

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-sixth session of the Human Rights Council

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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-sixth session of the Human Rights Council are: His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad), Her Excellency Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia), His Excellency Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain), Mr. Jiang Duan (China) and Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2020 and will end on 31 March 2021, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The Group held its initial organizational meeting on 23 April 2020.

3. A total of six vacancies of special procedure mandate holders are to be filled at the Council's forty-sixth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa** (HRC resolution 33/25)
- 2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America** (HRC resolution 33/25)
- 3. Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions** (HRC res. 44/5)
- 4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia** (HRC resolution 42/37)
- 5. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from African States** (HRC resolution 45/24)
- 6. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Asia-Pacific States** (HRC resolution 42/22)

4. Vacancy number 3 above – that of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions – was not initially foreseen and arose due to the resignation of the current mandate holder, Ms. Agnes Callamard (France), on 24 November 2020.

II. Process

5. The application period for the submission of applications for the five initially foreseen mandates opened on 16 October and closed on 27 November 2020. The application process for the submission of applications for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions opened on 25 November and closed on 29 December 2020.

6. The Consultative Group considered 84 individual applications from 78 eligible candidates¹ submitted for the aforementioned six vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated web page² of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and paragraph 26 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 (see annex I of this report).

7. The Consultative Group held 11 formal meetings on 16 December 2020 and on 8 and 11 to 15 January 2021 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned six vacancies. This included one meeting with interpretation. H.E. Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik participated only in the shortlisting for all the mandates but not in the interviews for this selection round. H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila participated in the shortlisting for all the mandates and in the interviews for the candidates shortlisted for the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.

8. 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, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. As a result of this ranking exercise, the Group established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for the mandate.

9. In its organizational meeting of 23 April 2020, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 would be equally shared among its five members and would be determined by a drawing of lots. Consequently, the chairs for all the mandates foreseen to be filled during this cycle were drawn by lot on 27 April 2020. The chair for the unforeseen vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions was agreed by consensus on 8 January 2021 and further adjustments to the chairing function for other mandates were agreed based on the availability of the individual members. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.

10. 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, paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, paragraph 31 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also 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.

11. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 33 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by

¹ Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

² See <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC46.aspx>.

stakeholders including current or outgoing mandate holders in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for the mandates in question.³

12. 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 committed to uphold the principle of gender parity and to strictly follow the spirit and recommendation of the guidelines to the extent possible.

13. The Consultative Group gave due consideration to equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1 and in paragraphs 31 and 48 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

14. In accordance with paragraphs 31, 32 and 48 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, fluency in more than one of the official United Nations languages was positively considered both in the shortlisting and the final recommendations.

15. The Consultative Group assessed the applications based on their substance,³ without prejudice to the level of fluency of the candidate in the language of their application, while recognizing the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations in line with paragraph 32 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

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, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21 and President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

17. In accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST/OS/14/2, H.E. Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain) did not participate in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. In view of the fact that the candidates from Spain were not shortlisted, Mr. Dominguez subsequently took part in the interview process and in the decision on the candidates to be recommended for the mandate.

18. The Consultative Group adhered to paragraph 14 of President's statement PRST/OS/14/2 which provides that the members of the Consultative Group, in the event that they have been approached by any Member State, organization or individual with regard to the application of a candidate, shall inform the other members in order to ensure maximum transparency.

19. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraphs 35 to 38 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the observance of the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions and the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity. 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. When necessary, further clarifications were requested in writing.

³ As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. Letters from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders (dated respectively 14 December 2020 and 15 January 2021) and letter from the Chair-Rapporteur of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the Consultative Group (dated 2 December 2020).

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

20. The Group held a total of 26 interviews with 26 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned mandates (see annex II of this report for the alphabetical list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews occurred from 11 to 15 January 2021, 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, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 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 statements PRST 29/1 and PRST OS/14/2. 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 Consultative Group intended to carry out interviews by video calls as was the case during the selection processes that led to the appointment of mandate holders at the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions, in order to better assess the communication abilities of the candidates and to allow a more comfortable exchange of views with visual contact. Unfortunately, the Consultative Group learned only during the shortlisting meeting from the Secretariat that this was not possible due to the fact that the budgetary requirements for video conferencing included in the statement of programme budget implications (PBI) related to President's statement OS/14/2 had not yet been considered and approved by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) that will meet for the first time, since the adoption of PRST OS/14/2, on 26 January 2021. The Consultative Group expressed regret for this situation, but agreed that under these circumstances it would have to proceed with the interviews conducted by telephone [with the exception of those for which the candidates requested interpretation]. The Consultative Group hopes that in the future it will be informed in advance about all budgetary issues related to the conduct of interviews in order to solve them in a timely manner and thereby comply with the provisions of paragraph 40 of PRST OS/14/2, which states that interviews shall be conducted wherever possible by video call.

23. 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 Africa

24. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). There were 18 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.

1. Margaret LOKAWUA (F) (Uganda)

Indigenous origin: Karamojang

2. Nourredine BESSADI (M) (Algeria)

Indigenous origin: Amazigh

3. Kanyinke SENA (M) (Kenya)

Indigenous origin: Maasai & Ogiek

25. **Margaret Lokawua** is founder and current Chairperson of the Women Environmental Conservation Project (WECOP). She was elected Member of the Ninth Parliament of Uganda where she served as a member of the House Committees on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunity and Vice-Chairperson of the House Committee on Health. She was a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues between 2008 and 2011. Ms. Lokawua belongs to the Karamojang people. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Peace-building and a Master of Arts in Human

Rights and Development from Kampala International University in Uganda. The Consultative Group noted her experience and knowledge of, as well as commitment to, the mandate. The candidate affirmed the importance of incorporating a gender perspective in the mandate.

26. **Nourredine Bessadi** is former coordinator of the Algerian civil society support office in Tunis for the non-governmental organization EuroMed Rights. During the interview, he informed that he cooperates as researcher and consultant with Minority Rights Group. He is member of the International Observatory for Language Rights. He was Senior Minority Fellow at OHCHR. Mr. Bessadi belongs to the Amazigh people. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in French language and literature and a Master in Linguistics from University of Bejaia, Algeria. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of the mandate and his interest in linguistic rights.

27. **Kanyinke Sena** is Lecturer in Human Rights at the Faculty of Law at Egerton University in Kenya and Director of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC). Mr. Sena is a former member of the African Commission Working Group on Indigenous Populations and former member and Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues between 2011 and 2013. Mr. Sena belongs to the Maasai and Ogiek peoples. He confirmed that, if he were to be appointed EMRIP expert, he would relinquish his position as Director of IPACC, should a conflict of interest arise. He holds a Bachelor in Law from the University of Mysore, India, and a Master and a Doctorate in Law, both from the University of Arizona, United States of America. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge and experience in the area of the mandate.

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

28. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Carlos Domínguez Díaz (Spain). There were eight 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. Sheryl LIGHTFOOT (F) (Canada)

Indigenous origin: Anishinaabe (Lake Superior Band, Keweenaw Bay Community)

2. Rosalee GONZALEZ (F) (United States of America)

Indigenous origin: Xicana of Tepehuanes and Kickapoo descent

3. June L. LORENZO (F) (United States of America)

Indigenous origin: Pueblo of Laguna and Dine (Navajo Nation)

29. **Sheryl Lightfoot** is Canada Research Chair in Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, Associate Professor and Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. She was the North American expert to the Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, organized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2017. She served on a number of expert advisories, both academic and policy-based, focused on the implementation of the Declaration. During the interview, she informed the Consultative Group that she serves on the Board of Directors of Providence Health Care in Vancouver, Canada. She authored publications on issues related to indigenous peoples. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. Olaf College, Minnesota, a Master in Public Affairs and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Lightfoot belongs to the Anishinaabe, Lake Superior Band, Keweenaw Bay Community. She confirmed that, if she were to be appointed EMRIP expert, she would relinquish her seat on the Providence Health Care Board of Directors, should a conflict of interest arise. The

Consultative Group noted her experience and knowledge on the rights of indigenous peoples, her extensive work and engagement in the area of the mandate as well as the clear articulation objectives of, and challenges for, the mandate.

30. **Rosalee Gonzales** is founder and Chief Executive Officer of Indigenized Strategy and Research and Senior Consultant on Indigenous Women's Maternal Health Project for the non-governmental organization Center for Reproductive Rights. She worked as Faculty Associate for Arizona State University, as Executive Director of the US Human Rights Network, as consultant for the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and was Senior Indigenous Fellow at OHCHR. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Ethnic Studies from the University of California at Barkley, a Master in International Social Welfare and Public Policy and Administration from Columbia University and a PhD in Justice and Social Inquiry from Arizona State University. Ms. Gonzales is Xicana of Tepehuanes and Kickapoo descent. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge of and her working experience with the United Nations mechanisms dealing with the rights of indigenous peoples.

