

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council

19 May 2023

I. Background

1. In paragraphs 47 and 49 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of five members appointed by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council are: His Excellency Mr. Stuart Harold Comberbach (Zimbabwe), His Excellency Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq), His Excellency Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia), Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece), and His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Moerzinger Pagani (Uruguay). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2023 and will end on 31 March 2024, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The Consultative Group held its initial organizational meeting on 25 April 2023.

3. A total of four vacancies of special procedure mandate holders are to be filled at the Council's fifty-third session as follows (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)

4. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for these four mandates.

5. In its initial organizational meeting of 25 April 2023, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 would be equally shared among its members through a rotation. The Consultative Group decided to divide equally the chairing of the interviews for the mandates among the current Consultative Group members, by alphabetical order of the mandates and of the members' last names. It is understood that such an arrangement would be subject to adjustment upon the possibility of recusal of members of the Consultative Group, in accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 on the methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights

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

Council. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.

II. Process

6. The application period for the submission of applications opened on 21 February for all the four mandates. The call for applications closed on 5 April 2023 (12 noon Geneva time).

7. The Consultative Group considered 73 individual applications from 63 eligible candidates² submitted for the aforementioned four mandates in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated web page³ of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and paragraph 26 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 (see also annex I of this report for the alphabetical list of eligible candidates per mandate).

8. The Consultative Group held a total of 10 formal meetings on 2 May, from 8 to 12 May, and on 16 May 2023 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned four vacancies. These included one fully virtual meeting.

9. In accordance with paragraph 34 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, each member of the Consultative Group individually ranked the most qualified candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. On the basis of the list of ranked candidates and after consideration of all aforementioned elements, the Consultative Group had a discussion and established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for each mandate.

10. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, paragraph 31 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

11. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 33 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by stakeholders, including current or outgoing mandate holders, in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for the mandates in question.⁴

12. The Consultative Group gave due consideration to gender balance, equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1 and in paragraphs 31 and 48 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

² Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

³ See <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc53>

⁴ Letter from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the members of the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders dated 25 April 2023 (available on <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/special-procedures/activities/Chair-CC-letter-to-the-CG-25-April-2023.pdf>) and letter signed by 17 civil society organizations concerning the selection and appointment of the next Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism dated 15 May 2023.

13. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21 and President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

14. In accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, H.E. Mr. Stuart Harold Comberbach (Zimbabwe) recused himself from participating in the shortlisting for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues in view of the fact that a candidate from Zimbabwe was under consideration. Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece) recused himself from participating in the shortlisting, interviews, deliberation and decision-making process for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants since a candidate from Greece was shortlisted for an interview.

15. The Consultative Group adhered to paragraph 14 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, which provides that the members of the Consultative Group, in the event that they have been approached by any Member State, organization or individual with regard to the application of a candidate, shall inform the other members in order to ensure maximum transparency.

16. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraphs 35 to 38 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the observance of the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions and the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest. When necessary, further clarifications were requested in writing.

17. The Consultative Group held a total of 24 interviews with 24 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned four mandates (see annex II of this report for the alphabetical list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews took place from 8 to 12 May 2023, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

18. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's statements PRST 29/1 and PRST OS/14/2. None of the shortlisted candidates requested interpretation in the current selection round.

19. The Consultative Group carried out interviews by video calls through the platform Webex.

20. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity

21. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Stuart Harold Comberbach (Zimbabwe). There were initially 20 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Cecilia BAILLIET (F) (Argentina)

2. Tathiana FLORES-ACUNA (F) (Costa Rica)

3. Maria Mercedes ROSSI (F) (Italy)

22. **Cecilia Bailliet** is a Professor of International Law and Director of the Masters Program in Public International Law at the University of Oslo in Norway, where she also held other positions in the past, such as Associate Professor and research fellow. Previously, she served as chair of the Expert Advisory Group to the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity of the Human Rights Council, Obiora Okafor, that revised the draft declaration on the right to international solidarity. Ms. Bailliet has published several works on human rights issues and is currently editing a research handbook on international law and solidarity. She has also, inter alia, organized seminars and given academic presentations on peace and solidarity in a variety of forums, including universities. She holds a joint master's and J.D. Law Degree from the George Washington University in the United States of America and a Doctorate in Law from the University of Oslo. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Bailliet's skills relevant for the mandate, her solid academic background, her knowledge in the field of international solidarity, and her clear understanding of the mandate and her vision for its implementation. The Consultative Group also appreciated her cooperative and consensual approach.

