**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** (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/398422>) 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.

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* **Application deadline: 28 November 2017 (12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME / 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](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/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 e-mail at [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

**You will receive an acknowledgment e-mail 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 e-mail.  
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Tramboo | **5. Year of birth:** 1953 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Abdul Majid | **6. Place of birth:** Srinagar, Kashmir |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** British |
| **4. Gender:** Male | **8. Any other nationality:** |

**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.)**

LLB at University of Bombay; Barrister at Law - Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn, London; Solicitor - Law Society of England & Wales; Practised Law particularly in International Law and Human Rights Law in Srinagar, Kashmir, England & Wales, UN Mechanism at Geneva and New York through Tramboo & Company and MT UK Solicitors; Delivered Lectures and Judging Moots at Harvard University, Regina University, Oxford University, Brunel University; Fluent in 3 languages of the United Nations; Compiled and edited 5 books including "Human Rights in Flames"; Author of articles on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; Organising and chairing parallel events and International Conferences within and outside Palais Des Nations, Geneva and United Nations, New York; Member of Bar Council England & Wales; Member of Law Society of England & Wales; and Member of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association.

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.)**

Member of the Board and European Director since 1996 of International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM), a UN NGO, ECOSOC Status since 1993. IHRAAM has extensively worked in the fields of Education, Monitoring, International Legal Research and Advocacy (and has a Case presently under IACHR review). IHRAAM seeks to promote (in which I have been one of the major contributors) international human rights, and the rights of minorities, unrepresented nations and peoples in particular, by all available means, such as publications (books and newsletter), press releases, speaking and teaching engagements, radio and TV interviews, conferences, participation in UN Expert Mechanism. PFII and UPR, facilitation of UN Briefings, and by mutual aid, association with and representation to organizations and human rights groups worldwide. Assisted IHRAAM throughout in carrying out the above objectives and activities. Organised, chaired and participated in UN side/parallel events on freedom of opinion and expression, self-determination, democracy and the rule of law, women's rights, children's rights, human rights in conflict zones, human rights and terrorism, water. Member of numerous NGOs including International Commission for Human Rights, engaging in numerous events/interventions at European Parliament, Brussels. Oral statements on behalf of NGOs before Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Council and UN Consultative Committees.

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

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

Advocate of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law related court cases, which include complex asylum, the European Convention of Human Rights and Nationality cases, in the English and Welsh Courts and Tribunals; Preparing, settling and drafting Human Rights-based Representations and evidential documentation presented to the relevant government authorities within UK and Europe; Advising and Consulting on International Human Rights Law, International Minorities Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law on the issues relating to African Americans, Indigenous peoples, unrepresented peoples and nations and other minority groups around the globe; Introductory and keynote speeches at International Conferences, Roundtables and Seminars; Legal Research and interpretation on number of relevant laws including the International Law and International Human Rights Law. Author of a number of press releases and articles; Compiled and edited 5 books including "Human Rights in Flames". Preparation of Shadow Reports on Universal Periodic Reviews submitted to the OHCHR; Preparation of Expert Paper/Pro Forma Consultation with the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; permanent representative to the United Nations of IHRAAM since 2001. In highlighting my competence for the job, I wish to draw your attention to some of the work undertaken by me at IHRAAM, the links of which are given: <http://www.ihraam.org/files/confthemes.html> & <http://www.ihraam.org/images/conf2photos.html>

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:** Human Rights in Flames

**Journal/Publisher:** ICHR

**Date of publication:** 2012

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** Global Discourse on Kashmir

**Journal/Publisher:** ICHR

**Date of publication:** 2006

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Global Discourse on Kashmir

**Journal/Publisher:** ICHR

**Date of publication:** 2008

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words): Please see the following links for two additional books in which I assisted to compile:

**In Pursuit of an International Civil Tribunal on the Right to Self-determination: Collected Papers & Proceedings of the Second International Conference on the Right to Self-determination, the United Nations, and International Civil Society, Publication: December 2006, Link: https://www.amazon.com/Pursuit-International-Civil-Tribunal-Self-determination/dp/0932863523/ref=sr\_1\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1362268005&sr=8-1&keywords=In+Pursuit+of+an+International+Civil+Tribunal**

# In Pursuit of the Right to Self-Determination Collected Papers of the First International, Publication: July 2001, Link: https://www.amazon.com/Pursuit-Self-Determination-Collected-Papers-International/dp/0932863329/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1511056845&sr=1-1&keywords=In+Pursuit+of+the+right+to+self-determination

* 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:** International Media Conference - Exposure of Conflict Areas in the World with Particular Reference to Jammu & Kashmir

