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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolutions 28/14 of 26 March 2015 and 40/9 of 21 March 2019 entitled “Human rights, democracy and the rule of law”.

In paragraph 1 of resolution 28/14, the Council established a Forum on human rights, democracy and the rule of law to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to the relationship between these areas.

In paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the Council requested the President of the Council to appoint for each session of the Forum, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups, a chairperson of the Forum from candidates nominated by members and observers of the Council. The Chairperson, serving in his or her personal capacity, shall be responsible for the preparation of a summary of the Forum discussions.

Preparations are underway for the fourth session of the Forum, which is due to be held on 24 and 25 November 2022. Pursuant to Council resolution 46/4 of 23 March 2021, the theme of the fourth session of the Forum is “Strengthening democracies to build back better: challenges and opportunities”.

Delegations wishing to submit nominations for the position of chairperson of the Forum are invited to send these to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, CH-1201 Geneva 10; Fax: + 41 22 917 9008, Email: ohchr-hrcouncil@un.org) **no later than 2 September 2022**.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to present to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC the assurances of its highest consideration.

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