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Subject: Applications for vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that the following mandate holders are to be appointed at the fifty-fourth session of the Council (11 September to 6 October 2023):

1. **Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/10)
2. **Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members** (Human Rights Council resolution 44/6)¹
3. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities** (Human Rights Council resolution 44/10)¹ - unforeseen vacancy due to resignation
4. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from African States** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)
5. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Asia-Pacific States** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)
6. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Eastern European States** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)
7. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Western European and other States** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/18)
8. **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) - unforeseen vacancy due to resignation

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **13 June 2023 at 12 noon Geneva time** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment procedure, as well as the call for applications in the six United Nations official languages, are available at the following web page: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.


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