGAS	Colombia	F
Santiago	CANTON	Argentina	M
Linda	GARCIA	United States of America	F
Jean-Marie Vianney	KAVUMBAGU	Burundi	M
Viviana	KRSTICEVIC	Argentina	F
Mary	LAWLOR	Ireland	F
Teymur	MALIK-ASLANOV	Azerbaijan	M
Daniel	MEKONNEN	Eritrea	M
Rabéa	NACIRI	Morocco	F
Angkhana	NEELAPAIJIT	Thailand	F
Vasilii	NEMECHKIN	Russian Federation	M
Leticia	OSORIO	Brazil	F
Titipol	PHAKDEEWANICH	Thailand	M
Mikołaj	PIETRZAK	Poland	M
Sushma	RAMAN	United States of America	F
Carlos	RUIZ MIGUEL	Spain	M
Claudia Virginia	SAMAYOA PINEDA	Guatemala	F
Christopher	SIDOTI	Australia	M
Dieu-Donne	WEDI DJAMBA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Richard Ashby	WILSON	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Juan Pablo	ALBAN ALENCASTRO	Ecuador	M
Thomas H.	ANDREWS	United States of America	M
Neal	BAER	United States of America	M
Kevin	CHANG	Australia	M
Marzuki	DARUSMAN	Indonesia	M
Jared	GENSER	United States of America	M
Anees	JILLANI	Pakistan	M
Nina H. B.	JØRGENSEN	Norway	F
Richard	ROGERS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

⁸ On 29 November 2019, the candidate informed the Secretariat of his decision to withdraw his candidacy for this post.

Ben	SAUL	Australia	M
Surya	SUBEDI	Nepal	M

*Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁹***Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
EMRIP member from the Arctic**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ruslan	GARIPOV	Russian Federation	M
Laila Susanne	VARS	Norway	F

**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
EMRIP member from Asia**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Guimei	BAI	China	F
Jannette	CANSING SERRANO	Philippines	F
Binota Moy	DHAMAI	Bangladesh	M

Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ilias	BANTEKAS	Greece	M
Daniel	BRADLOW	South Africa	M
Ayesha Yunus	DAWOOD	South Africa	F
Bodo Geronimo	ELLMERS	Germany	M
Yuefen	LI	China	F

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Andrew	BYRNES	Australia	M
Jayashree	GUPTA	India	F
Claudia	MAHLER	Austria	F
Dorika	SEIB	Germany	F
Natasa	TODOROVIC	Serbia	F

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
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⁹ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Francesca	DEL MESE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Isha	DYFAN	Sierra Leone	F
Tarik	KURDI	Sudan	M
Mama Fatima	SINGHATEH	Gambia	F

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

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