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Subject: Extension of deadline for applications for two additional vacancies of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the 25th session of Human Rights Council

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, further to its note verbale dated 29 November 2013 regarding the call for applications for two additional vacancies of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council (3-28 March 2014), as indicated below, the deadline for the submission of applications has been extended by ten days to **Thursday, 16 January 2014 (Midnight, GMT)**:

1. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, Member from the Latin American and Caribbean Group; and
2. 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, Member from the Asia-Pacific Group

Updated information on the selection and appointment of mandate holders and the on-line application procedure is available at the following link:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew 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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