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## **HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

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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 twenty-first 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 situation of human rights in Eritrea, I have decided to appoint Ms. Beedwantee Keetharuth, as proposed by the Consultative Group.

Concerning the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus, while acknowledging the expertise of the first recommended candidate by the Consultative Group, I have decided to appoint Mr. Miklós Haraszti, based on his relevant experience and knowledge of the Russian language, as well as taking into account the regional balance among all mandate-holders coming from the Eastern Europe Group.

Finally, with regard to the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, I acknowledge the qualifications of the first recommended candidate by the Consultative Group, as well as the experience in the field of human rights and environment of the three recommended candidates. Nonetheless, I have decided to appoint Mr. Marc Pallemmaerts, given his specific expertise on the issue of chemicals and wastes and for his previous national and international work with governments, civil society and the academia.

I would like to once again express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Consultative Group for their work and commitment to recommend excellent candidates.

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

Laura Dupuy Lasserre  
President of the Human Rights Council

**Special Procedures mandate-holders to be appointed  
at the 21st session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

**Ms. Beedwante KEETHARUTH**

2. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus

**Mr. Miklós HARASTZI**

3. Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

**Mr. Marc PALLEMAERTS**