How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the [Web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hrc25_spmandateholders_emripexperts) 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**, i.e. multiple selection allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part, i.e.** of 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, 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 Internet.

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If the candidate is applying for more than one mandates, an application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

* A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application Deadline: 21 November 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**An acknowledgment will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the application form through email.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: González | Sex: Male |
| First Name: Luis | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 270863 |
| Maiden name (if any): | Place of birth: México City |
| Middle name: Armando | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Mexican |
|  | Any other nationality: |

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

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

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| 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 official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.) | I have a Ph.D. in Criminal Sciences, an LL.M. in Sociology of Law, and I´m also Graduate as Psicologist. Most of my proffessional life I have been dedicated to Human Rights, at the begining specially in the field of Prisions and the Criminal Justice System, but at last regarding other realms; always beside Human Rights Defenders (HRD) Even myself I have been a HRD in the National Comission for Human Rights, and the Mexico City Human Rights Comission, where I also had the honour to be be its former President.  I speak, read and write fluently in Spanish, and speak and read fluently in English. |
| 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. | Because of my work as defender in both National and Mexico City Human Rights Comissions I learned about many of the most important human rights international instruments. I have used them in the Recommendations i made and issued to Mexican governments in the Federal and local jurisdictions.  I have been the Third Ombudsman in Mexico City, and because of that I worked very close with the madates and concerns of at least three mexican UN expert. Because of my duties, i kept in touch with working groups and special reporteurs in Geneve as well as in the institutions of the Interamercan System. In the recente past I have presented to them special reports on the situation of human rights in Mexico City.  I started my experience in defending human rights in 1994 as supervisor of the human rights situation in mexican prisions at the National Comission for Human Rights. Since then I have been working in many ways in the filed, as consultant for UNICEF, and lately in the Mexico City Human Rights Comission where I started as Third General Vissitor, and four years ago, appointed as its President. |

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| ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)  Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired). | My competence related to human rights has been recognized in several ways, at national, regional and international fields. In the first place, because I have been considered an expert, which can be proved trough my participations in conferences, courses, news broadcast, etc. But the best way to prove that recognition is that i have been considered as one of the most independente ombudsman in Mexico, with wide capacities to denounce human rights violations as well as to build sinergic relationships with actors involved in promotion of human right policies, and prevention and reparation measures. I have near 400 letters of relevant actors, and NGO´s related to Human Rights in national, regional and international levels, whom under the consideration of my work, recomended me to be relected for another four years period as President of the Mexico City Human Rights Comission. The general opinión is that it did not happened exactly because of the independent role I played. |
| 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) | Nowadays I work as a mid time researcher and proffesor at the University of Tlaxcala, but most of the week I work in Mexico City at home. So I have plenty of time to fulfill with the mandate and all the activities related to it.  My current activities allow me to coordinate my accademic duties with travels, visits, meetings and preparatoin of repports, without any problem, no mater how long they could last. |

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

**Please indicate all language skills**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | | **Write** | | **Speak** | |
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| **Arabic** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Chinese** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **English** | \* |  | \* |  | \* |  |
| **French** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Russian** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Spanish** | \* |  | \* |  | \* |  |
| **Mother tongue:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

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| Many are the problems faced by human rights defeders (HRD) in the world. On the one hand, because of their wide realm of action, that often represents a threat not only to politicians and governments, but also to industries and markets. On the other because of their direct work with victms, which represents a continuos questioning to the official versions on the situation of human rights in their countries. Violations to HRD go from threats and agressions, to extrajudicial executions, forced disapearance, and homicide. In other cases they are simply ignored.  As far as i concern, this shows three important realms to work with HRD.  The first and probably most important regards with the stop of situations that put into a risk the life and integrity of HRD. Unfortunately, nowadays, many factors threats the actions of defenders. Of course, traditional acts commited by state agents, but in recent times is necessary to consider as well, the actions of organized crime against HRD. In some contexts, HRD constitute a real hindrance to criminals because of their capacities to establish excelent relationship with the people, and their direct contact with the victims, either they are victims of the state or of the organized crime. In this cases is extremely urgent to recomend inmediat measures to protect the life and integrity of HRD, to find the dissapearance, and to effciently pursue the related crimes.  On the other hand, in recent times, in several parts of the globe, HRD are asimilated to criminals and treated as such. The use of the criminal justice system to inhibit or, in some cases, to punish the activism of HRD is widespread, specially in countries where human rights are continously violated. This is the second realm and requires to explore the actual conditions of safety and dignity in wich HRD develop their work, the patterns of criminalization, the respect of due process and the conditions of HRD in trial, detained or imprisioned. It also requieres to foster legal reforms in order to limitate the use of the Criminal System and other measures aimed to criminalize HRD activities.  The third regards with the discrediting and stigmatization of HRD, which not olny means a form of violation of their dignity, but a real obstaculization of their scopes, and a way to discredit and weaken their authority. Specially in countries with weak judicial systems, lack of efficient institutions to make claims, non existent or no strong civil societies, HRD are often disqualified by enterpeneurs, politicians and opinión leaders who does not share their goals or methods; frecquently that leads to different forms of social reaction against HRD. In this contexts the relevance of HRD could not be under question. In some cases they are the only possibility to link with international institutions or NGO`s for many people who suffer violations related to environment, frequently justified in the name of progress or deveolpment. In this cases, the international support for local HRD is absolutely necessary. The detection of such situations permitt to issue recomendations to governments in order to enforce the Declaration of Human Right Defenders, to rise the consequences of discrimination or stigmatization of HRD and to promote and create mechanisms to ensure that their work is going to be respected and considered relevant for society.  This and other problems related to HRD represent to me, not only an urgent call for action, but a personal commitment to share my knowledge and expertisse as Ombudsman of eight million of persons in Mexico City, to the protection of HRD from the UN. It also represents a challenge that i´m sure i can face with success. |

**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** | **Place and Country** |
| Degree in Psichology | 1982/1987 | National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)  Mexico |
| Master in Law in Sociology of Law | 1994/1995 | International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL)  Oñati, Spain |
| Ph. D. in Criminal Sciences | 1996/2001 | National Institute for Criminal Sciences (INACIPE)  Mexico |
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**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 Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| President of the Mexico City Commission for Human Rights | 2009/2013 | Mexico City, Mexico |
| Third General Vissitor at the Mexico City Commission for Human Rights | 2006/2009 | Mexico City, Mexico |
| External Consultant at UNICEF-México | 2004/2006 | Mexico City, Mexico |
| Proffessor and Researcher at the National Institute for Criminal Sciences, working in the implementation of the 2005 Constitutional Reform regarding Juvenil Justice | 2004/2006 | Mexico City,  Mexico |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of 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.

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| No I don´t |

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 there isn´t any

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, there isn´t

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, I comply with that provisions

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.

My current activities are entirely accademic and at the moment i don´t have any plan to apply to any other position in Government or other Human Rights function. Of course, if the case, I will take the required measures, even resignment if necessary.

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Thank you for your interest.