

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council

**Twelve vacancies (mandates on Indigenous Peoples, international order, Mali, truth,
peaceful assembly, peasants and mercenaries)**

29 January 2024

I. Background

1. In paragraphs 47 and 49 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of five members appointed by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council (26 February to 5 April 2024) are: Her Excellency Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile),¹ His Excellency Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq), His Excellency Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia) and Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece).² The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2023 and will end on 31 March 2024, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The Consultative Group held its initial organizational meeting on 25 April 2023.

3. A total of 14 vacancies of mandate holders, that is 2 expert mechanism and 12 special procedure positions, are to be filled at the Council's fifty-fifth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa** (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)
- 2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America** (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)
- 3. Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/4)
- 4. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali** (Human Rights Council resolution 52/42)³
- 5. Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment** (Human Rights Council resolution 46/7)³
- 6. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change** (Human Rights Council resolution 48/14)
- 7. Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/8)

¹ H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile) replaced H.E. Mr. Alvaro Moerzinger Pagani (Uruguay), who resigned on 3 October 2023.

² The Group of African States has not yet designated a new member to serve the remainder of the term of H.E. Mr. Stuart H. Comberbach (Zimbabwe) following his resignation on 16 October 2023.

³ The appointment of this mandate holder will be made provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

8. **Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/17)
9. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
10. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
11. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
12. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
13. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Western European and other States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
14. **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** (Human Rights Council resolution 51/13)

4. Out of the 14 vacancies, 7 were initially foreseen and 7 arose subsequently as follows: vacancies 5 and 6 (as numbered above), namely those of Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment and of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, were not initially foreseen and arose due to the resignation of the mandate holders, Mr. David Boyd, effective as of 1 May 2024, and Mr. Ian Fry, effective as of 8 December 2023, respectively. Vacancies 9 to 13 (as numbered above) relating to the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas were not initially foreseen and arose due to the establishment of the new Working Group mandate by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

5. The two vacancies for members in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have been included in the present selection process even if the current incumbents have each served only one three-year term thus far. This, pursuant to resolution 33/25 in which the Council decided that members of the Expert Mechanism shall serve for a three-year term, and may be reappointed for one additional term.

6. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for the following 12 of the aforementioned 14 mandates:

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa** (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America** (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)
3. **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/4)
4. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali** (Human Rights Council resolution 52/42)⁴

⁴ The appointment of this mandate holder will be made provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

5. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/8)
 6. **Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association** (Human Rights Council resolution 50/17)
 7. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
 8. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
 9. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
 10. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
 11. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Western European and other States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/9)
 12. **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** (Human Rights Council resolution 51/13)
7. The recommendations relating to the following two unforeseen vacancies will be presented as soon as possible in an addendum to the present report:
13. **Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment** (Human Rights Council resolution 46/7)⁵
 14. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change** (Human Rights Council resolution 48/14)

8. In its initial organizational meeting of 25 April 2023, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 would be equally shared among its members through a rotation. The Consultative Group then decided to divide equally the chairing of the interviews for the mandates among the Consultative Group members, by alphabetical order of the mandates and of the members' last names. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-fifth session of the Council agreed to continue the practice to equally share the chairing function as decided in the organizational meeting of 25 April 2023. It is understood that such an arrangement would be subject to adjustment upon the possibility of recusal of members of the Consultative Group, in accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 on the methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.

II. Process

9. The application period for the submission of applications for the initially foreseen seven mandates opened on 12 September 2023. The call for applications closed on 25 October 2023 (12

⁵ The appointment of this mandate holder will be made provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

noon Geneva time) for the following five mandates: Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa; Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali; Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; and Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. Due to the initially limited number of eligible applications received, the application period was extended until 2 November 2023 (12 noon Geneva time) for the following two mandates: Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America; and 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.

10. The application period for the submission of applications for the initially unforeseen five positions of members of the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas opened on 18 October 2023 and the call for applications was scheduled to close on 30 November 2023 (12 noon Geneva time) for all five positions. Due to the initially limited number of eligible applications received, the application period was extended until 11 December 2023 (12 noon Geneva time) for the five positions of members of the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, one from Latin American and Caribbean States, and one from Western European and other States).

11. The Consultative Group considered 136 individual applications, from 115 eligible candidates,⁶ submitted for the aforementioned twelve mandates in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated web page⁷ of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and paragraph 26 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 (see also annex I of this report for the alphabetical list of eligible candidates per mandate).

12. The Consultative Group held a total of 20 formal meetings on 15 November, from 27 to 29 November, on 1, 5, 6 and 18 December 2023 and from 16 to 17 and 23 to 24 January 2024 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned twelve vacancies. These included five meetings with interpretation.

13. In accordance with paragraph 34 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, each member of the Consultative Group individually ranked the most qualified candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. On the basis of the list of ranked candidates and after consideration of all aforementioned elements, the Consultative Group had a discussion and established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for each mandate.

14. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, paragraph 31 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. In addition, for the vacancies in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Group took into consideration the recommendation made in paragraph 6 of Council

⁶ Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

⁷ See <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc55>

resolution 33/25 that, in the selection and appointment process, due regard be given to recognized competence and experience in the rights of Indigenous Peoples, experts of indigenous origin and gender balance, in addition to the criteria for nominating, selecting and appointing mandate holders established by the Human Rights Council in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to its resolution 5/1. Accordingly, the Group gave due regard, inter alia, to the indigenous origin of the candidates as per their self-identification in their application forms.

15. The Consultative Group gave due consideration to gender balance, equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1 and in paragraphs 31 and 48 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

16. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated, pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21 and President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

17. In accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece) recused himself from participating in the shortlisting, interviews, deliberation and decision-making process for the mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, in view of the fact that a candidate from Greece was shortlisted for an interview. H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile) recused herself from participating in the shortlisting for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association since a candidate from Chile was under consideration. H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia) recused himself from participating in the shortlisting, interviews, deliberation and decision-making process for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States, since a candidate from Armenia was shortlisted for an interview.

18. The Consultative Group adhered to paragraph 14 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, which provides that the members of the Consultative Group, in the event that they have been approached by any Member State, organization or individual with regard to the application of a candidate, shall inform the other members in order to ensure maximum transparency.

19. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraphs 35 to 38 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the observance of the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions and the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest. When necessary, further clarifications were requested in writing.

