How to start the application process:

The application process consists of two parts: the first part is a web-based survey and the second part is an application form in Word format. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed for the application to be processed.

**First part:** The [web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WebApplication_SMH_HRC29_June2015) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once** per selection round, i.e. multiple selection is allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandate within a given selection round.

**Second part:** The application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR public website.

Once completed, the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandate, a mandate-specific Word application form needs to be completed and submitted for each mandate.

* A maximum of three reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional documents such as CVs or lists of publications will be accepted.
* **Application deadline: 30 April 2015 (12.00 noon GMT)**
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

Please note that for Working Group appointments, only nationals of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at <http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml>

In case of technical difficulties, or if you encountering problems completing or accessing any of the forms, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax at + 41 22 917 9011.

**An acknowledgment email will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the Word application form by email.  
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** ROMANO | **5. Sex:**  **Male**  **Female** |
| **2. First name:** Cesare | **6. Date of birth (dd-mm-yy):** 2-Apr-69 |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **7. Place of birth:** Sesto San Giovanni (MI), Italy |
| **4. Middle name:** Paolo | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Italy |
|  | **9. Any other nationality:** USA |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

Fluent in Italian, English, French, Spanish (written and spoken); conversational German;

Extensive university studies in international law, political science and international relations;

9 years of experience as professor of law at the Loyola Law School Los Angeles. Director of the Concentration on International and Comparative Law; teaching the general course of International Law; International Protection of Human Rights; International Criminal Law; International Environmental Law; and Law and Practice of the United Nations.

Founding director of Loyola Law School’s International Human Rights.

10 years as Founder and Co-Director of the Project on International Courts and Tribunals at New York University.

20 years of experience as scholars of international adjudicative and quasi-adjudicative bodies and 5 years as human rights defender, representing or advising victims, NGOs and HR defenders, international organizations, and government agencies before several UN Treaty bodies, Universal Periodic Review and Inter-American Commission of Human Rights;

Extensive experience as scholar and legal consultant before international courts.

Extensive experience doing onsite visits in Latin America, Central America, the Caribbean, visiting prisons, courts, and refugee camps. Interacted at high level with governments and intergovernmental organizations;

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.)**

• Extensive studies in international law and international relations (two masters and a Ph.D. plus formal training for diplomatic service)

• Taught International Law since 2003, and International Human Rights since 2004. Taught several courses over 12 years on various aspects of the alw and practice of the United Nations.

• Extensive experience and expertise on a broad range of international human rights issues; currently arguing before the Human Rights Committee a case of arbitrary detention; directing a two-year project, in coordination with the International Detention Coalition and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, on the first comprehensive mapping of law and practices of Caribbean states on detention of irregular migrants;

• Extensive experience litigating individual cases before the Inter-American Commission, the Human Rights Committee, The Committee on Economic, Social, Cultural Rights; the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and presenting at meetings with the IA Commission and during the Universal Periodic Review;

• Assistance to HR defenders with amicus curiae presented before national courts;

• Experience working with national human rights institutions, and ministries of justice and foreign affairs.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

• Leading Italian and American academic authority on international law.

• Extensive record of publications (8 books; 21 articles and papers; 28 contributions to multi-author projects) and conferences on HR law in English, French, and Spanish.

• Established and directed since 2011 the Loyola Law School’s first international human rights clinical program. Litigated dozens of cases before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and specialized United Nations human rights bodies (Human Rights Committee; the Committee of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; the Committee of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights). Prepared amici curiae briefs for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Prepared shadow reports for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review and the periodic reports on the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

• World-known authority on international courts and tribunals, including human rights court and international criminal courts and tribunals. I established the Project on International Courts and Trbunals at NYU in 1996, which is still to date the foremost research endeavor in the field.

• Senior Research Fellow of Pluricourts, Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, U. of Oslo, Norway, and iCourts, Center of Excellence for Int. Courts, U Copenhagen.

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)**

-As university professor I have a flexible schedule allowing for travel for WGAD or HR Council sessions, as well as for other missions. I already travel frequently for HR academic conferences, for HR documentation and training missions, and for HR litigation, etc.

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit)

Los Angeles, April 2015

Excellencies,

I hereby submit my candidacy for a position as WEOG member for the Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions, [HRC res. 24/7]. I believe I have the experience, skills and energy to provide a useful contribution to the delicate work of this important institution.

My extensive experience and acknowledged expertise in international law and international human rights law are certainly important elements that would make my participation an informed and constructive one. This being said, I think most determinant for this position is my education spanning several disciplines, and experience, as a law professor and as a HR expert, working with governments at both diplomatic and local levels, to find thoughtful negotiated solutions to difficult HR problems, in collaboration with other stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations.

As an academic, with a substantial publication record, I have proven I can take on major large-scale research projects on issues of international law, from single-authored books, to multi-author edited ones, to all sorts of databases and empirical research.

Because of my policy-making activities, while directing my think-tank at NYU on International Courts and Tribunals, I have been working for ten years with governments and the UN on the functioning and creation of several international courts, including the International Criminal Court. Over the years, I have honed my skills becoming highly proficient at engaging all kinds of stakeholders in complex projects and very familiar, through my work and study, with the United Nations, its rules, functioning and culture.

I am very familiar with the UN human rights organs, procedures and mandates, as I have represented several victims of human rights violations before various treaty-bodies (HRC, CEDAW; ECSR), as well as participated in the Universal Period Review process.

Because of my international human rights clinic, I travelled around the world, visiting prisons, detention centers, hospitals, camps, police stations and meeting with government officials, politicians and NGOs. I have written briefs and argued human rights cases, combining my deep analytical skills with strong advocacy.

