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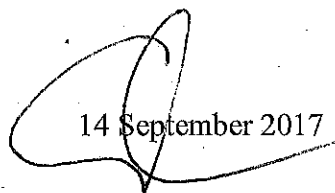
Subject: Call for applications for the vacancy of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that the vacancy of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (HRC resolution 32/2) has to be filled following the resignation of the current mandate holder on 8 September 2017.

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **11 October 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT)** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment of special procedure mandate holders and the on-line application procedure is available at the following web page: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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