31. **June L. Lorenzo** is an attorney, consultant and human rights advocate. She holds judge positions in tribal courts. She has experience advocating in human rights of indigenous peoples before the United Nations and other international bodies and participated in the negotiations on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She served as Co-Chair of the Indigenous Caucus during negotiations of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the Organization of American States. She taught courses on international human rights law and indigenous peoples. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Colorado Women's College, a Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School and a PhD in Justice Studies from Arizona State University. Ms. Lorenzo belongs to the Pueblo of Laguna and Dine (Navajo Nation). The Consultative Group noted her experience in the area of the mandate and her stated ability on how to integrate the gender perspective into the work of the mandate.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

32. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Jiang Duan (China). There were 24 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. Morris TIDBALL-BINZ (M) (Chile)

2. Steven RATNER (M) (United States of America)

3. Prashanthi MAHINDARATNE (F) (Sri Lanka)

33. **Morris Tidball-Binz** is Adjunct Clinical Professor in Forensic Medicine at Monash University, Australia, and Visiting Professor at the University of Milano, Italy, and at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. He is the former Forensic Manager of the Missing Persons Project, Head of Forensics for the Humanitarian Project Plan and Head of Forensic Services at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He coordinated the drafting of the Minnesota Protocol on the Investigation of Potentially Unlawful Death in his capacity of Chair of the Forensics Working Group. Mr. Tidball-Binz worked with International Service for Human Rights, Penal Reform International, Inter-American Institute for Human Rights and Amnesty International. He was member of the United Nations Commission of Experts under Security Council resolution 780 (1992) to investigate allegations of crimes against humanity in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. He co-founded and

directed the Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense. He holds a Medical Degree from the National University of La Plata, Argentina, and a postgraduate specialization in Forensic Medicine from the Guy's Hospital in London. He was awarded two honorary doctorates (Doctor Honoris Causa) from the National University of La Plata, Argentina, and the University Institute of Yucatan, Mexico. The Consultative Group noted his vast expertise in the area of the mandate and experience in different countries. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's clear vision for the further development of the mandate and cooperative approach with a variety of stakeholders.

34. **Steven Ratner** is Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Center at the University of Michigan Law School, United States of America and his teaching and research focuses on international human rights, humanitarian and criminal law, accountability for human rights atrocities and counter-terrorism strategies. In the United Nations he served as an appointed expert on the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka and in the Group of Experts for Cambodia. He was also a consultant for the Mediation Support Unit in the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Advisory Committee on International Law at the United States Department of State. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's broad academic and professional experience and his engagement with several intergovernmental organizations.

35. **Prashanthi Mahindaratne** is a Senior Counsel for a private legal practice in Colombo and consultant for the Right to Information Commission in Sri Lanka. She is former Senior Legal Consultant for the Office of Reparations at the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Legal Reforms of Sri Lanka; former Honorary Legal Advisor to the former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka on Human Rights & Accountability and former member of the Government Working Group on Transitional Justice & Reconciliation Mechanisms in Sri Lanka. She worked as Trial Attorney for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She is Attorney-at-Law at the Sri Lanka Law College and she holds a Diploma in Forensic Medicine and Science from the University of Colombo. She also holds a Master in International Legal Studies from the New York University School of Law and a Master in Public International Law from the University of London. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge and experience in the area of the mandate especially in conflicts.

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

36. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad). 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. Vitit MUNTARBHORN (M) (Thailand)

2. Urmila BHOOLA (F) (South Africa)

3. Catherine MORRIS (F) (Canada)

37. **Vitit Muntarbhorn** is Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He served as the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as Member of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry on Côte d'Ivoire and as the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. He currently serves as a member of the ILO Committee of Experts

on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, and as member of the Secretary-General's Civil Society Advisory Board on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as member of the Advisory Board of the Independent Expert leading the United Nations global study on children deprived of liberty. Mr. Muntarhorn holds a Bachelor and Master of Civil Law from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Mr. Muntarhorn indicated that, if appointed, he would resign from those activities which are not consistent with the mandate. The Consultative Group noted his in-depth understanding and knowledge of the country over the time, including its latest development, his clear vision for implementing the mandate through a constructive approach and cooperation with the Government and all parties concerned, his direct experience with a variety of stakeholders in the region and his expertise in the area of gender equality.