Most crucially, I have a considerable expertise in international human rights law specifically applicable to arbitrary detention. Amongst others, I have been litigating cases of arbitrary detention of refugees before various international bodies. I am half way through a two-year project, in coordination with the International Detention Coalition and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, on the first comprehensive mapping of law and practices of Caribbean states on detention of irregular migrants.

At 46, I have considerable energy to dedicate to this mandate. My academic position gives me financial security and ample time and flexibility to take on a major project like this.

I would be honored to serve in the WGAD, to assist the United Nations, States and civil society with integrity and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Cesare Romano

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills:**

**Mother tongue:** **Italian**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:   
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not easily**

**English:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution:** | **Years of attendance**  **(from-to):** | **Place and country:** |
| LL.M., NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, specialization: International Legal Studies | 1 | New York, USA |
| Ph.D. and Diplôme d’Études Supérieures, GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, Geneva, specialization: International Law | 6 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Diploma, ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale) | 1 | Milan, Italy |
| Laurea (MA), UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO, (Political Science) | 4 | Milan, Italy |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position:** | **Years of work (from-to):** | **Place and country:** |
| IN ACADEMIA  LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA  Professor of Law (joined in June 2006, tenured since July 2009).  W. Joseph Ford Fellow (since May 2010)  • “International Law” course (Spring 2007; 2008; 2009; 2010; Fall 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014).  • “International Human Rights” course (Fall 2006; Spring 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Fall 2010; Spring 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; Fall 2014; LLS Summer Course - Costa Rica 2008).  • “International Human Rights Clinic” (since 2011)  • “International Criminal Law and Policy” course (Spring 2010; 2011).  • “International Environmental Law” course (Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2010, LLS Summer program - Costa Rica 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012).  • “Law and Practice of the United Nations” course (Summer 2010)  • “Law of Global Warming” course (Fall 2006).  • “International Jurisprudence” seminar (Spring 2013)  • “International Dispute Settlement” course (LLS Summer program– Cyprus, 2011; 2012; 2013)  Faculty appointments:  • Director of the International Human Rights Clinic  • Director of the International and Comparative Law concentration  • Director Summer Abroad Program in Costa Rica (2007-2013)  • Director Summer Abroad Program in Cyprus (2011-2013)  • Member of the Advisory Board of Loyola Law School’s Law and Genocide Center  • Academic Advisor Loyola Law School’s International and Comparative Law Review  UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN, ICOURTS, AND UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, PLURICOURTS,  Professor, PhD Summer School.  UNIVERSITÉ PANTHÉON – ASSAS (PARIS II) – INSTITUT DE HAUTES ÉTUDES INTERNATIONALES, Paris, France  Visiting Professor (Professeur invité).  UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, SCHOOL OF LAW - DEAN RUSK CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL, COMPARATIVE AND GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES,  Visiting Scholar. “International Human Rights” course  DUKE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC  Lecturing Fellow. “International Human Rights” course (Fall 2004), and “International Courts and Tribunals” course (Spring 2005). “International Law and the Use of Force” (Duke – Geneva Institute in Transnational Law, Summer 2005)  FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, New York, NY  School of Law  Adjunct Professor. “International Environmental Law” seminar (LS 10554). Spring 2004.  Fordham College at Lincoln Center (Pol. Sc.)  Adjunct Professor. “International Protection of Human Rights” course (POLU 3507). Spring 2004; “International Law” course (POEU 3505). Spring and Fall 2003. | 2006-2015  2014-2015  2010  2005  2004-2005  2003-2004 | Los Angeles, CA, USA  Copenhagen, Denmark  Paris, France  Athens, GA, USA  Durham, NC, USA  New York, NY, USA |
| POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH  CENTER ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. Co-Director, Project on International Courts and Tribunals. Since 2006, emeritus fellow  International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA)  Member of the "International Environmental Commitments" study group. Research paper on the ILO system supervision system and the lessons that could be applied to multilateral environmental treaties. | 10 (1996-2006)  1995-1996 | New York, USA  Vienna, Austria |
| HUMAN RIGHTS  Director: Established and directed since 2011 the school’s first international human rights clinical program. Litigated dozens of cases before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and specialized United Nations human rights bodies (Human Rights Committee; the Committee of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; the Committee of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights). Prepared amici curiae briefs for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Prepared shadow reports for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review and the periodic reports on the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.  In 2014 awarded the "Hidden Heroes Award" for my work in the Human Rights Field. | 2011-present | Los Angeles, USA |
| INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Interim Secretariat). Intern. Assistant of the Office of the Legal Advisor  Between 1994 and 1996: Assisted the FCCC Legal Advisor. Main assignment: comparative analysis of the main dispute settlement procedures. Drafter of Document FCCC/CP/1995/Misc.2. Drafter of a proposal for the creation, under Art. 13 of the FCCC, of a mechanism for the resolution of questions regarding implementation. Assistant of the Legal Adviser of the FCCC at the First Conference of the Parties (Berlin 28-3/7-4) and at the following meetings of the ad hoc negotiating group on Article 13.  INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA  Legal advisor of the delegation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines during the hearings for Provisional Measures in the matter of the M/V Saiga case (Interim Measures) before the International Tribunal For the Law of the Sea (1998)  OSCE  Member of the Roster of Experts of the Human Rights and Anti-Terrorism Programme of the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. | 2 (1994-1996)  1998  Since 2010 | Geneva, Switzerland  Hamburg, Germany |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)**

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

No

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:**

No

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:**

No

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

Yes

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

Not applicable

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