23. **Tathiana Flores-Acuña** worked as Coordinator and Expert (humanitarian affairs) of the Panel of Experts for the Central African Republic established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013), Senior Gender Advisor at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Central African Republic, Gender Based Violence Specialist at UNICEF in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, international consultant at the International Organization for Migration in Chad and in the Central African Republic, Justice Project Manager and Justice Sector Coordination Advisor at the Rule of Law Initiative of the American Bar Association in the Central African Republic, Trust Fund Liaison Officer and Focal Point for Reparation and for the Central African Republic at the International Criminal Court, Regional Legal Advisor for the Regional Delegation for Central America and the Caribbean of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Professor of Public International Law at the National University and the Manuel Peralta Institute of Central American Diplomacy in Costa Rica, Legal Advisor at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and judge in the Costa Rican judiciary. Ms. Flores-Acuña has authored publications relating to International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. She holds a Licence Degree and a Postgraduate Degree in International Law from the University of Costa Rica, a Postgraduate Degree in International Humanitarian Law from the University of Seville in Spain, and a PhD in International Humanitarian Law from the European University Institute in Italy. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Flores-Acuña's legal expertise and vast and diverse professional experience, including her experience in working within the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted her vision for the implementation of the mandate.

24. **Maria Mercedes Rossi** is the main representative of the Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII to the United Nations. She is also the coordinator of the Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum in Geneva and of its Working Group on the right to international solidarity and the right to development as well as a member of the Council of Administration of the International Forum of the Catholic Inspired NGOs. Previously, she was a medical officer, consultant in the Community-Based Rehabilitation Program for persons with disabilities, and Coordinator of the Community Home Care Programs for People Living with HIV/AIDS at the Catholic Dioceses of Ndola in Zambia; medical officer at the Association Pope John 23rd in Zambia; Chairperson and Cofounder of the Link Association for Relief of Children in Zambia; and voluntary medical doctor at the surgical ward of the Hospital "Infermi" in Italy. She has also, inter alia, participated in several consultations organized

by the mandate. Ms. Rossi has a number of publications, including relating to international solidarity and the right to peace, and participated as panellist in events concerning areas relating to the mandate. She holds a Degree in Medicine and Surgery and a Specialization Degree in infectious diseases from the University of Bologna in Italy; a Diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Royal School of Tropical medicine in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and a master's degree in public health from the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Belgium. Ms. Rossi indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would step down from her role at the Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII and would end her engagement with the Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Rossi's knowledge in the field of the mandate and her experience with the United Nations human rights system.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues

25. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired H. E. Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq). There were 18 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Nicolas LEVRAT (M) (Switzerland)

2. Ekkehard STRAUSS (M) (Germany)

26. **Nicolas Levrat** is Full Professor and Director of the Global Studies Institute at the University of Geneva in Switzerland. He also serves as Second Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities of the Council of Europe and as Expert, on behalf of Switzerland, of the Human Rights Dimension Mechanism of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Previously, he worked as researcher and Assistant Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium, and as Programme Adviser at the Council of Europe in France. He holds a licence en droit, a diplôme d'études supérieures, and a PhD in International Law from the University of Geneva. Mr. Levrat has regularly published and been invited to give conferences on minority issues. Mr. Levrat indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would resign from the position of Second Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities at the Council of Europe, and from the Committee itself. He also indicated that his mandate with the Human Rights Dimension Mechanism of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe expires at the end of May 2023. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Levrat's expertise and experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his understanding of the mandate and of its challenges as well as of his vision to address them. The Consultative Group appreciated his cooperative approach with a variety of stakeholders.

27. **Ekkehard Strauss** is a Professor of Public Law at the Berlin School of Economics and Law in Germany. He has previously served as Senior Human Rights Advisor for the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Jordan, Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Head of Office in Mauritania, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, and Human Rights Officer at the Office of the United Nations for Human Rights headquarters in Geneva and New York. He has also worked as consultant and Adjunct Professor in Morocco, Senior Legal Adviser and then Senior Adviser of Minorities at the Missions of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to Bosnia and Herzegovina and then to Serbia (seconded by the German Federal Foreign Office), and research assistant at the Center for Human Rights of the University of Potsdam in

Germany. Mr. Strauss has published and given lectures on issues relating to the field of the mandate. Mr. Strauss has passed the first and the second state examination to qualify as a judge in Germany and holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Potsdam. The Consultative Group noted his academic experience as well as his experience with and knowledge of the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted his vision for the mandate and his cooperative approach.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

28. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H. E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyán (Armenia). There were 18 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the seven candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following four candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below, with two candidates ranked equally and listed alphabetically in the third place.

1. Anna TRIANDAFYLLIDOU (F) (Greece)

2. Gehad MADI (M) (Egypt)

3. Diego ACOSTA ARCARAZO (M) (Spain) and Vincent CHETAIL (M) (France)

29. **Anna Triandafyllidou** is a Full Professor, holding the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, at the Toronto Metropolitan University in Canada and is a visiting professor at the Schwarzman Scholars Program in China and remotely. Previously, she was the Robert Schuman Chair of the Global Governance Program at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute in Italy; visiting professor at the College of Europe in Belgium; senior fellow and lead of the migration research team of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy in Greece; Fulbright scholar in residence at the New York University in the United States of America; Jean Monnet Fellow and research fellow and project director at the European University Institute; Marie Curie fellow at the National Research Council in Italy; and T.H. Marshall fellow in sociology at the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She has also, inter alia, provided expert advice on the living and working conditions of migrants and their families and their access to fundamental rights, worked on issues of migration and asylum management with international and regional organizations, and worked on the ground with national and international organizations supporting the human rights of migrants. Ms. Triandafyllidou has authored numerous publications and given several presentations on the human rights of migrants. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from the Panteion University in Greece and a PhD in social and political sciences from the European University Institute. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Triandafyllidou's vast expertise and experience in the field of the mandate, including her strong academic background, and her solid knowledge of the subject matter. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent understanding of the mandate and its challenges as well as her capacity to engage with all relevant stakeholders. The Consultative Group appreciated her cooperative and constructive approach.

30. **Gehad Madi** had an extensive diplomatic career at the Egyptian Foreign Service, where he held a number of positions such as Assistant Foreign Minister for Inspection, Head of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Ambassador of Egypt to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to India, Legal Advisor to the Egyptian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in the United States of America, and Spokesperson of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He also served as member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child for 12 years (March 2011 to February 2023). Mr. Madi holds

a Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Literature as well as a Bachelor of Laws from the Ain Shams University in Egypt. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Madi's skills relevant for the mandate; his diverse and vast experience, including in the field of human rights; and his practical experience with the United Nations system.

31. **Diego Acosta Arcarazo** is a Professor of Migration Law and Director for Internationalisation of the Migration and Mobilities Research Center of the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, where he also held other positions in the past, namely Reader, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer. Previously, he worked as lecturer in law at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom; visiting lecturer and tutor in European Law at the Birkbeck University, the King's College University and BPP University in the United Kingdom; commerce consultant at the Cámara de Comercio Hispano-Colombiana in Colombia; researcher at the Stockholm Institute for European Policy Studies in Sweden; and researcher and program coordinator at the Miami European Union Center in the United States of America. He has also been visiting professor or fellow in a number of academic institutions; member and rapporteur of the committee that drafted the Model International Mobility Convention; and consultant for the International Organization for Migration, the European Union, the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, and organizations in Latin America and Africa. In addition, he has, inter alia, litigated cases before the European Court of Justice; provided advice or legal opinions to governments, law firms and civil society organizations; and regularly engaged with special procedures of the Human Rights Council and with treaty bodies on migration-related issues. Mr. Acosta Arcarazo has published extensively on migration and has given numerous presentations in the field of the mandate. He holds a Law Degree from the Autónoma Universidad de Madrid in Spain, a Diploma in Advanced Studies in Public International Law and International Relations from the Autónoma Universidad de Madrid and the Florida International University in Miami in the United States, a master's in law from Stockholm University in Sweden, and a PhD in Law from King's College in the United Kingdom. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Acosta Arcarazo's strong academic background and practical experience in the field of the mandate.

32. **Vincent Chetail** is Director of the Global Migration Center, Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and Professor of Human Rights Law and Refugee Law at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights as well as President of its Board, all in Switzerland. Previously, he worked as senior consultant on migration and displacement for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Organization for Migration, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; Lecturer in International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; and Associate Professor in International Law at the Webster University in Switzerland. He has also, inter alia, worked as legal expert, policy advisor and field worker for governments, regional and international organizations, and non-governmental organizations; and has engaged with United Nations human rights mechanisms. Mr. Chetail has published extensively on migration and has given numerous lectures on the human rights of migrants. He holds a Bachelor in Public Law and a Bachelor in Comparative Law from the University Jean Moulin Lyon III in France, a master's degree in International Law and International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and a PhD in Law from the University Paris II Pantheon-Assas in France. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Chetail's strong academic background and practical experience in the field of the mandate, including within the United Nations system.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

33. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece). There were 17 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the seven candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Ben SAUL (M) (Australia)

2. Adejoké BABINGTON-ASHAYE (F) (Nigeria)

3. Mads ANDENAS (M) (Norway)

34. **Ben Saul** holds the Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney in Australia, where he previously held other academic positions, namely Professor of International Law, Associate Professor, and Senior Lecturer. He is also Associate Fellow of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in the Netherlands. Previously, he worked as visiting professor and Chair of Australian Studies at Harvard Law School in the United States of America, lecturer at the University of New South Wales in Australia, Tutor in International Law and Lecturer in Refugee and Human Rights Law at Oxford University in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and legal officer at the Australian Law Reform Commission. Mr. Saul has also, inter alia, taught and guest-lectured in a number of academic institutions; practiced before the Human Rights Committee as well as international and national tribunals; and advised or consulted to governments, international and regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations. He co-drafted the United Nations Model Legislative Provisions on Victims of Terrorism and was the lead drafter of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Terrorism and International Law enforcement training curriculum. Mr. Saul has published extensively on human rights, counter-terrorism and international law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney in Australia and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Law from Oxford University. In addition, he holds a Diploma of Legal Practice from the College of Law and was admitted as a barrister by the NSW Bar Association, both in Australia. Mr. Saul indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish his position at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Saul's expertise as well as his extensive academic and practical experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his excellent understanding of the mandate and its challenges as well as of his approach to address them. The Consultative Group appreciated Mr. Saul's cooperative approach with a variety of stakeholders.

35. **Adejoké Babington-Ashaye** is an international consultant at the Executive Directorate of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee and Senior Research Fellow at Soufan Center. Previously, she was a Wasserstein Fellow-in-Residence and research assistant at Harvard University in the United States of America; Senior Counsel at the Administrative Tribunal of the World Bank Group in the United States; Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice in the Netherlands; Associate Investigator and Law Clerk at the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands; Legal Officer at CREDO-Africa in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Associate Consultant at the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre in Nigeria. She has also, inter alia, collaborated with civil society organizations and policy institutions to provide technical assistance to national stakeholders on human rights, including on the field of the mandate. Ms. Babington-Ashaye has authored a number of publications and regularly makes presentations, including in the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom; a master's in law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom; and a Master of International Public Policy and a Doctor of International

Affairs degree from Johns Hopkins University in the United States. She also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in International Mediation from the University of London in the United Kingdom, and is a member of the New York State Bar in the United States. Ms. Babington-Ashaye indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would be willing to relinquish her position at Soufan Center to address any real or perceived conflict of interest. She also indicated that her consultancy with the Executive Directorate of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee will end on 30 June 2023. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Babington-Ashaye's extensive experience, including in areas relating to the mandate; her in-depth knowledge of the mandate and its challenges; and her experience working with the United Nations system. The Consultative Group appreciated her enthusiasm and motivation.

36. **Mads Andenas** is a Professor of Law at the University of Oslo in Norway. Previously, he worked as Professor of Law at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in the United Kingdom, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Center of European Law of the University of London in the United Kingdom, Assistant Director General and Deputy Director General at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Finance, Director of the Legal Office of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Shipping, and research assistant at the Norwegian Institute for Human Rights. He has also, inter alia, been visiting professor and given lectures at several academic institutions, and has brought applications on behalf of individuals before the Human Rights Committee, the European Court of Human Rights and national courts in Norway and in the United Kingdom. In addition, he served as member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention for six years (2009 to 2015), including as its Chair-Rapporteur in 2013. Mr. Andenas has numerous publications in the field of human rights and international law and has made a number of presentations on arbitrary detention and terrorism. He holds a *candidatus juris* in law from the University of Oslo and a PhD in law from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Andenas' extensive experience in the field of international law and human rights, including in the field of the mandate, as well as his in depth-knowledge of the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted his approach and vision for the mandate.

Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁵

Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Nezir	AKYESILMEN	Türkiye	M
Jovan	ANDONOVSKI	North Macedonia	M
Cecilia	BAILLIET	Argentina	F
Nadia	BELLAL	Algeria	F
Fatoumata	DIAKITE	Côte d'Ivoire	F
Tathiana	FLORES-ACUNA	Costa Rica	F
Souhila	GUEMMOUDI	Algeria	F
Syeda Viquar un nisa	HASHMI	Pakistan	F
Muhammad	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Vidya Nath	JHA	India	M
Elena	LAZĂR	Romania	F
Manuel	MAY CASTILLO	Mexico	M
Maximilienne	NGO MBE	Cameroon	F
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
María del Carmen	QUINTANILLA BARBA	Spain	F
Maria Mercedes	ROSSI	Italy	F
Magdalena	SMIESZEK	Poland	F
Rita	UWASAN	Nigeria	F
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Carmen	ZULETA DE MERCHAN	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	F

Special Rapporteur on minority issues

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Joshua	CASTELLINO	India	M
Rosa	CELORIO	United States of America	F
Fatoumata	DIAKITE	Côte d'Ivoire	F
Jacques	JENDO	Lebanon	M
Helena	KOROŠEC	Slovenia	F
Elena	LAZĂR	Romania	F
Nicolas	LEVRAT	Switzerland	M
Tove H.	MALLOY	Denmark	F
Roberta	MEDDA-WINDISCHER	Italy	F
Farah	MIHLAR	Sri Lanka	F
Eunice	NJOVANA	Zimbabwe	F
Ewelina	OCHAB	Poland	F

⁵ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Ojot Miru	OJULU	Ethiopia	M
Sunita	PATTANAİK	India	F
Mariya	SALIM	India	F
Ekkehard	STRAUSS	Germany	M
Ricardo III	SUNGA	Philippines	M
Rita	UWASAN	Nigeria	F

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Diego	ACOSTA ARCARAZO	Spain	M
Susan Musarrat	AKRAM	United States of America	F
Karlos	CASTILLA	Spain	M
Vincent	CHETAIL	France	M
Fatoumata	DIAKITE	Côte d'Ivoire	F
Emiliano	GARCÍA COSO	Spain	M
Andi	HOXHAJ	Albania	M
Leyla	KAYACIK	Turkey	F
Gehad	MADI	Egypt	M
Rubaba	MAMMADOVA	Azerbaijan	F
Gilberto	MARCOS ANTONIO RODRIGUES	Brazil	M
Fatimata	MBAYE	Mauritania	F
Paola	PACE	Italy	F
Amar	ROUABHI	Algeria	M
Maya	SAHLI FADEL	Algeria	F
Magdalena	SMIESZEK	Poland	F
Anna	TRIANDAFYLLIDOU	Greece	F
Luis Eduardo	ZAVALA DE ALBA	Mexico	M

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Abdulmajeed	ABABTAIN	Saudi Arabia	M
Mads	ANDENAS	Norway	M
Adejoké	BABINGTON-ASHAYE	Nigeria	F
Cecilia	BAILLIET	Argentina	F
Carmen	CHEUNG	United States of America	F
Helen	DUFFY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Jayne C.	HUCKERBY	Australia	F
Muhammad	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Vidya Nath	JHA	India	M

Satvinder	JUSS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Dan	KUWALI	Malawi	M
Vladyslav	LANOVOY	Ukraine	M
Mahmoud	MASAELI	Canada	M
Maximilienne	NGO MBE	Cameroon	F
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Ambika	SATKUNANATHAN	Sri Lanka	F
Ben	SAUL	Australia	M

*Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁶***Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Cecilia	BAILLIET	Argentina	F
Tathiana	FLORES-ACUNA	Costa Rica	F
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Maria Mercedes	ROSSI	Italy	F
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

Special Rapporteur on minority issues

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Joshua	CASTELLINO	India	M
Nicolas	LEVRAT	Switzerland	M
Tove H.	MALLOY	Denmark	F
Ewelina	OCHAB	Poland	F
Ekkehard	STRAUSS	Germany	M

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Diego	ACOSTA ARCARAZO	Spain	M
Vincent	CHETAIL	France	M
Gehad	MADI	Egypt	M
Gilberto	MARCOS ANTONIO RODRIGUES	Brazil	M
Paola	PACE	Italy	F
Magdalena	SMIESZEK	Poland	F
Anna	TRIANDAFYLLIDOU	Greece	F

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mads	ANDENAS	Norway	M
Adejoké	BABINGTON-ASHAYE	Nigeria	F
Carmen	CHEUNG	United States of America	F

⁶ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Helen	DUFFY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Jayne C.	HUCKERBY	Australia	F
Vladyslav	LANOVOY	Ukraine	M
Ben	SAUL	Australia	M
