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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

28 August 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 twelve vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council:

1. **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity (Human Rights Council resolution 53/5)**
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)**
5. **Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (Human Rights Council resolution 50/10)**
6. **Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members (Human Rights Council resolution 53/8)**
7. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (Human Rights Council resolution 53/14)**
8. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from African States (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)**
9. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Asia-Pacific States (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)**
10. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)**
11. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Western European and other States (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)**
12. **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 Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 51/13)**

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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In follow-up to my letter of 11 August 2023, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, I have held broad consultations based on the reports of the Consultative Group dated 19 May and 11 August 2023, in particular through the regional coordinators, to ensure endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my consultations with regional coordinators in the context of the Bureau meeting of 22 August 2023, during which comments and objections of the members of all regional groups were conveyed, and with the view to achieving consensus on the proposed candidates, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for 11 out of the 12 vacancies.

For the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**, after careful consideration of the comments and objections made during the above-mentioned consultations, I have decided to propose for appointment **Mr. Gehad MADI (Egypt)** in order to maintain endorsement by consensus.

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)**.

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)**.

Concerning the mandate of **Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Graeme REID (South Africa)**.

For the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Beatriz MIRANDA GALARZA (Ecuador)**.

As to the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Heba HAGRASS (Egypt)**.

Concerning the **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from African States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Laura NYIRINKINDI (Uganda)**.

In relation to **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Asia-Pacific States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Haina LU (China)**.



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Regarding the **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Eastern European States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Ivana KRSTIC (Serbia)**.

With regard to the **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Western European and other States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Claudia FLORES (United States of America)**.

For the **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 Eastern European States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Jovana JEZDIMIROVIC RANITO (Serbia)**.

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'.

Václav Bálek
President of the Human Rights Council