20. The Consultative Group held a total of 55 interviews with 55 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned twelve mandates (see annex II of this report for the alphabetical list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews took place from 27 to 29 November, on 1, 5, 6 and 18 December 2023 and from 16 to 17 and from 23 to 24 January 2024, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

21. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's

statements PRST 29/1 and PRST OS/14/2. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates.

22. The Consultative Group carried out interviews by video calls through the platform Webex and through the platform Zoom when the interviewees requested interpretation.

23. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus and on the basis of the information provided by the candidates, both in their application forms and during the interviews.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa

24. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyian (Armenia). There were 12 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Ojot Miru OJULU (M) (Ethiopia)

Indigenous origin: Anywaa

2. Margaret LOKAWUA (F) (Uganda)

Indigenous origin: Karamojang

3. Elsie Ngowo EFFANGE-MBELLA (F) (Cameroon)

Indigenous origin: Bakweri from Fako Division

25. **Ojot Miru Ojulu** is the East Africa Regional Representative of the Danish Institute for Human Rights in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the President of the Ethiopian Minorities and Indigenous Peoples Rights Organization. Previously, he was Assistant General Secretary for International Affairs and Human Rights at the Lutheran World Federation in Switzerland, researcher at the African Center for Constructive Resolution Disputes in South Africa, visiting researcher at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict of Ruhr University Bochum in Germany, and President of the Gambella Peace and Development Council in Ethiopia. He was also a fellow in OHCHR Minorities Fellowship Programme. Mr. Ojulu has published on issues relating to Indigenous Peoples and minorities. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia as well as a Master of Arts and a PhD in both in Peace Studies and from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Mr. Ojulu indicated that, if appointed as the mandate holder, he would relinquish his position at the Ethiopian Minorities and Indigenous Peoples Rights Organization to avoid any possibility of conflict of interest with the mandate. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Ojulu's skills relevant for the mandate as well as his considerable experience working on Indigenous Peoples' rights at the national, regional and international levels. The Consultative Group also noted his good understanding of the mandate and of the challenges that Indigenous Peoples face. The Consultative Group further noted his experience engaging with the United Nations system and appreciated his motivation and cooperative approach.

26. **Margaret Lokawua** is currently serving her first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She is also the founder and current Chairperson of the Women Environmental Conservation Project in Uganda. Previously, she was elected member of the Ninth Parliament of Uganda, where she served as member of the House Committees on Human Rights, Health and Equal Opportunity, and she served as Chairperson of the District Service Commission of the Moroto Local Government in Uganda. In addition, she was a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues between 2008 and 2011. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building and a Master of Arts in Human Rights and Development,

both from Kampala International University in Uganda. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Lokawua's experience in the field of the mandate, including with the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted her contribution and commitment to the mandate and to the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

27. **Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella** has held several roles in the field of international relations. She has worked as Director of Civil Affairs at the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), Senior Gender Adviser at the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO), Gender Adviser and Assistance to Victims as well as Protocol and External Relations Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania, and Adviser for Women's Development in West and Central Africa at UNICEF. She also worked for the Ministry of External Relations of Cameroon, where she held the positions of Senior Advisor for Commonwealth Affairs and of Director Ad-interim and Deputy Director of Protocol, Agreements and Consular Affairs, and served as delegate of Cameroon to the United Nations in New York. Ms. Effange-Mbella holds a Bachelor's degree in Bilingual Literary Studies in English and French from the University of Yaounde 1, and a Master's degree in International Relations from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, both in Cameroon. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Effange-Mbella's extensive and varied experience in the field of international relations, including in areas relating to the mandate, as well as her experience working in the United Nations System.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America

28. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece). There were four eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Sheryl LIGHTFOOT (F) (Canada)

Indigenous origin: Anishinaabe, Lake Superior Band of Ojibwe, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

2. Melissa CLYDE (F) (United States of America)

Indigenous origin: Navajo Nation

3. Sunny STEVENSON (F) (United States of America)

Indigenous origin: Walker River Paiute Tribe

29. **Sheryl Lightfoot** is currently serving her first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She is also a Professor at the University of British Columbia in Canada. Previously, she worked as teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota, Chair of the Board of the American Indian Policy Center, Community Development Representative for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and consultant at Lightfoot Management Associates, all in the United States of America. She also held the Canada Research Chair in Global Indigenous Rights and Politics and served on several expert advisories, both academic and policy-based, focused on various aspects of implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Ms. Lightfoot has published extensively on issues relating to Indigenous Peoples' rights. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. Olaf College as well as a Master of Arts in Public Affairs and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota, all in the United States. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Lightfoot's skills relevant for the mandate, including her ability to work with a variety of stakeholders, and her solid substantive expertise on the

rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Consultative Group also noted her vast academic and practical experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group further noted Ms. Lightfoot's motivation, excellent understanding of the mandate and commitment to the human rights of Indigenous Peoples.

30. **Melissa Clyde** is Senior Director at Casey Family Programs in the United States of America. Her previous positions include Senior Program Director at the National Indian Child Welfare Association, Field Instructor at Portland State University, and Community Development Specialist at the National Indian Child Welfare Association, all in the United States of America. Ms. Clyde holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Arizona and a Master's degree in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, both in the United States. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Clyde's commitment to the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Consultative Group also noted her enthusiasm and appreciated her consensual and cooperative approach.

31. **Sunny Stevenson** is currently serving as Associate Judge at the Walker River Paiute Tribal Court in Schurz, United States of America. She is also the founder and co-owner of Cedar Stick Resource Group LLC in the United States. Previously, she inter alia worked as policy consultant at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Director and Senior Manager of Federal Relations at the National Council of Urban Indian Health, and Health Policy Analyst at the California Rural Indian Health Board, all in the United States. Ms. Stevenson holds an Associate of Arts degree in General Education from Shasta College, a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Psychology from California Polytechnic State University and a Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, all in the United States. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Stevenson's understanding of the areas of concern of Indigenous Peoples and appreciated her motivation.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

32. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile). There were 17 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

- 1. George KATROUGALOS (M) (Greece)**
- 2. Paul HUNT (M) (New Zealand)**
- 3. Martha DAVIS (F) (United States of America)**