**Event organizer:** ICHR & South Asia Centre For Peace & Human Rights

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 21st September 2017

**Web link, if available:** <http://ichr.uk/eu/>

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Arbitrary Detention and Prisons in Yemen

**Event organizer:** IHRAAM and CISA

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 14th September 2017

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Self Determination in Conflict Zones

**Event organizer:** IHRAAM and Indian Council of South America

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 15th March 2017

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):Please see the following link, under *International Conferences Roundtable and Seminars and Presentation of Papers* : <http://mtuk.law/about-us/our-founder/>

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”.**

I reside in London, United Kingdom and I am currently practising as a Solicitor in Holborn, London. My schedule is flexible, allowing me to arrive in Geneva or elsewhere whenever it is required and/or necessary. I am available year-round, can participate at all meetings of the Human Rights Council and Advisory Committee, attend General Assembly sessions in New York, and travel anywhere on special procedures visits. I have extensive experience on Human Rights issues and live cases as a practising lawyer and have drafted many Human Rights Reports. I can dedicate three months of more per year to the work of the mandate.

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

I draw inspiration and guidance from the Preambular paragraphs of Council Resolution 18/L.13 on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, and am challenged by the terms of reference of the mandate. In particular, as a human rights advocate and active member of several NGOs, I have long undertaken activities promoting the right to development and the progressive implementation of economic, social and cultural rights. As a Human Rights advocate, I have represented my clients in the courts, tribunals and before relevant authorities under Domestic, European and International Law and Human Rights Law which has included complex cases involving more than one area of law. I have considerable experience in marshalling arguments on Asylum and Human Rights-related cases.

In several of my articles and edited books, including "Human Rights in Flames", I have drawn attention to UN Mechanisms, the importance of self-determination and the need to differentiate between Terrorism and the genuine aspirations of peoples in conformity with the letter and spirit of the UN Charter. My work as a lawyer, advocate, consultant and researcher and my 30+ years of experience as a Human Rights Activist have given further contours to my understanding of the mandate and to my vision of how to achieve its goals while integrating a gender sensitive perspective and a victim-oriented approach. I am an advocate of the human right to peace and stability, both in its individual and collective dimensions. I have been a Rapporteur at International Conferences in particular on the issue of Self Determination in various conflict zones including Jammu and Kashmir. I have spoken as an NGO representative on several occasions before the Commission on Human Rights, the sub-commission on the promotion and protection of Human Rights and the Human Rights Council and the ICCPR's advisory Committee concerning the Human Right to peace, development and stability. I have aggressively promoted International Human Rights, the rights of minorities, unrepresented nations of peoples by all available means to the United Nations Mechanisms through submission of interventions to and cooperation with all the UN organs such as the various UN Mandates, UN working groups and the Forum on Minority Issues and through submission of briefs and petitions to the United Nations various organs including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. IHRAAM, with my active participation, under the leadership of its then chairman Dr Y N Kly, organised two international conferences "In pursuit of the Right to Self Determination" in advancing and promoting the work of United Nations.

If appointed, I shall endeavour to identify possible obstacles to the promotion and protection of a democratic and equitable international order and submit relevant proposals. I shall identify best practices and in cooperation with States give advice and foster the adoption of measures at the local, national and international levels.

If appointed, I shall devote all my energy to make this a meaningful mandate. I can carry out research in the various languages that I master and function in many situations without interpreters. I have extensive experience in drafting in three languages and would commit myself to do my own drafting without unduly imposing on the OHCHR Secretariat, having been myself a staff member and having had excellent experience with mandate holders.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Urdu/Kashmiri**

**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: **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:** |
| Bachelor of Arts (BA), University of Kashmir Major in English Literature, History, Political Science - Full Time | 1968-1972 | Srinagar, Kashmir |
| Bachelor or Law (LLB), Univeristy of Bombay - Full Time | 1972-1975 | Government Law College, Mumbai, India |
| Barrister at Law, Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn | 1975-1980 | London, United Kingom |
| Admitted as Solicitor at the Law Society of England and Wales | 2013 | London, United Kingdom |

**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:** |
| MT UK Solicitors, Principal Solicitor - Full Time | 2013 to Present | London, United Kingdom |
| International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, Member of the Board of Directorate - Full Time | 1996 to present | London, United Kingdom |
| International Commission for Human Rights, Chairman - Full Time | 2001 to present | London, United Kingdom |
| Tramboo & Company, Lawyer - Full Time  Further Employment record please see the follwong link under *Work Experience*: http://mtuk.law/about-us/our-founder/ | 1996 - 2003 | London, United Kingdom |

**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.**

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 the 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 the candidate discharges the 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 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.***

Yes

**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.**

N/A

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s 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:** Abdul Majid Tramboo

**Date:**  28th November 2017

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