



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

4 October 2022

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the candidate proposed for the unforeseen vacancy of **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**, one of the four vacancies of special procedure mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-first session of the Human Rights Council.

In follow-up to my letter of 26 September 2022, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's addendum dated 23 September 2022, to its report dated 22 August 2022, 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 candidate.

With regard to the position of **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**, following my thorough consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders and in careful consideration of the views expressed, and while acknowledging the expertise and knowledge of the candidate ranked first by the Consultative Group, I have decided to propose for appointment **Ms. Ashwini K.P. (India)** taking into account regional rotation and gender balance within the mandate.

For sake of completeness, allow me to recall that I followed the first recommendation of the Consultative Group, included in its report of 22 August 2022, for the following three mandates.

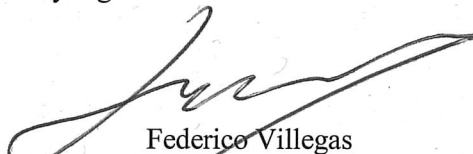
As to the **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons**, I proposed for appointment **Ms. Paula GAVIRIA (Colombia)**.

In relation to the **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers**, I proposed for appointment **Ms. Margaret SATTERTHWAITTE (United States of America)**.

For the position of the **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Eastern European States**,¹ I proposed for appointment **Ms. Ganna YUDKIVSKA (Ukraine)**.

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.



Federico Villegas
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure: Complete list of candidates proposed for appointment as mandate holders

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

¹ Appointment to be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.



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**Mandate holders
to be appointed at the 51st session of the Human Rights Council
(listed in alphabetical order)**

1. Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (Human Rights Council resolution 43/36)
Ms. Ashwini K.P. (India)
2. Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (Human Rights Council resolution 50/6)
Ms. Paula GAVIRIA (Colombia)
3. Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (Human Rights Council resolution 44/8)
Ms. Margaret SATTERTHWAITE (United States of America)
4. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/22)²
Ms. Ganna YUDKIVSKA (Ukraine)

² Appointment to be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.