33. **George Katrougalos** is a Professor of Public Law at Democritus University in Greece and a self-employed attorney at law, representing human rights cases before Greek and International Courts. Previously, Mr. Katrougalos served as member of the Greek Parliament, Minister in the Greek Government (State Minister for Administrative Reforms (2015), Minister of Labour and Social Protection (2015-2016), State Minister for Europe (2016-2019) and Foreign Minister of Greece (2019)), member of the European Parliament, and Special Legal Advisor to the Greek Minister of Education. He also worked as Mediator-Arbitrator at the Organization for Mediation and Arbitration (OMED) and as President of Vocational Training S.A. He has published extensively on human rights issues, including on issues relating to the field of the mandate. Mr. Katrougalos holds a Diploma in Law from the National and Capodistrian University in Greece as well as a Master's degree and a PhD, both in Public Law and from the University Paris 1, Sorbonne-Panthéon, in France. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Katrougalos' skills relevant to the mandate as well as his diverse practical and academic experience in the field of human rights. The Consultative Group also noted that, while

emphasizing the importance of continuing the work done by previous mandate holders, Mr. Katrougalos clearly identified his vision for the further development of the mandate. The Consultative Group appreciated his capacity to engage with all relevant stakeholders as well as his consensual approach.

34. **Paul Hunt** has served as Chief Human Rights Commissioner of New Zealand until January 2024 and he indicated that, afterwards, he would resume his position as Professor of Law and Human Rights at the University of Essex in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Previously, he worked inter alia as Senior Human Rights Advisor to the Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, Senior Lecturer at Waikato University in New Zealand, Associate Director at the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies in the Gambia, and Legal Officer and Acting General Secretary at the National Council of Civil Liberties (now Liberty) in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He also served as Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health from 2002 to 2008. Mr. Hunt has published extensively on human rights issues. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and a Master of Jurisprudence in Human Rights from Waikato University in New Zealand. He has also completed the Law Society Professional Examination in the United Kingdom and has been awarded two honorary doctorates. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Hunt's knowledge and excellent understanding of the mandate as well as his clear and articulated priorities for its further development. The Consultative Group also noted his experience with the United Nations system and appreciated his motivation and cooperative approach.

35. **Martha Davis** is a Professor at Northeastern University, where she also serves as the Co-Director of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy, and a visiting fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights, both in the United States of America. During the interview, she mentioned that she also serves as Chair of the Human Right 2 Water Expert Committee (HR2W). Previously, she held the position of Fulbright Distinguished Chair at Lund University/Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Sweden and worked as visiting fellow at Harvard Law School/Harvard Kennedy School and as Legal Director at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, both in the United States. Since 2008, she has also engaged in various consulting assignments. Ms. Davis has published extensively on various human rights issues. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Harvard University, a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Jurisprudence from Oxford University Trinity College in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago in the United States. Ms. Davis indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would resign from her membership on the HR2W Expert Committee to avoid the possibility of a perceived conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Davis' excellent understanding of the mandate as well as her clear priorities for its implementation, including the integration of a gender perspective into the work of the mandate. The Consultative Group appreciated Ms. Davis' motivation and commitment.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali

36. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali in the understanding that the appointment will be confirmed only provided that the mandate itself is renewed by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fifth session.

37. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq). There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three

candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below and expressing a strong preference for the first candidate.

1. Eduardo GONZALEZ (M) (Peru)

2. Cheick SAKO (M) (Guinea)

3. Aristide NONONSI (M) (Benin)

38. **Eduardo Gonzalez** is Special Adviser on Technical Matters at the Global Survivors Fund, focusing on reparations for victims of conflict-related sexual violence in various countries, including Mali. Previously, he worked as International Expert at the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Mali and at the Ford Foundation in Colombia. He also worked as Strategic Consultant at the Secretariat for Coordination of Reconciliations Mechanisms of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka, held a number of roles at the International Center for Transitional Justice, including Director for Truth and Memory, and worked as editor of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Peru. Mr. Gonzalez holds a degree in sociology from the Pontifical Catholic University in Peru and a Master of Arts in sociology from the New School for Social Research in the United States. Mr. Gonzalez indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would cease all work regarding Mali at the Global Survivors Fund. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Gonzalez's skills relevant for the mandate as well as his extensive experience in the field of human rights, including in the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted Mr. Gonzalez's understanding of the current developments in the country as well as his knowledge of the mandate and his holistic, cooperative and constructive approach for its implementation. The Consultative Group further noted the importance that Mr. Gonzalez placed on independence for the implementation of the mandate.

39. **Cheick Sako** has practiced law in France, served as Member and President of "Juristes sans frontières", and worked as Senior Legal Advisor for UNITAR's project to strengthen the judicial system and reinforce the rule of law in Mali. He also served as Minister of Justice of Guinea from 2014 to 2019. Mr. Sako holds a Maitrise in Public Law and a Doctorate in International Law. He also earned a Certificate in Law (Certificat d'Aptitude à la Profession d'Avocat) from the Ordre des Avocats of France. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Sako's skills relevant for the mandate and his knowledge of the country, including its current challenges. The Consultative Group also noted Mr. Sako's priorities for the mandate.

40. **Aristide Nononsi** has recently worked as manager at the University of Ottawa in Canada. Previously, he worked as Country Director at Lawyers without Borders Canada in Mali, consultant at the National Judicial Institute in Canada, Executive Director at the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa in the Gambia, Executive Director at McGill University's Centre for Developing Areas Studies in Canada, Head of Appeals Unit at the African Development Bank, and Child Rights and Labour Standards Expert at the International Labour Organization. He also served as Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan from 2014 to 2020. Mr. Nononsi has several publications on human rights. He holds a Maitrise in Law from the National University of Benin. He also holds a Diplôme d'Études Approfondies in Political Science from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Bordeaux as well as a Diplôme d'Études Approfondies in Law and a Doctorate in Law from the University of Bordeaux, all in France. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Nononsi's good knowledge of the mandate and his vast human rights experience, including with the United Nations system.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

41. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece). There were 23 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the seven candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following four candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below, with two candidates ranked equally and listed alphabetically in the third place.

