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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the candidate proposed for the vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers to be appointed at the organizational session of the Human Rights Council on 5 December 2016. This unexpected vacancy arose due to the resignation of the current mandate holder, Ms. Mónica Pinto (Argentina), on 31 August 2016.

Upon receiving the report of the Consultative Group dated 4 November with its recommendations of candidates for appointment, I have held broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

Following my broad consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to propose the candidate recommended and ranked first by the Consultative Group, for approval by the Council.

For the **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers**, I therefore propose **Mr. Diego GARCIA-SAYAN (Peru)**.

I would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank the members of the Consultative Group for their availability and professionalism in ensuring that the selection process and report with recommendation for this unexpected appointment was made whilst respecting the one month deadline stipulated in Council resolution 5/1. This has also allowed me to comply with the two week deadline, stipulated in the same resolution, and to circulate the present letter two weeks before the appointment is scheduled to be made.

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

Yours sincerely,

CHOI Kyonglim

President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Special procedure mandate holder
scheduled to be appointed at the organizational session of the Human Rights
Council on 5 December 2016**

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Mr. Diego GARCIA-SAYAN (Peru)
