



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

3 June 2024

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for two out of the three vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran** (Human Rights Council resolution 52/27)
2. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States** (Human Rights Council resolution 53/3)

In follow-up to my letter of 21 May 2024, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report, dated 20 May 2024, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the recommendation of the Consultative Group for the two vacancies.

For the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Mai SATO (Japan)**.

With regard to the **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Lyra JAKULEVIČIENĖ (Lithuania)**.

I look forward to receiving the addendum to the Consultative Group's report with recommendations of candidates for the vacancy of member from Western European and other States in the 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, which I will transmit to you once received.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Omar ZNIBER  
President of the Human Rights Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar ZNIBER', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.