17 August 2021

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 16 August 2021, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following two vacancies, out of the total of three vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council.

1. **Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights (HRC resolution** [**46/9**](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/46/9)**)**
2. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (HRC resolution** [**44/15**](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/44/15)**)**

I have been informed that the Consultative Group will send an addendum to the present report that will include the recommendations of candidates for the appointment to one unforeseen vacancy, namely theWorking Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Latin American and Caribbean States, which arose due to the resignation of the mandate holder.

I take this opportunity to recall that, according to paragraph 52 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, “on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.”

In line with this paragraph, I will be holding broad consultations, based on this report, with a view to identifying appropriate candidates for the above-mentioned vacancies.

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

Nazhat Shameem KHAN

President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva