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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellencies,

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council and following the Council's decision of March 28th, to postpone the decision to endorse the list I proposed for the 19 vacancies of Special Procedures mandate-holders and the members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) for further consultations.

As a result of this postponement, I sent a letter to the current mandate-holders on April 9, 2014 to inform them that their mandate was extended until their successors take up their functions, in order to avoid any protection gap.

Over the past two weeks I have conducted consultations with regional and political groups as well as with the main stakeholders to find an acceptable solution to ensure the endorsement of my proposed list in accordance with paragraph 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. I have received a large number of comments and taken them into account in order to improve the geographical and gender balance.

Further to broad consultations with concerned States and group of States, I have been reassured that all mandate holders, which are proposed below, will be in a position to fulfil fully their mandates, including by undertaking in-situ visits with the approval of the concerned authorities.

In relation to the **Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr Juan BOHOSLAVSKY** from Argentina for that position.

With regard to the **Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group and given a close degree of proximity between the first two candidates, I decided to continue my consultation. While giving due consideration to geographical and gender balance and underlining the fact that expertise and experience are the two key objective criteria in the selection of special procedures mandate-holders, according to paragraph 39 and 40 of the Institutional Building Package, I decided to appoint **Ms. Rosa KORNFELD-MATTE** from Chile who has appropriate qualifications and experience for that position.

Concerning the **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Bahame NYANDUGA** from the United Republic of Tanzania for that position.

Regarding the **Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context**, while acknowledging the qualifications of the first recommended candidate by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Leilani FARHA** from Canada for that position given her extensive experience in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, in particular the right to adequate housing.

As for the **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group and given a close degree of proximity between the two first candidates, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Urmila BHOOLA** from South Africa for that position.

With regard to the **Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Philip ALSTON** from Australia for that position.

Concerning the **Special Rapporteur on the right to food**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Hilal ELVER** from Turkey for that position.

As for the **Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ** from the Philippines for that position.

Regarding the **Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO** from the Netherlands for that position.

With respect to the **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Michel FORST** from France for that position.

Concerning the **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Yanghee LEE** from the Republic of Korea for that position.

Regarding the **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967** with a view to ensure the highest level of efficiency of the mandate-holder, I interviewed additional candidates who had applied for this position and decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Makarim WIBISONO** from Indonesia. He has high qualifications in the fields, as well as a large experience in the United Nations System where he held high-level positions in various capacities such as Chairman of the 61st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (2005).

With regard to the **member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) from Asia-Pacific States**, while acknowledging the high qualification of the three candidates to fulfil the mandate, which has led the Consultative Group to establish no ranking among them, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Edtami MANSAYAGAN** from the Philippines for that position.

As for the **member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) from Western European and other States** based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Wilton LITTLECHILD** from Canada for that position.

Regarding the **member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention from African States**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste ADJOVI** from Benin for that position.

With regard to the **member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention from Latin American and Caribbean States**, based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group who gave a particularly high rating to the first two candidates, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. José GUEVARA** from Mexico for that position.

Concerning the **member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances from African States**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Houria ES SLAMI** from Morocco for that position.

In relation to the **member of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice from Latin American and Caribbean States**, based on the recommendations by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Ms. Alda FACIO** from Costa Rica for that position.

Finally, with regard to the **member of the 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 from Asia-Pacific States**, while acknowledging the qualifications of the first recommended candidate by the Consultative Group, I decided following consultations to appoint **Mr. Saeed MOKBIL** from Yemen for that position, given his extensive experience in the field of 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.

Baudelaire NDONG ELLA



President of the Human Rights Council

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

List of special procedures mandate-holders and members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) to be appointed at the 25th session of the Human Rights Council

- 1) Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

Mr. Juan BOHOSLAVSKY

- 2) Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

Ms. Rosa KORNFELD-MATTE

- 3) Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

Mr. Bahame NYANDUGA

- 4) Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

Ms. Leilani FARHA

- 5) Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences

Ms. Urmila BHOOLA

- 6) Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

Mr. Philip ALSTON

- 7) Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Ms. Hilal ELVER

- 8) Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

Ms. Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ

- 9) Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Ms. Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO

- 10) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Mr. Michel FORST

11) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Ms. Yanghee LEE

12) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967

Mr. Makarim WIBISONO

13) Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) from Asia-Pacific States

Mr. Edtami MANSAYAGAN

14) Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) from Western European and other States

Mr. Wilton LITTLECHILD

15) Member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention from African States

Mr. Sètonджи Roland Jean-Baptiste ADJOVI

16) Member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention from Latin American and Caribbean States

Mr. José GUEVARA

17) Member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances from African States

Ms. Houria ES SLAMI

18) Member of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice from Latin American and Caribbean States

Ms. Alda FACIO

19) Member of the 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 from Asia-Pacific States

Mr. Saeed MOKBIL
