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* **Application deadline: 1 June 2017 (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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**Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** Hassan | **6. Year of birth:** 1979 |
| **2. First name:** Mozn | **7. Place of birth:** Saudi Arabia (KSA) |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Egyptian |
| **4. Middle name:** Aly Mohamed Aly | **9. Any other nationality:** None |
| **5. Sex:** Female |  |

**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.)**

Mozn Hassan possesses more than 15 years of experience in the field of human rights and more specifically women's human rights and feminist discourse in the MENA region. She is the founder and Executive Director of Nazra for Feminist Studies (www.nazra.org) since December 2007, a feminist group that works on sustaining the feminist movement in Egypt and the MENA region. Her research interests range from combating violence against women, to history of feminism in Egypt. She has a MA from the American University in Cairo in International Human Rights Law with a thesis on “Legal Interpretations to the Right to Divorce and Polygamy and the Egyptian Feminist Movement”.

Ms. Hassan serves as a Board Member with the Global Fund for Women. She was also a member of the International Planning Committee of the 13th International Forum of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID). She is also a member of the Regional Experts' Committee of the Regional Coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders in MENA. Moreover, she published several articles on the issue of sexual violence against women in the public sphere and women's political participation.

Ms. Hassan received the inaugural Charlotte Bunch Human Rights Defender Award on April 17th, 2013 at the Global Fund for Women’s 25th Anniversary Gala. She is also a Laureate for the Right Livelihood Award (Alternative Nobel) for 2016.

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.)**

As stated above, Hassan has more than 15 years of working experience in the concerned field. Positions in organizations prior to founding Nazra include: Combating Violence against Women and Children (USAID Project), Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), Regional office for MENA region in Cairo, Human Rights Watch, Egyptian Institute for Supporting Democratic Development, Shumuu Organization for Human Rights and Caring of People with Disabilities, Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and Legal Profession, and the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights. She is also served as a consultant for a UNDP project on Combating FGM, and a Gender Expert for the Mid-Term Project Evaluation at Human Rights Capacity Building Project (BENAA). She was also a Legal Researcher for Building Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in the Middle East Project for University of California, “Center on Legality and Justice” and a Researcher in the Law Department in the American University in Cairo (AUC) and Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research Program on the Military Occupation of Iraq: Application of International Humanitarian Law. Her Masters degree in International Human Rights Law provided her with intensive experience in international mechanisms including the UN, and she advises many feminist groups on the use of the International Criminal Court in VAW and advocacy methods for WHRDs.

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

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

Her comptenence was obtained both through her education and work/consultancy experiences. This enabled her to become a trainer on various human rights and women's human rights issues including: Trainer, the 15th Workshop for Universities' Studies, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, 17- 21 August 2008; Organizer and Presenter in the "Third Subaltern-Popular International Conference", Organizer: THE SUBALTERN-POPULAR WORKSHOP, a University of California Multi-campus Research Group, March 24-28, 2008; Cairo, Egypt; Trainer for Gender Mainstreaming, Series of trainings for Development NGOs in Upper Egypt, From March 2008 - till now; Gender expert, MEPI regional conference “Students Leaders Alumni Conference”, Morocco 4-8 February 2008; Trainer for Gender Mainstreaming, for young activists in Alexandria, Egypt for gender mainstreaming in their work – January 2008; Trainer, the 15th Workshop for Universities Students, Cairo Center for Human Rights, July 2007; Trainer, Projects of Democratic Universities and Future Leaders, the Egyptian Institute for Supporting Democratic Development, February 2006 - December 2006; Facilitator on Women’s Issues, the 12th Workshop for Universities' Studies, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, 1- 17 September 2005; and numerous workshops through Nazra's work on VAW, women's political participation and personal freedoms.

