**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://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/397559?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/HRC34.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](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) (by email). A maximum of up to 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, resumes, or supplementary reference letters beyond the first three received will be accepted.

**Please note that for Working Group 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: 16 NOVEMBER 2016 (12 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME / gMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

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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](mailto: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:** Guerra | **6. Year of birth:** 1966 |
| **2. First name:** Luis Filipe | **7. Place of birth:** São João da Madeira |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Portuguese |
| **4. Middle name:** Brito da Silva | **9. Any other nationality:** None |
| **5. Sex:** Male |  |

**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.)**

I took the degree in Law in 1990. Then I started to work as a lawyer, as an independent professional, until 2008. Meanwhile, I made a specialisation in Human Rights, the first part of a master degree. When I finished it, I created the Observatory of Human Rights in Portugal, a platform of NGO's which monitors the situation of human rights in this country, where I am a member of the Executive Commission and a reporter. As a lawyer, I worked a lot with immigrant people, helping them to get the permit of residence. I also practiced as a conflict mediator. Now, I work as a judge of peace, which gives me a large experience as a conciliator and a judge in small causes of civil law.

I studied french for 7 years and english for 5 years in basic and secondary school. I also had private classes of both languages for 5 years. Besides, I have the high level of Spanish recognised by Instituto Cervantes and I worked as an interpreter of this language, for instance in the Ibero American Summit in Oporto (1998). Beyond that, as a member of an international organisation, the Humanist Movement, since 1986, I was obliged to have meetings and interchanges, orally and written, in those three languages. So, I can express myself clearly not only in my mother tongue, but also in spanish, french and english, both orally and writing.

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.)**

I acquired the knowledge of the international human rights instruments, norms and principles, mainly when I made the specialisation in Human Rights, at University of Minho, in 2007. Then I could deepen in these norms and principles as a member of the Observatory of Human Rights (OHR), in order to write the reports about the denounces that were delivered to me and when analysing the reports of other reporters. Although the OHR only follows violations of human rights committed in Portugal, we always search the applicable international human rights instruments that were ratified by this country, because they also belong to the internal juridical order.

I recently made a communication in a congress of human rights about the international system of human rights protection, in the Portucalense University, in Oporto, which required some study and investigation. I am aware of the tools used by the Human Rights Counsil, mainly the special procedures, the mechanism of periodical revision and the procedure of complaints. In addition, I recognise the important role of the UN High Commissioner for the Human Rights.

The main source of my experience in the field of human rights comes from my activities in OHR (2008-2016) and in the Humanist Movement, with which I travelled to Mozambique and Brazil to participate in campaigns for health, education and quality of life (2002-2006).

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

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

My competence related to human rights is nationally recognized through my university degrees and also by the public reputation of OHR.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please listsignificant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that you have written or public statements, or pronouncements that you have made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** The projection of human rights towards the future

**Journal/Publisher:** SILVA, M.M.M; CASTILHOS, D.S.; VEIGA, F.S. (dirs.) MIRANDA GONÇALVES, R. (coord.). Dimensões dos Direitos Humanos, Porto: Universidade Portucalense, 2016. ISBN: 978-972-9354-45-8

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** Human Rights and Violence

**Journal/Publisher:** Observatory of Human Rights

**Date of publication:** 2015

**Web link, if available:** www.observatoriodireitoshumanos.net/actividades

**3. Title of publication:** Right to health care of irregular immigrant

**Journal/Publisher:** Observatory of Human Rights

**Date of publication:** 28/05/2010

**Web link, if available:** http://www.observatoriodireitoshumanos.net/relatorios/relatoriodireitosaude.pdf

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

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** The Escape to Europe: For the Refugees

**Event organizer:** European Law School Association - Universidade do Minho

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 05/11/2015

**Web link, if available:** http://www.observatoriodireitoshumanos.net/actividades/fugaparaeuropa.pdf

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** The religious freedom in the refugees issue

