**Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for five vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 55th 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 note verbale dated 18 October 2023, the deadline to apply for the following five positions of the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council (26 February to 5 April 2024) has been extended to 11 December 2023 at 12 noon Geneva time:

1. **Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, member from African States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 54/9](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9))
2. **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](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9))
3. **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](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9))
4. **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](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9))
5. **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](https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/54/9))

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **11 December 2023 at 12 noon Geneva time** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations>

In case of technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at   
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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew 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 the assurances of its highest consideration.

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