***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

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  and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC49.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC49.aspx)*)*
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Korošec | **5. Year of birth:** 1973 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Helena | **6. Place of birth:** Ljubljana, Slovenia |
| **3. Other name, if any:** N/A | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Slovenian |
| **4. Gender:** female | **8. Any other nationality:** N/A |

**II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words limit)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

I concluded a master's degree in political science at the University of Ljubljana, specialization: nationalism and Yugoslavia - case of Kosovo, which includes as well violations of human rights. In 2019, I signed up doctoral study focused on international relations. Before 2000, I worked as a part-time journalist, PR (IBM, magazine), finished courses for a TV presenter. In 2000, I started work at the Ministry of Interior in the Department of Naturalization and Migration. In 2005, the OSCE appointed me (secondment status) as the Human Rights Senior Expert in the UNMIK, where I covered regions Gilan and Prishtina. In 2006-2010, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs appointed me on a diplomatic position as justice and home affairs advisor for migration, asylum, and integration at the Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU in Brussels, and during my post, I also participated in the Slovenian Presidency to the EU. In 2012, I worked on a short mission in Mali. In 2012, the Government appointed me as a state representative at the Steering Board of the European Migration Network (EU, EMN). Since 2020, I am working on the integration policy for national communities (Western Balkans mainly) and analyzing the implementation of EU legislation into national legislation at the Ministry of the Interior.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words limit)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)**

Legal and practical knowledge and experiences in the field of HR, I started to gain during my study at the University of Ljubljana. With the Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, I participated in different studies and researches in the field of protection of HR and the rights of minorities. The issue of HR and civil rights violations I introduced, partly, in the final thesis on Kosovo. At the Ministry, I was involved in the decision-making process on citizenship and residence permits applications and participated in researches on the protection of national communities in Slovenia (Western Balkans) and the Constitutional protection of HR in different countries. The OSCE Human Rights Expert post (2005/06) included preparation, implementation of HR projects, focused on vulnerable communities (Roma, Croats, Serbs). As diplomat-advisor for the EU in Brussels (2006/10), I covered areas of migration, asylum, and integration, where knowledge of HR had to be integrated into legislative/policy/practical frameworks and presented to Media and stakeholders. Questions on the protection of HR, especially refugees, because of climate changes, are an important part of the EU Agenda for several years. As Slovenia's representative in the European Migration Network, I participated in numerous studies and researches which covered among others also protections of HR in areas of asylum, migration, climate change refugees.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words limit)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

Participation in different national, international studies, research, reports which included also protection of HR and minorities rights; work on migration, asylum and integration legislation, and policies at national, regional, and international levels; designing and implementing of national, regional, and international projects. Work experiences include, among others, working in difficult situations and environments (UNMIK, EU Mission in Mali), multicultural environments, teamwork, individual work, negotiation, drafting reports presentation, etc. Cooperation with various multi-level stakeholders such as governmental institutions, NGOs, international organizations (UNHCR, ECRE, etc.), academic institutions, business associations, HR legal offices, municipalities, local communities, Media, EU institutions (Commission/Parliament/Council, Agencies, JRC), EU States, Western Balkan countries, non-EU countries, etc. Since 2014 participated in activities for awareness-raising of clean water issues and environmental protection, including cooperation with former Slovenian representative in the EU parliament. One of the main goals advocated by the former MEP during his mandate was the inclusion of the right to (clean) drinking water in the Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia (Article 70 a), which was approved by the Parliament on 16th November 2016 together with ratification of the Paris Agreement.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Annual Report on Migration and Asylum EU, 2019

**Journal/Publisher:** European Migration Network, EU Member States

**Date of publication:** 17th June 2020

**Web link, if available:** https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/annual-report-migration-and-asylum-2019-2020-06-17\_en

**2. Title of publication:** Synthesis Report for the EMN Study on Impact of visa liberalization on countries of destination

**Journal/Publisher:** European Migration Network, EU Member States

**Date of publication:** 25th March 2019

**Web link, if available:** https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/emn-study-impact-visa-liberalisation-countries-destination-2019-03-25\_en

**3. Title of publication:** EMN National Study "Migrant access to social security and healthcare, case of Slovenia, 2014"

**Journal/Publisher:** Ministry of the Interior Republic of Slovenia, European Migration Network

**Date of publication:** January 2014

**Web link, if available:** https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/networks/european-migration-network-emn/emn-publications/emn-studies\_en?f%5B0%5D=document\_title%3AMigrant%20access%20to%20social%20security%20and%20healthcare%20SI%20

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words limit):

During the mandate of the Slovenian representative in the Steering Board of the EMN, I have participated in the preparation and presentation of reports, studies, researches, press releases, recommendations, etc. There are several hundred such documents, only three listed above. I participated in the whole process such as; thematic proposals, methodological and statistical framework, negotiation, drafting various documents at the national and international level, presentation, preparation of material for the media, public, other relevant stakeholders. My work also included among others establishing a national web page and publication of documents (Slovenia's EMN web page 2012-2020, in 2021 changes; see: www.emm.si), financial and yearly reporting, preparation of plan and applications for EU financial budget. The preparation of documents and their publication needs to be by EU and national rules and regulations. As a state representative in the EMN, I had to work with various representatives at national (ministries, NGOs, trade unions, Chamber of Commerce, HR organizations, local representatives, etc.), EU (the EMN consists of 28 Member Slovenianoldova, Georgia, EU institutions) and international level (World Bank, UNHCR, IOM, Council of Europe, academia). All EMN documents and info are published at;https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/networks/european-migration-network-emn\_en

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 10th Anniversary of the European Migration Network, EMN Conferences; https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/pages/page/emn-10-year-anniversary-conference\_en;

**Event organizer:** European Migration Network, EU, Member States

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 15th May 2018, Brussels

**Web link, if available:** https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/pages/page/emn-10-year-anniversary-report\_en;

Promotion video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNI3a0mTScY.

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words limit):

During my mandate as a state representative at the European Migration Network, I participated in the preparation of various promotional materials (video, bulletin, etc.), preparation of programs, and agendas for EMN events, conferences, etc. One such EMN event is posted above.

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words limit)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

Work description and mandate of the Slovenian representative in the European Migration Network (2012 - 2020) included the same and/or similar nature of work as mentioned above (flexibility, travelling, organization, cooperation, counselings, addressing allegations, preparation of reports, deadlines, etc.) so requirements such as flexibility, readiness, and availability of time should not cause me much problems or difficulties.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words limit)**:**

I am currently fully employed at the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia. Nomination for the mandate is sent as an individual nomination. According to talks with the relevant ministries and several years of successful cooperation with different stakeholders (government, ministries, NGOs, International organization, institutions, academia, EU, etc.) as a state representative in the European Migration Network, in case of successful nomination and selection for the mandate "Special Rapporteur on promotion and protection of the Human right in the context of climate change", their fully support could be expected.