38. **Urmila Bhoola** is a human rights and labour lawyer as well as Visiting Professor at the University College of London. She served as Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences. She worked as Executive Director of the non-governmental organizations Lawyers for Human Rights and International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific. She was a Judge of the Labour Court in South Africa and has been technical advisor to the International Labour Organization in relation to South Africa, Nepal, Fiji and the Pacific Islands. She holds a Master of Laws from the University of Toronto, Canada, as well as a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts, both from University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. The Consultative Group noted her experience in supporting human rights standard setting in various countries and her cooperative approach to the mandate.

39. **Catherine Morris** is a non-practicing lawyer of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada, and is currently working pro bono as Executive Director the non-governmental organization Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada. Ms. Morris taught international human rights at the Faculty of Law of the University of Victoria. She holds a Master of Laws from the University of British Columbia, Canada, a Juris Doctor in Law and a Bachelor of Arts both from the University of Alberta, Canada. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge of the mandate.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from African States

40. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Jiang Duan (China). There were 10 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. Catherine S. NAMAKULA (F) (Uganda)

2. Anthony Chima DIALA (M) (Nigeria)

41. **Catherine S. Namakula** is senior lecturer in public law at the University of Fort Hare in East London, South Africa. She worked as a consultant in the advisory team of the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law to the Ministry of Justice of South Sudan, focusing on constitutional and human rights matters. She worked as senior researcher for the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and as legal researcher for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. She holds a Bachelor of Law from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, a postgraduate diploma in legal practice, a Master of Laws in Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and a PhD in Law from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate and her clear understanding of the intersectionality of racial and gender discrimination.

42. **Anthony Chima Diala** is associate professor of law and founding director of the Centre for Legal Integration in Africa at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. He taught at the University of Western Cape and at the University of Cape Town, both in South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Enugu State University of Science and Technology of Enugu, Nigeria, a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the University of Pretoria and a PhD in Law from the University of Cape Town. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of the United Nations system and expertise in the area of the mandate.

VIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Asia-Pacific States

43. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). 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, with a strong preference for the first candidate and with the other two candidates ranked equally and listed alphabetically in the second place.

1. Priya GOPALAN (F) (Malaysia)

2. Hicham KANTAR (M) (Lebanon) and Sriprapha PETCHARAMESREE (F) (Thailand)

44. **Priya Gopalan** is a lawyer specialized in international criminal law and human rights law, currently working as Senior Advisor for the elaboration of the final report of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission of the Gambia. Previously, she worked as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Advisor for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011, UN-Women and OHCHR. She also worked as Gender Advisor and Investigator for the OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka. She worked as gender expert for the Council of Europe and UN-Women in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. She was also Prosecutor and Appeals Counsel for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford, a Master of Laws in Public International Law (Distinction) and a Certificate in Women's Human Rights, both from the London School of Economics and Political Science, as well as a Certificate in International Human Rights from the University of London. The Consultative Group noted her analytical understanding of the mandate, her clear vision in addressing its challenges, as well as her experience in working with the United Nations system.

45. **Hicham Kantar** is Assistant Prosecutor in Beirut and a professor of human rights at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He is member of the Commission on the reform of criminal justice and incarceration at the Ministry of Justice of Lebanon and legal consultant for the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute Secretariat to the High-level Panel of Legal Experts on Global Media Freedom. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Master degree in Public International Law from the Saint Joseph University in Beirut, as well as a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law from the Columbia Law School, New York. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of the mandate and his working experience at national level.

46. **Sriprapha Petcharamesree** is a senior lecturer at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University in Nakornpathom, Thailand, and has been teaching for more than two decades in several universities. She has authored a number of articles on human rights issues in the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and focused her research on issues related to

refugees, migrant workers and stateless persons. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Thammasat University in Bangkok, a D.E.A. in Comparative Politics and a PhD in Political Science, both from the University of Paris X Nanterre. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge of the mandate and her experience at regional level.

*Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁵***Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Amina	AMHARECH	Morocco	F
Nourredine	BESSADI	Algeria	M
Mohamed	ELHEMALY	Egypt	M
Sabelo	GUMEDZE	South Africa	M
Amadou Kabirou	ISSA YARO DIALLO	Niger	M
Segun	JEGEDE	Nigeria	M
Ben	KOISSABA	Kenya	M
Margaret	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
Belkacem	LOUNES	Algeria	M
Ambayo	MICHAEL	Uganda	M
Hamadi	MOHAMED ABBA	Mali	M
George Morara	MONYONCHO	Kenya	M
Mukwiza Felix	NDAHINDA	Netherlands	M
Emmanuel	NENGO	Burundi	M
Gervais	NZOA	Cameroon	M
Ojot Miru	OJULU	Ethiopia	M
Tom	ONYANGO	Kenya	M
Kanyinke	SENA	Kenya	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Melissa	CLYDE	United States of America	F
Jocelyn	GETGEN	United States of America	F
Rosalee	GONZALEZ	United States of America	F
Brian	KEANE	United States of America	M
			Non-binary /
Doug	KIEL	United States of America	M
Sheryl	LIGHTFOOT	Canada	F
June L.	LORENZO	United States of America	F
Dinah	SHELTON	United States of America	F

⁵ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste	ADJOVI	Benin	M
Ahmed	AHMED RUFAl	Nigeria	M
Tossa Amouzou Ibrahim	AKOHOUEGNON	Togo	M
	ALSHEDDI	Saudi Arabia	M
Tahar	BOUMEDRA	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Gediminas	BUCIUNAS	Lithuania	M
José Ricardo	DE PRADA SOLAESA	Spain	M
Bernard	DUHAIME	Canada	M
Eliane Berthe	EGUE ADOTE	Benin	F
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Rhoda Asikia	KARIBI-WHYTE	Nigeria	F
Nicholas	KAUFMAN	Israel	M
Hatem	KOTRANE	Tunisia	M
Prashanthi	MAHINDARATNE	Sri Lanka	F
Alex	NEVE	Canada	M
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Ricardo	PUYOL SANCHEZ	Spain	M
Steven	RATNER	United States of America	M
Azizbek	SHUKURBEKOV	Kyrgyzstan	M
Antonio	STANGO	Italy	M
Astrid	STUCKELBERGER	Switzerland	F
Morris	TIDBALL-BINZ	Chile	M
Lijana	VISOKAVICIENE	Lithuania	F
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Urmila	BHoola	South Africa	F
Sue	COFFEY	Australia	F
Samir Kumar	DAS	India	M
Rangita	DE SILVA DE ALWIS	Sri Lanka	F
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Nicholas	KAUFMAN	Israel	M
Susan	LAMB	New Zealand	F
Catherine	MORRIS	Canada	F
Vitit	MUNTARBHORN	Thailand	M

Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from African States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Tossa Amouzou	AKOHOUEGNON	Togo	M
Anthony Chima	DIALA	Nigeria	M
Chukwudi	EGWUAGU	Nigeria	M
Segun	JEGEDE	Nigeria	M
Justinian M.	KATEERA	Uganda	M
Didier	MICHEL	Mauritius	M
Saadia	MOSBAH	Tunisia	F
Catherine S.	NAMAKULA	Uganda	F
Pascal	NTAHOMPAGAZE	Burundi	M
Madoda	NTAKA	South Africa	M

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Asia-Pacific States

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Mohammed	AL-KUWARI	Qatar	M
Samir Kumar	DAS	India	M
Bibhu	DASH	India	M
Athena	DEMETRIOU	Cyprus	F
Nimalka	FERNANDO	Sri Lanka	F
Priya	GOPALAN	Malaysia	F
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Hicham	KANTAR	Lebanon	M
Abdelrahman	MOUBASHER	Lebanon	M
Gissou	NIA	Islamic Republic of Iran	F
Sriprapha	PETCHARAMESREE	Thailand	F
Ambika	SATKUNANATHAN	Sri Lanka	F
Tahal	THAMI	Nepal	M
Guiying	YU	China	F

*Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁶***Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Nourredine	BESSADI	Algeria	M
Margaret	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
Belkacem	LOUNES	Algeria	M
Kanyinke	SENA	Kenya	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Melissa	CLYDE	United States of America	F
Rosalee	GONZALEZ	United States of America	F
Sheryl	LIGHTFOOT	Canada	F
June L.	LORENZO	United States of America	F

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste	ADJOVI	Benin	M
Prashanthi	MAHINDARATNE	Sri Lanka	F
Steven	RATNER	United States of America	M
Morris	TIDBALL-BINZ	Chile	M
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

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Susan	LAMB	New Zealand	F
Catherine	MORRIS	Canada	F
Vitit	MUNTARBHORN	Thailand	M

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Didier	MICHEL	Mauritius	M
Catherine S.	NAMAKULA	Uganda	F

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