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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Mission and has the honor to refer to the provisions of articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, relating to the election of the members of the Human Rights Committee, the text of which is reproduced in annex I attached.

The **fortieth meeting** of States parties is scheduled to convene at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on **Wednesday, 29 May 2024, in Conference Room 4, from 10 am**, to elect nine members of the Human Rights Committee, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024 (see annex II).

The Secretary-General, in accordance with article 30, paragraph 2, of the Covenant, has the honor to invite States parties to submit nomination(s) for membership of the Committee together with biographical information concerning the candidate drafted in accordance with the outline contained in annex III.

The nomination(s) should be sent through the Permanent Mission, electronically (Word format only), to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ohchr-registry@un.org, copied to gabriella.habtom@un.org, by 15 March 2024.

States parties should take account of the relevant provisions of articles 28, 29, 31 and 34 of the Covenant (see annex 1). The Secretary General would like to draw attention to article 28, paragraph 2, of the Covenant, according to which the Committee shall be composed of nationals of States parties “who shall be persons of high moral character and recognized competence in the field of human rights, consideration being given to the usefulness of the participation of some persons having legal experience”. Also note that, according to article 28, paragraph 3, the “members of the Committee shall be elected and shall serve in their personal capacity”.

In accordance with article 31, paragraph 2 of the Covenant, “consideration shall be given, in the election of the Committee, to equitable geographical distribution of membership and to the representation of the different forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems.”

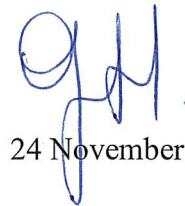
In addition, the Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to General Assembly resolution 68/268, paragraph 13, adopted on 9 April 2014 entitled “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” which “encourages States parties in the election of treaty body experts,

to give due consideration...[to] balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership ...". States parties will recall that the current composition of the Committee includes seven women and eleven men.

After the deadline for the submission of nominations (**15 March 2024**), the Secretary-General, in accordance with articles 30, paragraph 3, and 34, paragraph 2, of the Covenant, shall prepare a list of the persons nominated and shall submit the list to all States parties.

Information on elections relating to the Human Rights Committee may be found on the following link:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2024/40th-meeting-states-parties-2024-elections>



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