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**Subject: Call for applications for two additional special procedures vacancies to be filled at the 33rd 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 two additional special procedures mandate holders are to be appointed at the thirty-third session of the Council (13 to 30 September 2016):

1. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
[HRC res. 31/19]
2. **Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity** [HRC res. 32/2]

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **4 August 2016 (12 noon GMT)** 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 of special procedures mandate holders and the on-line application procedure is available at the following web page:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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