1. Bernard DUHAIME (M) (Canada)

2. Veronika FIKFAK (F) (Slovenia)

3. Hannah GARRY (F) (United States of America) and Pierre THIELBÖRGER (M) (Germany)

42. **Bernard Duhaime** is a Full Professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal in Canada, where he previously held other positions, namely Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Director of UQAM's International Clinic for the Defence of Human Rights and Director of the Bachelor of Arts programme in international relations and international law. He also serves as Commissioner at the International Commission of Jurists and is a Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy and a Senior Fellow at the Raoul Wallenberg for Human Rights. In the past, he also worked as Visiting Professor at Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas in France and as Canada-United States of America Fulbright Visiting Chair in Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California in the United States of America. He has also worked in several capacities at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and at the Equality and Human Rights Coordination Branch of the International Labour Organization. In addition, he inter alia worked as law clerk at the Legal Advisory Division of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and as consultant at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Canada. He served as Member, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances from 2014 to 2021. Mr. Duhaime has published extensively on human rights, including on issues relating to the field of the mandate. He holds a Bachelor of Laws in Common Law and a Bachelor of Civil Law from McGill University and a License to practice law in Quebec from the Québec Bar and Québec Bar School, all in Canada. He also holds a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law from Notre Dame University in the United States. Mr. Duhaime indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish his position as Commissioner at the International Commission of Jurists, as well as his position as Senior Fellow at the Raoul Wallenberg for Human Rights, to avoid any conflict of interest or appearance thereof. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Duhaime's extensive academic and practical experience in human rights, including on issues relevant to the mandate, as well as his experience with the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted his excellent understanding of the mandate as well as his clearly identified priorities for its implementation. The Consultative Group further noted his capacity to engage with all relevant stakeholders and appreciated his cooperative approach.

43. **Veronika Fikfak** is an Associate Professor at University College London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In addition, she is an ad hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights. Previously, she worked inter alia as Associate Professor at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, Law Clerk at the International Court of Justice, Research Assistant at the Law Commission for England and Wales in the United Kingdom and Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights. Ms. Fikfak has numerous publications on international human rights law topics, with a particular emphasis on damages and reparations. She holds a Law Degree in International Law from Ljubljana

University in Slovenia as well as a Master Juris in Human Rights and a Master and a Doctorate in International Law from Oxford University in the United Kingdom. Ms. Fikfak indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would relinquish her position as ad hoc judge at the European Court of Human Rights in order to address the accumulation of human rights functions. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Fikfak's vast human rights experience, including in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent knowledge of the mandate as well as her vision for its implementation, including her intention to integrate a gender perspective as an inherent part of her work. The Consultative Group appreciated Ms. Fikfak's collaborative approach.

44. **Hannah Garry** is a Professor from Practice and the Executive Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights at the University of California Los Angeles Law School in the United States of America. She also serves as member of the Clooney Foundation for Justice's TrialWatch Initiative Expert Panel and as a member of the Human Rights Watch Committee. Previously, she was a Clinical Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Southern California School of Law in the United States. She also worked as Senior Legal Adviser at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia Supreme Court Chambers, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Colorado in the United States, Legal Officer and Deputy Chef de Cabinet at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia/Rwanda Appeals Chamber and Presidency, and Research Consultant at Oxford University Refugee Studies Centre. Ms. Garry has several publications on human rights issues, including on issues related to the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Wheaton College, a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, and a Juris Doctorate from University of California Berkeley Law School, all in the United States. She also holds a Graduate Certificate in Forced Migration Studies from Oxford University in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Ms. Garry indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would relinquish her positions as expert with the Clooney Foundation for Justice and as Human Rights Watch committee member as well as any other affiliations that could create a potential conflict of interest with the mandate. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Garry's strong academic background and practical experience in the field of the mandate, including within the United Nations system, as well as her clear vision for its implementation.

45. **Pierre Thielbörger** is a Visiting Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney Law School in Australia and a Professor of Public Law and Public International Law at Ruhr-University Bochum in Germany, where he is also the Executive Director of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict and Co-Director of the Centre for International Affairs. He is also Adjunct Professor for Law and Governance at the Hertie School of Governance University in Germany, where he is also responsible for the Jessup Moot Court Competition. Mr. Thielbörger is also the editor of several blind peer-reviewed academic journals and yearly reports and serves as member of the Permanent Advisory Groups of the German Foreign Ministry on Global Humanitarian Affairs and on the United Nations, member of the German Institute for Human Rights, co-chair of the Interest Group 'Human Rights' of the European Society of International Law in Germany and President of the General Assembly of the Network on Humanitarian Action in Italy and Germany. Previously, he worked as Junior Professor for International Law and International Humanitarian Law at Ruhr-University Bochum. Mr. Thielbörger has published extensively on issues relating to international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law and legal justice. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Communication Studies from the University of Hamburg in Germany, a Master of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School of Government in the United States of America and a PhD in International Human Rights Law from the European University Institute in Italy. He also holds the German Legal State Exam with specialization in International Law. Mr. Thielbörger indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish his positions as member of the Permanent Advisory Groups of the German Foreign Ministry on Global Humanitarian Affairs and on the United Nations. The Consultative Group noted Mr.

Thielbörger's strong academic background in international human rights law, including in the field of the mandate, as well as his clearly identified priorities for its implementation.

VIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

46. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq). There were 19 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Gina Paola ROMERO RODRIGUEZ (F) (Colombia)

2. Antonios ABOU KASM (M) (Lebanon)

3. Michael HAMILTON (M) (Ireland)

47. **Gina Romero Rodriguez** is the Executive Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) and serves as Secretary of the Civil Society Pillar of the Community of Democracies in Colombia. Previously, she worked as Technical Advisor and Senior Researcher at Democracy International, Senior Researcher at Ocaso and Demokratie & Dialog e.V., and as Executive Director and Projects Director at Ocaso, all in Colombia. Ms. Romero Rodriguez has published on human rights issues, including on issues relating to the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Relations and a Master of Arts in Analysis of Political, Economic and International Contemporary Problems, both from Universidad Externado in Colombia. She was also a Fellow at Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights in the United States of America. Ms. Romero Rodriguez indicated that her positions as Executive Director of Redlad and as Secretary of the Civil Society Pillar of the Community of Democracies will cease in March 2024. She also indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would relinquish her leadership positions in other civil society organizations (including boards of directors and advisory councils) to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Romero Rodriguez's skills relevant for the mandate as well as her extensive professional experience in human rights, particularly in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent knowledge of and strong commitment to the mandate as well as her ability to clearly articulate her priorities for its implementation. The Consultative Group appreciated Ms. Romero Rodriguez's balanced and cooperative approach.

