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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit for your attention the name of the candidate for the Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment to be appointed during the twentieth session of the Human Rights Council. The candidate has 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.

While acknowledging the high qualifications of the three candidates recommended by the Consultative Group, my consultations have led me to propose Mr. John Knox, ranked in second position by the Consultative Group for the above-mentioned Special Procedure mandate. This proposal is based on the extensive expertise of Mr. John Knox in the fields of human rights, international environmental law, climate change and the interrelation between these issues. His work experience with both Governments and non-governmental organizations in those areas, as well as his thorough knowledge of the United Nations human rights system are also seen as most relevant for the mandate.

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,

Laura Dupuy Lasserre
President of the Human Rights Council

To All Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva
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