



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

23 August 2022

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 23 August 2022, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following three, out of the total of four, vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-first session of the Human Rights Council:

1. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (Human Rights Council resolution 50/6)**
2. **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (Human Rights Council resolution 44/8)**
3. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/22)**

I have been informed that the Consultative Group will send an addendum to the present report that will include the recommendations of candidates for the unforeseen vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which arose due to the resignation of the mandate holder.

I take this opportunity to recall that, according to paragraph 52 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, “on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.”

In line with this paragraph, I will be holding broad consultations, based on this report, with a view to identifying appropriate candidates for the above-mentioned vacancies.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Federico Villegas'.

Federico Villegas  
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva