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Subject: Applications for vacancies of the special procedures mandate-holders

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 seven vacancies of special procedures mandate-holders are to be filled at the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2011. The list of these vacancies is attached to this note.

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.

In its decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007, the Council approved technical and objective requirements for candidates eligible for special procedures mandate-holders.

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 be submitted by candidates.

An updated information note on selection and appointment of special procedure mandate holders and web-based application procedure, along with a new application form will shortly be available online at the following web page link: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/nominations.htm>

In accordance with the new procedure the Office of the High Commissioner shall prepare a public list of candidates who will apply for each specific vacancy (paragraph 22 (b) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21). Therefore, the public list of candidates dated 5 May 2011 posted on the Council Extranet, which was used for the previous cycle of appointments made at the seventeenth session of the Council will cease to exist with immediate effect. This new procedure is disseminated, inter alia, through the above-mentioned web page and the Council Extranet.

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 eighteenth session (12 to 30 September 2011). In order for the Consultative Group to implement this mandate, applications to the vacancies should be submitted **by 31 July 2011 (midnight, GMT)** to the email address [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org), or if encountering technical difficulties, by regular mail (The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, OHCHR, Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix, CH-1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland) or fax (+ 41 22 917 9011).

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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**SPECIAL PROCEDURES – MANDATE HOLDERS  
LIST OF VACANCIES\***

| <b>SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL<br/>AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 2011</b>  |  |   |  |
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| <b>TITLE OF THE MANDATE/DATE OF<br/>ESTABLISHMENT</b>   | <b>NAME, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF<br/>THE CURRENT MANDATE<br/>HOLDER</b>   | <b>REMARKS</b>                                    |  |
| <p>Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination<br/><i>Established by resolution 2005/2 of the Commission on Human Rights; last renewed by HRC resolution 15/12</i></p> | <p>José Luis Gomez Del Prado (Spain)</p> <p>One member from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Western European and Other States</li> </ul>   | <p>Exceeding six years tenure in October 2011</p> |  |
| <p>Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises<br/><i>Established by HRC resolution 17/4</i></p>   | <p>Five members, one from each regional group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African States</li> <li>- Asian States</li> <li>- Eastern European States</li> <li>- Latin American and the Caribbean States</li> <li>- Western European and Other States</li> </ul> | <p>New mandate</p>                                |  |
| <p>Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire<br/><i>Established by HRC resolution 17/21</i></p>  |  | <p>New mandate</p>                                |  |

\* The newly appointed mandate holders will assume their functions on 1 November 2011.