



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

30 September 2020

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the candidates proposed for the following nine vacancies of mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 45th session of the Human Rights Council. The appointment of the mandate holders for the mandates marked by an asterisk will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

- 1. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan** ([HRC resolution 42/35](#))*
- 2. Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation** ([HRC resolution 42/5](#))
- 3. Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities** ([HRC resolution 44/10](#))
- 4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea** ([HRC resolution 44/1](#))
- 5. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States** ([HRC resolution 42/22](#))
- 6. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** ([HRC resolution 42/22](#))
- 7. Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** ([HRC resolution 41/6](#))
- 8. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States** ([HRC resolution 36/6](#))*
- 9. 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 Asia-Pacific States** ([HRC resolution 42/9](#))

In follow-up to my letter of 14 September 2020, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report and its addendum, and based on its recommendations, I have held broad and thorough consultations with States, the regional coordinators and other relevant stakeholders, to ensure the endorsement of the proposed candidates.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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My proposal aims at identifying the most qualified candidates for the vacancies in light of the criteria established by the Human Rights Council. In doing so, I also paid due consideration to gender balance, geographic representation as well as to an appropriate representation of different legal systems.

For the position of **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Natasha YACOUR (Australia)**.

In relation to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (Spain)**.

With regard to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Gerard QUINN (Ireland)**.

As to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea**, following further consultations with stakeholders and careful considerations of the views expressed, and while acknowledging the expertise and experience of the candidate ranked first by the Consultative Group, I have decided to propose for appointment **Mr. Mohamed Abdelsalam BABIKER (Sudan)** given his knowledge of the legal system of the country and expertise in the region.

For the position of **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Mumba MALILA (Zambia)**.

In relation to the position of **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Miriam ESTRADA-CASTILLO (Ecuador)**.

With regard to the position of **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Dorothy ESTRADA-TANCK (Mexico)**.

As to the position of **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Aua BALDÉ (Guinea-Bissau)**.

For the position 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 Asia-Pacific States**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Ravindran DANIEL (India)**.



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Finally, I note the efforts of the Consultative Group to propose the best candidates for each position while paying due attention to gender balance and geographic representation at all stages of the process of shortlisting, interviews and recommendations. I encourage all stakeholders involved to continue their efforts in order to attract a sufficiently diverse pool of qualified candidates. I continue therefore to strongly encourage qualified candidates from all regions and backgrounds, especially women, to apply for forthcoming appointments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their very hard work, commitment, dedication and commend them for the seriousness with which they carried out their task.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Tichy'.

Elisabeth TICHY-FISSELBERGER
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure



Mandate holders

to be appointed at the 45th session of the Human Rights Council

1. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
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Mr. Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (M) (Spain)
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Mr. Gerard QUINN (M) (Ireland)
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