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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates for Special Procedures mandate-holders to be appointed during the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council. The candidates have been identified in accordance with paragraph 52 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and on the basis of the report of the Consultative Group.

In relation to the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantee of non-recurrence, I would like to acknowledge the high qualifications of the three candidates which have led the Consultative Group to establish no ranking among them. My consultations have nonetheless led me to propose Mr. Pablo de Greiff for that position.

With regard to the Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples, while acknowledging the work of Mr. Vital Bambanze as the current chair of this mechanism, I have decided to follow the recommendation of the Consultative Group and to appoint Mr. Danfred Titus, who has also received support from its regional group.

Concerning the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, while acknowledging the expertise of Mr. Miloon Kothari who served as former Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, my extensive consultations have led me to appoint Mr. Alfred de Zayas for this position.

In relation to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, I have decided to appoint Mr. Paulo Pinheiro, as proposed by the Consultative Group. While the appointment is made at this 19<sup>th</sup> session, Council resolution S-18/2 is very clear in stating that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur will start only once the mandate of the current Commission of inquiry established pursuant to Council resolution S-17/1 ends. In order to avoid a protection gap, the Special Rapporteur will start its work on the day following the end of the mandate of the Commission of inquiry. The exact date will then depend on the decision to be taken by the Council on the Commission of inquiry at this current session.

Finally, on the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, I have decided to appoint Mr. Mashood Baderin, in accordance with the recommendation of the Consultative Group.

I would like to once again express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Consultative Group for their work.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Dupuy Lasserre', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Dupuy Lasserre  
President of the Human Rights Council

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Special Procedures mandate-holders to be appointed  
at the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantee of non-recurrence

**Mr. Pablo DE GREIFF**

2. Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples

**Mr. Danfred TITUS**

3. Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

**Mr. Alfred DE ZAYAS**

4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

**Mr. Paulo PINHEIRO**

5. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

**Mr. Mashood BADERIN**