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How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Webbased 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 <u>Web-based survey</u> 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.

Once completed the application form in Word should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org

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.

If encountering technical difficulties, you may contact us by email: hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax: + 41 22 917 9011

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I. PERSONAL DATA	
Family Name: Chinkin	Sex: Female
First Name: Christine	Date of birth: 27 March 1949
	Place of birth: UK
Middle name: Mary	Nationality(please indicate the nationality
	that will appear on the public list of
	candidates): British
	Any other nationality: Australian

II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE/QUALIFICATION/KNOWLEDGE

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

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.)

The candidate is a leading professor of international law and a leading international lawyer who has experience working in the Middle East, in Palestine, and on some the most complex legal and political problems in the Middle East. She has authored or co-authored significant books and numerous articles in the field of international law and has served on international fact-finding and human rights bodies as an expert of the highest quality.

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.

The candidate has a knowledge of international law that is of the highest degree of expertise. She is familiar with all leading human rights instruments, significant human rights jurisprudence and the institutional mandate of the United Nations both as an academic and as a mandate holder. She is also familiar with multiple regional human rights systems. She has acquired this experience over more than forty years of university teaching,

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(Please state	how	this	was
acquired).			

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

practicing law, and serving on international bodies.

ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

The nominee is an internationally recognized expert in international human rights law. She has won numerous awards including the American Society of International Law, 2006 Goler T. Butcher Medal 'for outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law' (with H. Charlesworth).

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, traveling 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)

The nominee has stated that she is ready and willing to fulfill the responsibilities of this post. As of August 2014 she will no longer have teaching responsibilities and thus be able to devote significant amounts of time to this post (at least three months of the year) to the work of this mandate.

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III. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills

<u>Languages</u>	Re	<u>ead</u>	<u>Write</u>		<u>Speak</u>	
	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not</u> Easily	Easily	Not Easily	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not</u> Easily
<u>Arabic</u>						
Chinese						
English						
<u>French</u>						
Russian						
Spanish						
Mother						
tongue:						

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IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)

This post interests me because I understand Palestine to be an important and one of the longest unresolved human rights issue on the United Nations agenda. My qualifications, experience, and expertise place in a position to perform the mandate effectively.

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories raises complex questions of global politics and international relations that are deeply rooted in the history, geography and demographics of the region, and elsewhere. The Human Rights Council consideration of this matter brings to the fore the relevance and significance of international law, especially international human rights law. Careful consideration and objective legal analysis, including of ongoing and new factual situations that may arise, and recommendations arising from that analysis, continue to be of great importance to the protection of human rights in Palestine. My work in international law, in particular international human rights law, since 1972, primarily as an academic but also as a legal practitioner appropriate qualifies me to contribute to this task.

I have law degrees from the University of London, Yale Law School and Sydney University. I have held permanent and visiting appointments in universities in the United Kingdom, (Oxford, London School of Economics), Asia (Hong Kong University, National University of Singapore, Xiamen University, Beijing University), the United States (Law Schools in Columbia University, Michigan University) and Australia (Universities of Sydney, Melbourne and the Australian National University). My teaching, research and writing focus has been on international human rights law (especially the rights of women), international dispute resolution and international humanitarian law. In 2006 I was awarded the American Society of International Law, Goler T. Butcher Medal 'for outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law'. Alongside my academic credentials I am a member of the English Bar working especially in areas of human rights, with government departments and international and non-governmental organisations. My work has included legal advocacy, training of judges and lawyers in human rights and international humanitarian law, preparation of policy documents and treaty drafting.

Since 2008 I have served on several international human rights bodies, including as a member of fact-finding missions of the Human Rights Council to Beit Hanoun (2008) and Gaza (2009) and I am currently a member of the Kosovo Human Rights Advisory Panel, established by UNMIK pursuant to its powers under SC Resolution 1244 (1999), which has further enhanced my expertise in human rights analysis and decision-making.

Please accept my appreciation for the opportunity to be considered among the candidates for posts serving the Human Rights Council and my willingness to cooperate with the selection process in any way possible.

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications: (university level and higher)

Name of degree and name of academic institution	Years of Attendance	Place and Country
Ph.D.	1988	
University of Sydney	1990	Australia
LL.M.	1980	
Yale University	1981	USA
LL.M.	1971	
University of London	1972	UK
LLB 1 st class Hons,	1968	UK
University of London	1971	

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

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

Name of Employer Functional Title Main functions of position	Years of Attendance/ Work	Place and Country
Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London.	1996 2014	London UK
William W. Cook Global Law Professor, University of Michigan	Since 1999	Michigan USA
Barrister	Since March 2004	London UK
Director of Studies, International Law Association	Since 1999	London UK

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of Council Resolution 5/1)

 To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the exten 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

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Yes			

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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.

The candidate is willing to take steps to resolve any conflicts of interest that may arise and to ensure her independence.

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Thank you for your interest.