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**Subject: Call for applications for an additional special procedure mandate holder to be appointed at the 31st session of the Human Rights Council (29 February - 24 March 2016)**

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 due to the resignation of a special procedure mandate holder, the following mandate holder is to be appointed at the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council:

***Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967*** *[Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/2]*

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **4 February 2016 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT)** 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 of special procedures mandate holders and the on-line application procedure is available at the following web page:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

In case of technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted by email athrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or by fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

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.

4 January 2016