48. **Antonios Abou Kasm** is a Professor of International Law at the Lebanese University. He previously worked as Lead Counsel, Legal Representative of Victims and Lead Defense Counsel at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He also worked as Professor of International Law at the Fouad Chehab Academy for Command and General Staff of the Lebanese Armed Forces, Managing Partner at Citizen L, Senior Associate at Levant Law Practice, Attorney at Law at Batonnier Nouhad Jabre Law Firm, and as Director of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Lebanese University, all in Lebanon. Mr. Abou Kasm has published extensively on human rights issues. He holds a Bachelor of Laws in Private and Public Law from Lebanese University, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences and International Relations from La Sagesse University, a Master II (LL.M.) in Public Law from Lebanese University and a Master II (research) in Political Sciences from the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, all in Lebanon. He also holds a Doctorate of Law (LL.D.) in International Law from Université Pierre Mendès France – Grenoble II. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Abou Kasm's vast academic and practical experience in the field of human rights, including with the United Nations system.

49. **Michael Hamilton** is the Legal Adviser for Civic Space at the Law and Policy Programme of Amnesty International and the Interim Chair of the Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly and Association of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR). Previously, he worked as Associate Professor of Public Protest Law at the University of East Anglia Law School and as external examiner at the University of Sussex, both in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He also worked as Associate Professor at the Central European University in Hungary and as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the Transitional Justice Institute of the University of Ulster in the United Kingdom. Mr. Hamilton has published extensively on issues related to the area of the mandate. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Kent, a Master of Arts from Queen's University and a PhD in Law and Public Policy from the University of Ulster, all in the United Kingdom. Mr. Hamilton indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish his positions as Legal Adviser at Amnesty International and as member and Interim Chair of the Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly and Association at OSCE/ODIHR to avoid the possibility of any conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Hamilton's substantive expertise and vast experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his excellent understanding of the mandate as well as his clear vision for its implementation.

IX. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States

50. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece). There were 18 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Uche Ewelukwa OFODILE (F) (Nigeria)

2. Cynthia UMEZULIKE (F) (Nigeria)

3. Mamadou GOÏTA (M) (Mali)

51. **Uche Ewelukwa Ofodile** is an E.J. Ball Professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, an Affiliate Faculty at the University of Arkansas' African and African American Studies and a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government of Harvard Kennedy School, all in the United States of America. Previously, she worked as Visiting Lecturer at Columbia University, Visiting Professor of Law at DePaul University College of Law, Crowe and Dunlevy Visiting International Law Professor at the University of Oklahoma Law Center, and Visiting Lecturer at Tufts University Experimental College, all in the United States. She also worked as Visiting Professor at the American University of Armenia, Visiting International Professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, teaching assistant at the Harvard University History Department and legal counsel at the Public Complaints Commission of Nigeria. Ms. Ofodile has published extensively on issues related to the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nigeria as well as a Master of Laws and a Doctorate of Juridical Science from Harvard University. She also holds a Master of Laws from University College London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and a Barrister at Law qualification from the Nigerian Law School. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Ofodile's strong and extensive academic background in human rights, including in the field of the mandate, and that her primary motivation is to impact the lives of the most vulnerable. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent knowledge of the mandate and the challenges it faces as well as her clearly identified priorities and multi-disciplinary

approach for its implementation. The Consultative Group appreciated her commitment to and passion for the mandate.

52. **Cynthia Umezulike** is the President and Chief Consultant at the Global Human Rights Centre, Program Director and Founder of the International Conference on Human Rights, Sustainability and Climate Change, and Lecturer in Law at the University of Buckingham, all in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She also serves as the Co-chair and Director of Human Rights Programs at the Hon. Justice Innocent Umezulike Foundation. Previously, Ms. Umezulike worked inter alia as Associate Lecturer at Birkbeck University of London and as Governance Director of Human Rights Programs at the Children's Rights Advocacy Journal. Ms. Umezulike has several publications in the field of human rights. She holds a Barrister and Solicitor qualification from the Nigerian Law School and a Bachelor of Law from Igbinedion University Okada, both in Nigeria. She also holds a Master's degree in International Law and Criminal Justice from the University of East London, a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law from Queen Mary University of London and a PhD in International Human Rights Law from Birkbeck University of London, all in the United Kingdom. Ms. Umezulike indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would stop any activity, withdraw, or resign from any position that could interfere or conflict with the mandate of the Working Group, including her positions at the Global Human Rights Centre and at the Hon. Justice Innocent Umezulike Foundation. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Umezulike's academic and practical experience in human rights, including in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent understanding of the mandate and her priorities for its implementation. The Consultative Group appreciated Ms. Umezulike's motivation and enthusiasm.

53. **Mamadou Goïta** is Executive Director at the Institute for Research and Promotion of Alternatives in Development in Mali. He is also serving as member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems, advisor for the Network of Farmer Organizations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa (ROPPA), and board member of various international human rights organisations. Previously, he was the Pan African Programme Director at the Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development International in Mali and the Regional Coordinator for Oxfam Belgium in Burkina Faso. He also worked as United Nations Volunteer for UNDP in Burkina Faso, Contractor Trainer for UNDP-ILO in Togo, and Junior Researcher at UNICEF in Mali. Mr. Goïta has written on issues related to the field of the mandate. He holds a Master's degree from the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Mali, an Engineering degree in Education and Training Systems from the Centre Africain d'Études Supérieures de Gestion in Senegal and a PhD in Social and Economic Policies from University Catholique Louvani-La-Neuve in Belgium. Mr. Goïta described the measures that he would be willing to take to address any conflict of interest that may arise should he be appointed mandate holder. For instance, he indicated that he would be open to relinquishing any position that may pose a conflict of interest with the responsibilities of the Working Group, including stepping down from any roles or affiliations that might compromise the impartiality and objectivity required for its effective functioning. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Goïta's vast experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his knowledge of the mandate and his priorities for its implementation, including awareness-raising.

X. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States

54. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia). There were 13 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Shalmali GUTTAL (F) (India)

2. Namita GUPTA (F) (India)

3. Li LI (F) (China)

55. **Shalmali Guttal** is Executive Director at Focus on the Global South, where she formerly worked as Coordinator for Peoples' Alternatives and Reclaiming the Commons and Coordinator for Micro-Macro Issues Linking Programme. Previously, she was also Co-Director at World Education in Lao People's Democratic Republic, Legislative Associate at Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in the United States of America, and Co-Founder of Pachisi Research and Design in India. Ms. Guttal has several publications in the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Design and Communication from the National Institute of Design in India and a Master's degree in Development Education and Communication from Cornell University in the United States. Ms. Guttal indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would step down from her position as Executive Director at Focus on the Global South. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Guttal's skills relevant to the mandate as well as her extensive experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent understanding of the mandate and its challenges. The Consultative Group further noted Ms. Guttal's clear vision and multi-constituency approach for the implementation of the mandate as well as her ability to work with a variety of stakeholders.

