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Subject: Applications for Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali and Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti

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 two special procedures mandate holders, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali and the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, are to be appointed at the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council (27 May-14 June 2013). Updated information on the selection and appointment of experts and the on-line application procedure, which includes a web-based survey and an application form in Word, are available at the following web page link: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

The Consultative Group established in accordance with paragraph 47 of Annex to Council resolution 5/1 is mandated to propose a list of candidates to the President of the Council one month prior to the Council's twenty-third session. In order for the Consultative Group to implement this mandate, applications to the vacancies should be submitted by **Thursday 25th April 2013 (midnight, GMT)** through the on-line application procedure as indicated above. If encountering technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted as follows; email: hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax: + 41 22 917 9011

Attention is drawn to paragraph 42 of Annex to Council resolution 5/1, which indicates that the following entities may nominate candidates: (a) Governments, (b) Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights system, (c) international organizations or their offices, (d) non-governmental organizations, (e) other human rights bodies, and (f) individual nominations. Attention is also drawn to paragraph 22 (a) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011 which provides that national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles may also nominate candidates.

Furthermore, paragraph 22 (b) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21, stipulates that individual candidates and candidates nominated by entities shall submit an application for each specific mandate, together with personal data. A motivation letter, which should be no longer than 600 words, must also be submitted by candidates. Furthermore, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall prepare a public list of candidates who will apply for each specific vacancy.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to present 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 the assurances of its highest consideration.

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