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:** “What has Azza done?”: Azza Soliman, a unique feminist at risk

**Journal/Publisher:** Open Democracy

**Date of publication:** 1 December 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://www.opendemocracy.net/north-africa-west-asia/mozn-hassan/what-has-azza-done-azza-soliman-unique-feminist-at-risk

**2. Title of publication:** عن الخطاب النسوي والتورط العاطفي تجاه قضية العنف الجنسي السياسي On Feminist Discourse and Emotional Involvement in the Issue of Political Sexual Violence

**Journal/Publisher:** Mada Masr

**Date of publication:** 1 December 2015

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** When Defending Women and their Bodies Becomes a Crime

**Journal/Publisher:** This article was published in Al-Masry Al-Youm

**Date of publication:** 28 March 2016

**Web link, if available:** http://www.almasryalyoum.com/news/details/918542, English Link: http://nazra.org/en/node/485

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):A paper titled “ The phenomenon of sexual harassment in 2005: the interplay of feminist and political discourses and movements ”, Cairo, Contested Governance, Urban Space, and Global Modernity

- A paper titled” Islamic interpretations for women's issues and the availability to create Islamic feminism movement, Muslim brotherhood case study” Democracy Review

- A paper titled" The Concept of Jihad and the Sunni Islamic Interpretations" submitted to the Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Jordan, 11-16 June 2006

- A paper titled “The Future of the International Criminal Court” submitted to the 6th Conference of the Young Scholars, scenarios for the 21st Century Regional and Global Prospects and Challenges, Centre of the Developing Countries, Faculty of Economic and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt. 17-19 April 2004

- Book Review: "Who is the Iraqi?” Abd El-Hussein Shaaban, Democracy Review, July 2004

- A paper titled “Gender and the Middle Class", Democracy Review, October 2004

* 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:** Video Statement on UN's role to protection and promotion of the work of WHRDs at the General Segment for the 34th Human Rights Council for the UN

**Event organizer:**  UN Geneva

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 1 March 2017

**Web link, if available:** http://www.rightlivelihoodaward.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Mozn-Hassan-Statement-UN-HRC-01032017.pdf; http://webtv.un.org/%E2%80%A6/id-sr-on-minority-issue%E2%80%A6/4118661928001/watch/general-seg

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** CSW 59th Session: Side Event: Protection in practice for WHRDs

**Event organizer:** ISHR, in partnership with the Missions of Norway and Tunisia, together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Amnesty International, AWID, ICAN, JASS Associates and others

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 9 March 2014

**Web link, if available:** http://www.ishr.ch/protection-practice-women-human-rights-defenders-csw-side-event

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Event at CSW60: The Role of Women Human Rights Defenders and Feminist Organizations in Realizing Goal 16

**Event organizer:** CIVICUS

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 15 March 2016

**Web link, if available:** http://www.civicus.org/index.php/media-resources/news/united-nations/new-york/1558-event-at-csw60-the-role-of-women-human-rights-defenders-and-feminist-organizations-in-realizing-goal-16

**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 (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**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”.**

Ms. Mozn Hassan is a strong advocate on various issues including violence against women in both private and public spheres, women's political participation, democratic processes, gender mainstreaming, feminist discourse, personal freedoms, and has a strong understanding of the MENA region when it comes to different and diverse contexts in the sub-regions of North Africa, the Levante and the Gulf. Her dedication to combating discrimination against women and protecting their right to bodily integrity, civic and political participation in democratic processes and autonomy, in addition to stregthening feminist movement building serve as the basis for her motivation to serve the concerned mandate, and is willing to allocate the time needed for it and what it entails, including field work, country visits, report writing, etc. However, Mozn Hassan is one of the Egyptian feminists targeted by the state, and is included in Case 173, known as the NGO Foreign Funding Case, where she was summoned to appear before the investigative judge on 29 March 2016 (which was postponed indefinitely), banned from travel on 27 June 2016 and her personal assets, in addition to those of the registered association Nazra for Feminist Studies on 11 January 2017, which sets a precedent in the NGO Foreign Funding Case. She will definitely be able to serve the concerned mandate should the travel ban be lifted.

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit, must be included below and not in a separate e-mail or as an attachment)

To Whom it May Concern,

With this letter, I express my strong and genuine interest in becoming a member in the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, as a member from African States.

I believe I acquired my feminist consciousness in my early adolescent years, a time at which I decided to dedicate my life to the advancement of women, and the life-long battle for ensuring women's human rights are protected and promoted. Learning early on that there is a strong imbalance in the power relationship between women and men, I could see how patriarchy affects women's lives in various facets, both private and public, in a manner that strips them of their agency and potential to live fulfilling lives where they would be the main agents of change in their societies.

