**How to apply:**

The entire application process consists of two parts: **1. online survey** and **2. application form in Word format**. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.

**First part:** **Online survey** (<http://icts-surveys.unog.ch/index.php/733286/lang-en>) 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.

**Second part:** **Application form in Word** can be downloaded from <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC31.aspx> by clicking on the mandate. It should be fully completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public website.

Once fully completed (including Section VII), the application form in Word should be submitted to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org (by email). A maximum of three reference letters (optional) can be attached in Word or pdf format to the email prior to the expiration of the deadline. No additional documents such as CVs or lists of publications will be accepted.

**Please note that for EMRIP appointments, only citizens of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at** [**http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml**](http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml)

* **Application deadline: 11 January 2016 (12 noon GMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

In case of technical difficulties, or if encountering problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email at hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

**You will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by email.**

**Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** AROCA  | **6. Year of birth:** 1960 |
| **2. First name:** AMERICO  | **7. Place of birth:** LIMA |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):**        | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** PERUVIAN |
| **4. Middle name:** JAVIER  | **9. Any other nationality:**       |
| **5. Sex:** **[x]  Male** **[ ]  Female** | **10. Indigenous origin (only for EMRIP candidates):** I'm friend of Peruvian Indigenous Peoples |

**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)

**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.)**

Lawyer in the National University of San Marcos in Peru (1992). Studied in the International Human Rights Course of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France (1989). Amazon Center of Anthropology and Practical Application Coordinator, an NGO of the Catholic Bishops in favor of the indigenous peoples (1982-1998). Program of Native Communities Chief of the Ombudsman, following complaints from the indigenous peoples (1998-2001). Extractive Industries Program Coordinator for South America by Oxfam, an international NGO, in favor of indigenous peoples (2001-2013). Amazon Macro-region coordinator the Office for National Dialogue and Sustainability of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and has been in charge of the technical secretariat of the Committee on Development of the basins of the Pastaza, Tigre, Corrientes and Marañon in Loreto, a space for dialogue that has achieved important agreements in favor of indigenous peoples located in that region of northeastern Peru (2013-present). Professor of Sociology of Law at the Faculty of Law of the Scientific University of the South. 33 years of experience in the field of the rights of indigenous peoples. Lecturer and author of several publications on the rights of indigenous peoples. Spanish is native language, read and write English and French.

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

**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. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

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

For my academic training as a lawyer, I know the international human rights instruments studied during the course of public international law and constitutional law (1978-1984).

For my studie in international human rights course in Strasbourg (1989).

During my professional experience I have interacted with the Rapporteurs of the United Nations Indigenous Peoples when they visited the Peru (Stavenhagen and Anaya) and I know the institutional mandates related to the United Nations. I have produced reports that have been submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice on the rights of indigenous peoples to the UN mechanisms (2013-2015).

The Amazon Center of Anthropology and Practical Application is a NGO human rights of indigenous peoples; the Ombudsman is a government organization that defends human rights of the individual and the community; Oxfam is an international NGO whose approach is based on human rights; the National Dialogue and Sustainability Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers is a government organization that meets the demands of indigenous peoples. From 1982 to the present, for 33 years, I have been working and defending the rights of indigenous peoples.

Also, I've been a consultant of UNDP in Peru for issues related to dialogue, social conflict and human rights work during the National Dialogue and Sustainability Office.

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

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

Due to the fact they have worked for 33 years in national NGO such as the Amazon Center of Anthropology and practice application, and international NGO such as Oxfam, my work defending the rights of indigenous peoples as well. Also, for my work in the Ombudsman Office and the National Dialogue and Sustainability Office, I'm considered one of the Peruvian national experts on the subject.

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

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)**

In coordination with the National Dialogue and Sustainability Office Chief of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, I can apply for a license in my duties in the Office to devote to comply with the mandate.

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit)

Lima, Jan. 7, 2016

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Present.-

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) member from Latin American and Caribbean States

Human Rights Council resolution 6/36

Dear All

It is gratifying for me to address you may discover unto I have been informed by notice of Peruvian Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, appoint members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), one of which is for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this regard, I want to present my candidacy through this letter. I have a long experience of work in defense of the rights of indigenous peoples in my country. For over thirty years I have worked to defend the rights of indigenous communities; first, since 1982 in the Amazon Center of Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), an NGO linked to the Catholic Church.

