



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

5 June 2023

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for the four vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity (Human Rights Council resolution 44/11)¹**
2. **Special Rapporteur on minority issues (Human Rights Council resolution 52/5)**
3. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (Human Rights Council resolution 52/20)**
4. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (Human Rights Council resolution 49/10)**

In follow-up to my letter of 19 May 2023, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report, dated 19 May 2023, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the recommendation of the Consultative Group for the four vacancies.

As to the mandate of **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Cecilia BAILLIET (Argentina)**.

In relation to the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on minority issues**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Nicolas LEVRAT (Switzerland)**.

For the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Anna TRIANDAFYLLIDOU (Greece)**.

With regard to the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Ben SAUL (Australia)**.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

¹ The appointment of the mandate holder will be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Bálek', is written over the printed name.

Václav Bálek

President of the Human Rights Council