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

I am applying for the position of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of Human Rights in the Context of Climate Change for several reasons which have led me to apply for candidacy. The first reason is the institution that published a call, the United Nations, which enjoys high respect and reputation in the world. I see it as a leading institution whose long existence and performance have contributed to improving the human rights situation of many vulnerable groups and individuals in need around the world. The circumstances which the world is currently facing with the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, have unfortunately caused a new situation in many parts of the world, not only in the underdeveloped, in which respect for human rights is no longer a matter of course but has become a big challenge for all to find out the right way to re-establish HR situation that as comparable before 2020, if not better. Another reason for my candidacy is my work and many years of experience in the field of migration and asylum, which addresses the issue of a wider range of rights (international protection-refugees, social, migrants, etc.) as well as the issue of human rights protection. As a Human Rights Expert at the UN Mission in Kosovo, I dealt with the issues of violation of human rights where I tried to solve very concrete stories of individuals and vulnerable groups, who had to leave their homes due to armed conflicts, destroyed houses, non-existence of clean and running water, adequate food, electricity, etc. As an Advisor for migration and asylum and integration, I have often attended discussions in the EU Institutions and at international conferences on the devastating effect of climate change on the growing number of people who have due to floods, droughts, non-drinking water, land shortages, hunger, etc. to leave their homes and settle in another place or even leave their country of origin and seek protection in another country as refugees. The efforts of UNHCR, relevant stakeholders, individual countries, local communities, individuals to assist and mitigate any serious consequences are very helpful and necessary, but I believe that more needs to be done in this area in the future. The United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26, held in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021, addressed some key issues such as the commitments of countries and major emitters to reduce emissions, which will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. Without very concrete measures by individual countries and other relevant bodies, the set goal will not be achieved. To this end, the European Union has already set a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, with energy playing a key role. In the future, countries and relevant bodies will need to devote more attention and resources to the research and development of new solutions that will support existing ones or even replace them with better and more advanced ones. The legislation will also need to be amended and adapted to help countries and their government to move to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of Human rights in the context of climate change is set out in Resolution no. 48/14, adopted by the Human Rights Council on 8 October 2021. As this is a new mandate, it would be necessary as a priority, to establish a general framework without which will not be possible to successfully implement the commitments set out in the Resolution. These will initially involve a lot of work in identifying priorities, examining already available studies and relevant information, and based on my previous experience (participating in establishing the European Migration Network), a lot of attention will need to be paid to establish good relations and cooperations between the network of relevant stakeholders. Particular attention will need to be paid to raising awareness of climate change's human rights and preparing the first report of the Special Rapporteur.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Slovenian**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily: **/**  
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **/  
Speak:** Easily or Not easily: **/**

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **/  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **/  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **/**

**English:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
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Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **/  
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Speak:** Easily or not easily: **/**

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003;  for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme The Humanities and Social Sciences; Political Science and international relations; University of Ljubljana,  Faculty of Social Science; part-time | 2019 - present | Ljubljana, Slovenia |
| European Commission Internship; »Negotiating a Common Future for southeast Europe«: Regional Cooperation and European Integration; organized by University of Ireland & Coimbra Group; part-time | 2004 | Split, Croatia |
| European Doctoral Programme of Identity, Territory, and Conflicts (EDITC); EU Commission; part-time;  2003; Otto – Friedrich Universität Bamberg, European Forum for Migration Studies;  2004; University of Helsinki, Swedish School of Social Science; | 2003 - 2004 | Bamberg, Germany  Helsinki, Finland |
| Masters in Political Science (2nd level Bol.); University of Ljubljana; Faculty of Social Science; full-time | 1991 - 1996 | Ljubljana, Slovenia |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (most recent) occupation.** **Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005;  for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| Ministry of the Interior Republic of Slovenia; Directorate for Migration; senior adviser; full-time | 2010 - present | Ljubljana, Slovenia |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Slovenia; Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU; diplomat; justice and home affairs advisor; full time | 2006 - 2010 | Brussels, Belgium |
| Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe - OSCE; UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK); Human Rights Senior Advisor; full-time | 2005 - 2006 | Gilan, Prishtina, Kosovo, |
| Ministry of the Interior Republic of Slovenia; Directorate for naturalization; adviser; full-time | 2000 -2005 | Ljubljana, Slovenia |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

I am currently employed full-time at the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia and receiving regular payment as a public servant.

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

N/A

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

N/A

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

NO

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

In the event of a potential conflict of interest between activities and/or responsibilities of my current job description in the Ministry of the Interior of Republic of Slovenia and compliance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, as mandate holder, will take the following measures; asking institution (Ministry of the Interior) to assigned me a relevant position which will not raise conflict of interest with Human Rights Council's rules and regulations and mandate as Special Rapporteur; in case of such measure will not be possible for any reason, I will ask for temporary termination alias "dormant employment" of all responsibilities and activities which as a public servant I am obliged to perform in the government institution, for a period of mandate of Special Rapporteur.

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
email (**[**ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org**](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)**).**

**Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Helena Korošec

**Date:** 22.11.2021

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1. The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)