**Event organizer:** European Law School Association - University of Oporto's Law Faculty

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 20/04/2016

**Web link, if available:** http://www.observatoriodireitoshumanos.net/actividades/liberdade\_religiosa\_refugiados.pdf

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** I International Congress of Human Rights - Themes and perspectives in the contemporaneity

**Event organizer:** University of Minho's Law School

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 25/10/2012

**Web link, if available:** http://www.observatoriodireitoshumanos.net/documentos/anaoviolenciaemacao.pdf

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

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.)**

As a judge of peace, I have the professional statute of a public agent, so I may ask for the suspension of my contract temporarily in order to accomplish the mandate, while a coleague replaces me. Anyway, if there are any unexpected difficulties, I can always return to my previous job, as a lawyer, where I can manage better my time. Besides, my children are now autonomous, according to their age: 23 and 19 years old. So, I don't think there will be any problems in order to dedicate a total of three months per year, distributed along the time, to the work of a mandate.

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

Somehow, I feel I have been preparing myself for a task like this. It combines my academical qualifications with my experience as an activist of human rights. And it gives me the opportunity of enlarging the horizon of my contribution to the humanization of the earth. In this sense, I feel motivated by the perspective of working in different cultural contexts, building bridges among cultures by the comprehension of the human phenomena as a whole, diverse in his manifestations and common in his deepest aspirations.

The right to development is a synthesis of the economical, social and cultural rights with the civil and political rights, because it is only a true reality if people have the right to choose. The right to choose depends on the effectiveness of those group of rights as a whole. It is not only a consequence of the civic liberties, but also of the right to health care, education, work and social protection in elderness, unemployment, disease or handicap, and cultural and scientifical progress. So, it is a fascinating area to work in, because it touches this wide spectrum of human rights. Beyond that, the right to development also requires suitable public policies and good governance. And, because of human diversity, it is necessary to respect the different conceptions of development in each culture, learning from the social actors in which direction they're aiming to go. Therefore, this task requires not only proper knowledge of the human rights, but also of the instruments in order to give them effectiveness. Moreover, it is useful to have competences for dialogue as well. I think I have the skills required for this kind of task, as a lawyer and judge, conflicts mediator and human rights activist. And I believe I can help to make violence against human being going back. If that happens, my life will gain for sure a new sense, which I've been searching for.

On the other hand, I feel motivated to work as a mandatary with the UN organs, specially the Counsil of Human Rights, because of the potential it has to make the difference in the world, in spite of the difficulties. In fact, my experience as an activist has been constantly facing several limitations of resources and effects. Besides, the perspective of meeting other people engaged with this cause is also a factor of motivation, for the possibility of mutual personal growth. This is an experience I already have as a member of the Humanist Movement that I would like to amplify, in order to start building the Universal Human Nation of the future.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Portuguese**

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

**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:** |
| Degree in Law at the Portuguese Catholic University | 1984-1990 | Oporto, Portugal |
| Specialisation in Human Rights at University of Minho | 2007-2008 | Braga, Portugal |
| Specialisation in Entreprises Law at Portuguese Catholic University | 1999 | Oporto, Portugal |
| Specialisation in Conflicts Mediation at National Institute of Administration and at the Brazilian Institute of Mediation and Arbitration | 2001 | Oporto, Portugal |

**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:** |
| Ministry of Justice, Judge of Peace, conciliation and judgement of small civil causes | 2008-2016 | Oporto, Portugal |
| Ministry of Justice, Conflict Mediator, mediation of civil conflicts | 2002-2008 | Oporto, Vila Nova de Gaia, Lisbon; Portugal |
| Independent work, Lawyer, juridical advise and legal representation | 1993-2008 | São João da Madeira, Portugal |
| Independent work, Interpreter, oral and written translations of portuguese to spanish and vice-versa | 1990-2008 | Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal |

**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 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.**

Not applicable

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