Working on women's human rights, especially on violations from a vision of building movements, and working with people is challenging in itself, let alone when you face a major phenomenon such as the escalation of sexual violence and gang rapes in Egypt. This proved to be one of the most difficult experiences I encountered, as it challenged how I personally view the dynamics of patriarchy, role of the state and state machinery, response of various societal groups, in addition to questioning my personal involvement in this issue, and whether what I was doing was resulting in any positive change or not, which brought me face to face with the realization of the inevitability and importance of the role of the state in response to these crimes. Furthermore, working on mobilization on these crimes and accompanying survivors of these crimes triggered a lot of questions on access to accountability and the importance of having a discourse that focuses on gender dynamics and the challenge of masculinities in a complex society such as that of the Egyptian one.

As a strong advocate of international mechanisms and the powerful and long-term role international mechanisms can play in improving the status of women, whether it is focusing on accountability for crimes of violence and discrimination against women, enacting legal frameworks and processes to ensure their active participation in democratic processes and enabling them to live in an environment free of prejudice for making their own choices and creating their agency, I genuinely belive that special procedures of the United Nations play an effective role in achieving the formerly outlined. Of course it is a long-term battle that results in both failure and success, however it is an important one to maintain and serve as a beacon of hope for survivors, women human rights defenders and women worldwide, despite the globally diverse and challenging contexts, the overall struggle remains the same.

As a feminist and a woman human rights defender (WHRD) who was subjected to several violations including targeted smear campaigns in the media, included in a case that aims to shut down the civic sphere in Egypt for civil society organizations, banned from travel and had my personal assets frozen and those of the organization I founded, Nazra for Feminist Studies, I witnessed first-hand the crucial role that international mechanisms play in speaking for those at risk. Apart from pressuring respective states and calling for their accountability for these crimes, these mechanisms serve a pivotal role in expressing cross-regional solidarity that acknowledges the sacrifice WHRDs make to defend rights, and is a reminder of the universality of rights for people in general, and women in particular.

I am constantly haunted by the image of survivors of rape in Rwanda, who after the International Criminal Court hearings and investigations were subjected to accepting a chicken from their perpetrators as a form of accountability and recognition of the crimes they endured. The fact that they perceived a chicken would help them sustain their families and that no reparation can be identified for rape is not how survivors should live. Women should not settle for nothing less than full rights.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Arabic**

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

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

**Read:** Easily orNot easily: **Easily**  
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or Not easily: **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: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or 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: **No** If yes,

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

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating type of degree, subject, and whether full or part-time, ex. *Masters in law, University of xxx, part-time)*.**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Master's degree in "International Human Rights Law", Law Department; American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt | 2003-2005 | AUC, Cairo, Egypt |
| Diploma of Civil Society & Human Rights, Faculty of Economics & Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt | 2002 | Cairo University, Egypt |
| Bachelor's Degree in Archeology and Greek and Roman Studies, Alexandria University, Egypt | 1996-2000 | Alexandria University, Egypt |
| BA in Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt (in-progress) | 2000 - till now | Cairo University, Egypt |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were not full-time.**

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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): | **Place and country:** |
| Nazra for Feminist Studies, Founder and Executive Director (full-time): Implementing program leadership and management of all aspects – personnel, finance and administration; supporting and guiding the team efforts to adapt Nazra's strategic plan through projects; Developing and maintaining partnerships with international, regional and local Institutes | March 2007 - till now | Cairo, Egypt |
| Global Fund for Women, MENA Board Member (Advisory position): Providing valued input and knowledge on specific women's groups requesting funds in the region; Linking the Global Fund with women's groups interested in applying for funds; Reaching out to groups that are located in under-served regions ; Providing advice on strategic initiatives and grant making priorities | May 2009 - till now | MENA Region |
| Consultant (full - time), Researcher & National Council of Women Program Officer, Combating Violence against Women and Children, USAID Project | February 2008 - February 2009 | Egypt |
| Manager (full-time), Regional office for MENA region in Cairo, Human Rights Watch, in adition to several organizations (full-time) as follows: Program Officer & Researcher (part-time and consultant) in different local human rights organizations:  \* Egyptian Institute for Supporting Democratic Development (2006)  \* Shumuu Organization for Human Rights and Caring of People with Disabilities (2005)  \* Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and Legal Profession (2004)  \*Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (2002) | January 2007 - September 2007  2002 - 2006 | Egypt  Egypt |

**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 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 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? (Please answer YES if you comply, NO if you do 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.***

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.

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on his/her behalf.***

**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   
e-mail (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

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

**Name:** Mozn Aly Mohamed Aly Hassan

**Date:** 25 May 2017

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