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**Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for eight vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 37th 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, further to its notes verbales dated 16 and 30 October 2017, **the deadline to apply** for the following eight posts of the mandate holders to be appointed at the thirty-seventh session of the Council (26 February to 23 March 2018) **has been extended to 6 December 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT)**:

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa** [HRC res. 33/25]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America** [HRC res. 33/25]
3. **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** [HRC res. 36/4]
4. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali** [HRC res. 34/39]
5. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** [HRC res. 36/7]
6. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from African States** [HRC res. 33/4]
7. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Eastern European States** [HRC res. 33/4]
8. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** [HRC res. 33/4]

Additional information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx)

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