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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 transmit for your attention the report of the Consultative Group regarding the selection of five vacancies of the special procedures mandate-holders to be appointed at the Twenty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council, namely the:

- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;
- Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;
- Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;
- Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Asia-Pacific States;
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from African States

In this regard and in line with paragraph 52 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, I will be holding immediately broad consultations with all concerned parties, in particular through the regional coordinators, based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, with a view to identifying an appropriate candidate for each of the above-mentioned vacancies.

It is my intention to present my decision for the above-mentioned vacancies for the Council's consideration during the last week of the upcoming Twenty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council to be held from 10 to 27 June 2014.

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

Baudelaire Ndong Ella

President of the Human Rights Council

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Enclosure – Report of the Consultative Group