56. **Namita Gupta** is a Professor at Panjab University in India, where she previously worked as Associate Professor and Assistant Professor. She also serves as President of the Thematic Group on Human Rights and Global Justice at the International Sociological Association and is engaged in several volunteer human rights activities in India. Ms. Gupta has published extensively on human rights, including on issues related to the field of the mandate. She holds a Master's degree in Human Rights from Annamalai University in India. She also holds a Master's degree and a PhD in Public Administration from Panjab University in India. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Gupta's academic background and experience in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group appreciated her commitment, motivation and enthusiasm for the mandate.

57. **Li Li** is an Associate Professor at the College of International Development and Global Agriculture of China Agricultural University (CAU) and a Non-resident Research Fellow at the Center for China and Globalization, both in China. She is also a Research Fellow at the SDGs Taskforce of the Earth System Governance Project in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and a Cultural Observer at Harmonious Neighbourhood of the Publicity Department/Cultural Development in the New Era Center Office in China. Previously, she was inter alia an NGO representative for CAU at UNOG; Expert Team Member of the Tripartite Cooperation Project among UNDP, China International Center for Economic and Technological Exchanges of the Ministry of Commerce and the International Poverty Reduction Center in China; Expert Team Member of the China-FAO South-South Cooperation Projects Effectiveness Evaluation Team; and Associate Research Fellow/Assistant Research Fellow at the Academic Programs Management Office of the China Foreign Affairs University. Ms. Li has several publications relating to the area of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yantai Normal University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy Studies and a Master of Arts and a PhD in International Relations from China Foreign Affairs University. Ms. Li described the measures that she would take to address any conflict of interest that may arise should she be appointed mandate holder, including relinquishing her position as Cultural Observer and avoiding representing CAU (in its capacity as NGO with ECOSOC special consultative status) in United Nations meetings and carrying out advocacy activities. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Li's experience in areas relating to the field of the mandate.

XI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States

58. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece). There were seven eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Davit HAKOBYAN (M) (Armenia)

2. Ermal FRASHERI (M) (Albania)

59. **Davit Hakobyan** is the Head of Research on Comparatives Legal Studies and Internationalisation of Law at the Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, where he previously held the position of Senior Researcher. He also practises law as an advocate in Armenia and is a Managing Partner of the Dimension Legal RVS law firm in Armenia. During the interview, he indicated that he has recently also become a lecturer at the French University in Armenia. Previously, he worked as Director at the Mining Legislation Reform Institute; Legal Expert and Team Leader at the UNDP Office in Armenia; Project Manager for a Fair and Accountable Mining Sector at Transparency International Anti-Corruption Center; National Politico-Military Officer, Legal Consultant and Legal Expert in Anti-Trafficking Law Enforcement Component at the OSCE's Office in Yerevan, and researcher at the Center for Responsible Mining-Mining Legislation Reform Initiative at the American University of Armenia, all in Armenia. He was also Legal Manager at Deloitte Armenia and Head of the Litigation Unit and Project Manager at Taxpayers' and Businessmen's Rights Association in Armenia, and held teaching positions at Yerevan State University, Armenian Open University and the Judicial School of Armenia. In addition, Mr. Hakobyan served as Member and later Chairman of the State Commission for Constitutional Reform of Armenia and as Non-Judge Member of the Judicial Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the Assembly of Judges of Armenia. Mr. Hakobyan holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Master of Laws in Criminal Law and a PhD in International Law from Yerevan State University in Armenia. He also holds a Master of Laws in Criminal Law and Criminal Policy in Europe from Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in France and has completed a legal practice course required for legal qualification as solicitor in England and Wales at BPP Law School in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Hakobyan's skills relevant for the mandate as well as his vast academic and practical experience, including in areas relating to the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his knowledge of the subject matter as well as his holistic and cooperative approach for the implementation of the mandate.

60. **Ermal Frasheri** is an Adjunct Professor at Denver University Law School in the United States of America. He is also serving as member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families since 2018. Previously, Mr. Frasheri was Adjunct Lecturer at Babson College in the United States. He holds a Master of Laws from Jagiellonian University in Poland as well as a Master of Laws and a Doctorate of Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School in the United States. Mr. Frasheri indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would be willing to relinquish his position as member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Frasheri's experience with the United Nations system as well as his holistic approach and clearly identified priorities for the implementation of the mandate.

XII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

61. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile). There were five eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Carlos DUARTE (M) (Colombia)

2. Christian GONZALEZ CHACON (M) (Guatemala)

3. Diego MONTÓN (M) (Argentina)

62. **Carlos Duarte** is a Professor at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali and Regional Articulator at Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje, both in Colombia. Previously, he was a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Statistical System at the National Department of Statistics of Colombia, a consultant at the Administrative Department of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia, and a consultant at the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (GITPA-IWGIA France) and the Inter-American Development Bank in Colombia and Peru. He also worked as teacher and researcher at ICESI University and as researcher at Centro de Pensamiento Raizal, both in Colombia. Mr. Duarte has several publications on issues relating to the field of the mandate. He holds an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the National University of Colombia as well as a Master's degree in Studies of Latin American Societies and a Doctorate in Sociology, both from the Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique Latine of Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III University in France. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Duarte's substantive expertise and strong academic background in the field of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his excellent understanding of the mandate as well as his clear and articulated priorities for its development.

63. **Christian Gonzalez Chacon** is a counsel at Grossman, Young & Hammond in the United States of America. During the interview, he mentioned that he is also an investigation consultant/compliance review phase at the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism - Inter-American Development Bank. Previously, he worked as independent consultant on international human rights law issues, Human Rights Specialist at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court, Legal Fellow at OHCHR, and Visiting Professional at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Mr. Gonzalez Chacon has published on human rights issues. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala and a Master's degree in Legal Reasoning from the University of Alicante in Spain. He also holds a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame and a Doctorate of Juridical Science in International Human Rights Law from Georgetown University Law Center, both in the United States. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Gonzalez Chacon's diverse and extensive experience in the field of human rights, including in the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted his vision for the implementation of the mandate.