Then, from 1998 to the Ombudsman, defending the rights of indigenous peoples as Indigenous Communities Program Chief, indigenous unfairly prosecuted for crimes they did not commit or promoting the adoption of reports and Ombudsman´s resolutions helped them recognizes their rights within the state apparatus. On several occasions he has been mediating between communities and other organizations (public and private). During these actions, it has produced several reports of which have been published.

From 2001 to March 2013, he has organized and consolidated the work and program strategies Extractive Industries at Oxfam to help its partners to influence government and business, and advocate to bring positive changes to the communities for the benefit of their rights. This highlights its participation as facilitator in the Dialogue between the communities surrounding Tintaya mine and the mining company BHP Billiton between 202 and 2004, one of the most successful dialogue processes in Peru.

Throughout his experience he has taken some risks; rights have been trained in the Ashaninka native communities that were threatened by "Sendero Luminoso" in the central jungle; He has visited areas inaccessible to achieve establish solutions to problems facing communities.

He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Peoples, peasant and native communities of the Lima Bar Association.

I’m currently Professor of Sociology of Law, Faculty of Law, Scientific University of the South.

I’m currently Commissioner of the Amazon macro-region Coordinator of the National Dialogue and Sustainability Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

In the past two years, have been the Technical Secretary of the Development Committee of the basins of the Pastaza, Tigre, Corrientes and Marañon, a space for dialogue of various actors has achieved important agreements for the benefit of the indigenous peoples of northeastern Peru, as you can be verified in the following website: http://onds.pcm.gob.pe/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/llpd.pdf

In all these years I have taught lecture on the subject and have written and published several publications on indigenous peoples.

I hope you will consider my application because it would be a way to consolidate my long experience that can benefit the indigenous peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

I am available for any further information required.

Sincerely,

Americo AROCA

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Chorrillos, Lima, PERU

Lima 9

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Spanish**

**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: **not easily**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3. Interview (if shortlisted):**

**In the event that the candidate is shortlisted for a telephone interview, and subject to the approval and availability of the necessary funds by the General Assembly, a request for simultaneous interpretation in one of the six official United Nations languages can be made for the purpose of the telephone interview by the Consultative Group.**

**For planning purposes, please indicate in which of the six official United Nations languages you are requesting to have simultaneous interpretation. Please choose only one of the six official United Nations languages:**

**[ ]  Arabic [ ]  Chinese [ ]  English [ ]  French [ ]  Russian [x]  Spanish**

**Notwithstanding the above possibility to request simultaneous interpretation during the interview, please note that English and French are the working languages of the United Nations and fluency in English and/or French will be assessed during the interview.**

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution:** | **Years of attendance**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Lawyer in the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos / National University of San Marcos  | 1978-1984 | Lima, Peru |
| Anthropology Student in the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú / Pontifical Catholic University of Peru |  2000 | Lima, Peru |
| International Institute of Human Rights | 1989 | Strasbourg, France |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position:** | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| Oficina Nacional de Diálogo y Sostenibilidad / Office for National Dialogue and Sustainabilityof the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.Commissioner of the Amazon macro-region Coordinator.The Office is the public organization responsible for directing the process of dialogue with the various stakeholders, representatives of private institutions and public officials, in order to prevent disputes, differences and social conflicts. Specifically, Aroca facilitates mediation and / or negotiation to solve conflicts of indigenous peoples of the Amazon. | 2013-present | Lima, Peru |
| Universidad Científica del Sur / Scientific University of the South. Sociology of Law.The Sociology of Law, considered as its subject the law in a particular society. The law is not studied as a set of abstract values or institutions, nor as an unchanging body of rules, but as a social phenomenon.The course, taught at the Faculty of Law, therefore seek to examine the role of the legislator, the jurist and the norm in the social processes that Peru has lived. | 2012-present | Lima, Peru |
| Oxfam.Extractive Industries Program Coordinator.In charge of the supervision and preparation of project proposals, project monitoring and analysis, monitoring activities, writing reports and articles, working with NGO partners and indigenous organizations of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. | 2001-2013 | Lima, Peru |
| Ombudsman Office.Indigenous Communities Program Chief.A charge of promoting respect for and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and indigenous communities, and promote the capacity for dialogue with the state thereof. He has made permanent officials and public servants who are in charge of indigenous issues in the country monitoring and collaborated with the tasks of training for government officials and representatives of indigenous organizations. | 1998-2001 | Lima and Iquitos, Peru |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)
*This section must be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on his/her behalf.***

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

no

**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 his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in that 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 she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?**

***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.***

yes

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she 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.**

no

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