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**Subject: Extension of deadline to apply for the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members**

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 further to its note verbale of 28 June 2017 the **deadline to apply for the vacant position of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members has been extended until 24 August 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT)**. This new special procedure mandate was created as a result of the adoption of Council resolution 35/9, and the new mandate holder will be appointed at the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council.

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **24 August 2017 (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](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx)

In case of technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at[hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@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.

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