64. **Diego Montón** was the National Coordinator of the National Indigenous Peasant Movement of Argentina, Operational Secretary of the Latin American Coordinator of Field Organizations, and International Collective Coordinator of Peasant Rights at Via Campesina Internacional. During the interview, he mentioned that he serves as member of the Federation of Peasant Cooperatives, advisor to the National Coordination of the Argentine Agri-Food Roundtable, and member of La Via Campesina. Mr. Montón has published on issues related to the field of the mandate. He holds a degree in Agricultural Engineering from National University of Cuyo in Argentina. Mr. Montón indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish his current responsibilities and memberships

in order to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Montón's extensive practical experience in the field of the mandate as well as his excellent understanding of its challenges.

XIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Western European and other States

65. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq). There were four eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Geneviève SAVIGNY (F) (France)

2. Claire MAHON (F) (New Zealand)

3. Christophe GOLAY (M) (Switzerland)

66. **Geneviève Savigny** was a self-employed agriculturist in France, in which capacity she also served as trade unionist involved in human rights issues through negotiations for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. Previously, she worked as trainer at the Centre de Formation Professionnelle et de Promotion Agricole in France. During the interview, she mentioned that, even if she has recently retired as agriculturist, she continues being a member of the French Farmers' Union (Confédération Paysanne) and of the European Coordination Via Campesina. Ms. Savigny published extensively on issues related to the field of the mandate. She holds a degree in engineering from the Ecole supérieure d'Agriculture in France. Ms. Savigny indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would relinquish her participation from the French Farmers' Union and the European Coordination Via Campesina. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Savigny's extensive experience defending the rights of peasants and working herself as an agriculturist, which could constitute an important asset for the work of the Working Group. The Consultative Group also noted her clear vision and priorities for the implementation of the mandate, including awareness-raising of the rights enshrined in the Declaration, and appreciated her consensual and cooperative approach.

67. **Claire Mahon** is the Executive Director of the Global Human Rights Group and serves as Board Member of the Associated Country Women of the World. Previously, she worked as Associate Director at KPMG Banarra Human Rights in Australia; human rights expert consultant for various United Nations bodies, non-governmental organizations, National Human Rights Institutions and governments; and Senior Advisor for Human Rights and Inclusive Development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand. She inter alia also worked as Executive Director at Global Human Rights Group; Senior Research Fellow and Director of a Project on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights; Special Advisor to Ms. Mary Robinson at GAVI Alliance; Legal Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law and Geneva Program Coordinator at the University of Michigan Law School; Lecturer in International Law and Research Associate at the Geneva Graduate Institute; Senior Human Rights Researcher at the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions; Human Rights Officer at International Service for Human Rights; Legal Advisor and Manager of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Program at the International Commission of Jurists; and Advisor on International Organizations at Amnesty International, all in Switzerland. Ms. Mahon has numerous publications on human rights topics, including on issues relating to the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Development Studies and a

Bachelor of Laws from the Australian National University. She also holds a Diplôme d'études approfondies in International Law from the Geneva Graduate Institute. Ms. Mahon described the measures that she would be willing to take to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest should she be appointed mandate holder, including resigning from her positions at the Global Human Rights Group and the Associated Country Women of the World should a conflict of interest arise. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Mahon's diverse and extensive experience in the field of human rights, including in areas relating to the mandate and with the United Nations system.

68. **Christophe Golay** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights as well as a Visiting Professor and Lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, both in Switzerland. Previously, he was a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Italy as well as a Legal Adviser for the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Working Group on the right to food of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee. Mr. Golay has published extensively on issues relating to the field of the mandate. He holds a Master's degree in International Relations, a Master's degree in International Law and a PhD from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Golay's strong academic background and his extensive experience in the field of the mandate, including with the United Nations system.

XIV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the mandate of 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

69. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyian (Armenia). There were five eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Michelle René SMALL (F) (South Africa)

2. Saidou Nourou TALL (M) (Senegal)

3. Sabelo GUMEDZE (M) (South Africa)

70. **Michele René Small** is a Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, where she previously worked as Assistant Lecturer and Sessional Lecturer. She also worked as Lecturer at Monash University South Africa. She has provided consultancy services for the Electoral Institute of Sustainable Democracy in Africa and for Good Governance Africa. Ms. Small has published on issues relating to the field of the mandate. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and English Literature and a PhD in International Relations, both from the University of the Witwatersrand. She also holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education at the University of the Witwatersrand. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Small's experience in the field of the mandate, in particular her strong academic background. The Consultative Group also noted her excellent understanding of the mandate and its challenges, as well as her clearly identified priorities for its implementation.

71. **Saidou Nourou Tall** is a professor of human rights and humanitarian law at the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Senegal. He previously served as member and Vice-President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal. Mr. Tall has published on issues relating to international law. He holds an Aggregation in Public Law and Political Science from the African and Malagasy Council for Higher

Education and a PhD in Public Law from the Cheikh Anta Diop University. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Tall's experience and expertise in the field of public international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as his good knowledge of the mandate. The Consultative Group appreciated his cooperative approach.

72. **Sabelo Gumedze** is the Head of Research and Development at the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority in South Africa. Prior to this, he worked as Senior Researcher at the Institute for Security Studies and as law lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of Limpopo, all in South Africa. He also served as member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent from 2014 to 2021. Mr. Gumedze has published extensively on issues relating to the mandate. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Swaziland as well as a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He also holds a Licentiate of Social Sciences and a Doctorate of Social Sciences in International Law, both from Åbo Akademi University in Finland. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Gumedze's experience on issues relating to the mandate and with the United Nations system. The Consultative Group appreciated his commitment to integrating a gender perspective in the implementation of the mandate.

Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁸

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Africa

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Elsie Ngowo	EFFANGE-MBELLA	Cameroon	F
Tijani	EL-HAMZAOUI	Morocco	M
Mohamed	HANDAINE	Morocco	M
Mostafa	KAMEL	Egypt	M
Gatwor	LOCH	South Sudan	M
Margaret	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
Joao	LOURENCO	Angola	M
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Emmanuel	NENGO	Burundi	M
Gervais	NZOA	Cameroon	M
Ojot Miru	OJULU	Ethiopia	M
Melakou	TEGEGN	Ethiopia	M

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Melissa	CLYDE	United States of America	F
Wakinyan	LAPOINTE	United States of America	M
Sheryl	LIGHTFOOT	Canada	F
Sunny	STEVENSON	United States of America	F

Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Obijiofor	AGINAM	Nigeria	M
Ahmed	BOUHOUBEYNI	Mauritania	M
Martha	DAVIS	United States of America	F
Ognan	DOGO	Togo	M
Mark	GIBNEY	United States of America	M
David	GRIFFITHS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Paul	HUNT	New Zealand	M

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George	KATROUGALOS	Greece	M
Mohamed Ali	KHALDI	Tunisia	M
Gatwor	LOCH	South Sudan	M
Gilberto	MARCOS ANTONIO RODRIGUES	Brazil	M
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Timothy	MURITHI	Kenya	M
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Ismail Nusantara	PULUNGAN	Indonesia	M
Axana	SOLTAN	Afghanistan	F
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ahmed	BOUHOUBEYNI	Mauritania	M
Ognan	DOGO	Togo	M
Eduardo	GONZALEZ	Peru	M
Marie-Claude	LACROIX	Canada	F
Mike	MWIKI KABANGE	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Cheick	SAKO	Guinea	M
Abdoul Karim	SANGO	Burkina Faso	M
Fortune Gaetan	ZONGO	Burkina Faso	M

Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Antonios	ABOU KASM	Lebanon	M
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Louis	BICKFORD	United States of America	M
Mô	BLEEKER	Switzerland	F
Ahmed	BOUHOUBEYNI	Mauritania	M
Ognan	DOGO	Togo	M
Bernard	DUHAIME	Canada	M
Miriam	EKIUDOKO	Hungary	F
Veronika	FIKFAK	Slovenia	F

Hannah	GARRY	United States of America	F
Eduardo	GONZALEZ	Peru	M
Pierre	HAZAN	Switzerland	M
Nadir	ISMAILI	Morocco	M
Cecilia	JIMENEZ DAMARY	Philippines	F
Satvinder	JUSS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Marie-Claude	LACROIX	Canada	F
Jon-Mirena	LANDA	Spain	M
Gatwor	LOCH	South Sudan	M
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Timothy	MURITHI	Kenya	M
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Pierre	THIELBÖRGER	German	M
Thomas	UNGER	Austria	M

Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Antonios	ABOU KASM	Lebanon	M
Teresa	ANJINHO	Portugal	F
Ahmed	BOUHOUBEYNI	Mauritania	M
Denise	DOURADO DORA	Brazil	F
Bernard	DUHAIME	Canada	M
Karina	FERNANDEZ NEIRA	Chile	F
Nimalka	FERNANDO	Sri Lanka	F
Michael	HAMILTON	Ireland	M
Mohamed	IKTA ABDOULAYE	Niger	M
Ryszard	KOMENDA	Poland	M
Carlos	LOPEZ HURTADO	Peru	M
Jennifer	MCKAY	Australia	F
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Bahame Tom	MUKIRYA NYANDUGA	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Onesmo	OLENGURUMWA	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Serghei	OSTAF	Republic of Moldova	M
Robert Falcon	OUELLETTE	Canada	M
Gina Paola	ROMERO RODRIGUEZ	Colombia	F
Mark	SIDEL	United States of America	M

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ignace	ADIGBLI	Benin	M
Adeyemi	APENA	Nigeria	F
Tendai	BITI	Zimbabwe	M
Anthony	DIALA	Nigeria	M
Olasoji	FAGBOLA	Nigeria	M
Mamadou	GOÏTA	Mali	M
Mariama Sire	KABA	Guinea	F
Hilaire	KASONGO SHAKO	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Sylvain	KITENGE LOBABA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Margaret Eberu	MASUDIO	Uganda	F
Harry	MAY	South Africa	M
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Bahame Tom Mukiryia	NYANDUGA	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Ohenjo	NYANG'ORI	Kenya	M
S David Kawoe	NYUMA, JR	Liberia	M
Uche Ewelukwa	OFODILE	Nigeria	F
Nadjet	SACI	Algeria	F
Cynthia C.	UMEZULIKE	Nigeria	F

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Yan	CAO	China	F
Baramee	CHAIYARAT	Thailand	M
Zainal Arifin	FUAD	Indonesia	M
Namita	GUPTA	India	F
Shalmali	GUTTAL	India	F
Bunthea	KEO	Cambodia	M
Keshab Raj	KHADKA	Nepal	M
Li	LI	China	F
Ashwini	OBULESH	India	F
Asghar	REHMAN	Pakistan	M

Axana	SOLTAN	Afghanistan	F
Ricardo III	SUNGA	Philippines	M
Farooq	TARIQ	Pakistan	M

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Oleksii	FRAIER	Ukraine	M
Ermal	FRASHERI	Albania	M
Robert	HADŽIĆ	Croatia	M
Davit	HAKOBYAN	Armenia	M
Mariam	JORJADZE	Georgia	F
Mariia	LUKIANOVA	Ukraine	F
Irina	SHIRYOVA	Russian Federation	F

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Carlos	DUARTE	Colombia	M
Christian	GONZALEZ CHACON	Guatemala	M
Adalberto	MÉNDEZ LÓPEZ	Mexico	M
Diego	MONTÓN	Argentina	M
Luis Fernando	ROSALES LOZADA	Bolivia (Plurinational Republic of)	M

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Western European and other States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Hilal	ELVER	Türkiye	F
Christophe	GOLAY	Switzerland	M
Claire	MAHON	New Zealand	F
Geneviève	SAVIGNY	France	F

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

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Sabelo	GUMEDZE	South Africa	M
Gatwor	LOCH	South Sudan	M
Mutoy	MUBIALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Michelle René	SMALL	South Africa	F
Saidou Nourou	TALL	Senegal	M

Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁹

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Margaret	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
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Michael	HAMILTON	Ireland	M
Gina Paola	ROMERO RODRIGUEZ	Colombia	F

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States

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Mamadou	GOÏTA	Mali	M
Harry	MAY	South Africa	M
Uche Ewelukwa	OFODILE	Nigeria	F
Cynthia C.	UMEZULIKE	Nigeria	F

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Asia-Pacific States

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Namita	GUPTA	India	F
Shalmali	GUTTAL	India	F
Keshab Raj	KHADKA	Nepal	M
Li	LI	China	F

Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from Eastern European States

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Oleksii	FRAIER	Ukraine	M
Ermal	FRASHERI	Albania	M
Davit	HAKOBYAN	Armenia	M
Mariam	JORJADZE	Georgia	F
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