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 surveyshould 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](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/IEMali_Haiti/hrcspecialprocedures%40ohchr.org)mailto:

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: 31OCTOBER 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: JAHANGIR | Sex: [ ]  Male [x]  Female |
| First Name: ASMA | Date of birth (d-MMM-yy):27-Jan-52 |
| Maiden name (if any): JILANI | Place of birth:LAHORE |
| Middle name:       | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):PAKISTAN |
|  | Any other nationality: NONE |

**II. MANDATE -SPECIFICCOMPETENCE/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.) | Asma Jahangir has extensive educational and professional experience in the field of human rights. She is therefore fully acquainted with human rights law and the Special Procedure system. She holds a Bachelor of Law from Punjab University. The candidate has served as an Advocate at the Lahore High Court of Pakistan since 1982, and of the Supreme Court of Pakistan since 1992, and is a former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan. She is a leading lawyer in human rights litigation in Pakistan. She is a Lecturer at Quaid-e-Azam Law College, Lahore, teaching Constitutional Law.Asma Jahangir was UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Killings (1998-2004) and on Freedom of Religion or Belief (2004-2010). The candidate has excellent oral and written communication skills in English. She has authored numerous publications on human rights issues, including on contemporary forms of slavery such as bonded labour and child labour. During the 12-year course of her previous UN Special Procedure mandates she published many reports, press releases, and other official communications.  |
| 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. | Asma Jahangir has indepth knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. An advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association the candidate is well versed in human rights law and is a leading lawyer in human rights litigation in Pakistan. At the international level the candidate served as UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Killing from 1998 to 2004, and on Freedom of Religion or Belief from 2004 to 2010. She is currently a Trustee of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. She therefore has detailed knowledge of international human rights mechanisms, intergovernmental bodies, and regional human rights instruments. The candidate has extensive professional human rights experience, spanning over 30 years. She is the Director of the Pakistani NGO, AGHS Legal Aid Cell, which undertakes legal research, provides legal aid and lobbies for legal reforms. She served as Chair of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and is founder Co-Chair of South Asians for Human Rights. She led civil society intitatives for peace building in Asia. At the international level she is honorary Commissioner of the International Commision of Jurists, and affiliated with Defence for Children International, Open Society Institue, International Crisis Group and other INGOs  |

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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). | Asma Jahangir has nationally, regionally and internationally recognised competence related to human rights. This was acquired through decades of national-level activism, contributions to the work of different international forums, and 12 years as a UN Special Procedure mandate holder undertaking country visits and thematic studies.As Director of AGHS Legal Aid Cell, she lititgated on a number of landmark cases resulting in the promotion of human rights and democratic values. These included the release of bonded labourers through habeas corpus petitions and her representation of a landmark bonded labour case decided upon by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The candididate worked closely with regional partners and initiated advocacy that resulted in judicial judegments freeing bonded labourers, and ultimately the passage of legislation. As a recognition of her expertise, the candidate has been awarded the highest national civil award for her contribution to human rights. She is recepient of several awards, including Rammon Magsaysay, Martin Ennels, King Boudeman, Roland Burger and several others for upholding the values of rule of law.She has received four honorary Doctorates from Queens University, Canada (1998), University of St Gallen, Switzerland (1998), Amherest University, USA (2003), and University of Zurich, Switzerland (2008). |
| flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time(200 words)to perform effectively the functions of the mandateand 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) | Asma Jahangir has a private practice in law and works voluntarily with a few human rights NGOs in her country. She therefore has the flexibility of planning her own schedule, and has highly qualified colleagues to cover her absences. She has demonstrated in the course of previous Special Procedure mandates held that she is fully able to dedicate all the time necessary to perform the functions required as Special Rappporteur, including Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, General Assembly sessions in New York, and travel on special procedure country visits. She is able to dedicate at least three months of each year to the mandate's work.  |

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

**Please indicate all language skills**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | **Write** | **Speak** |
|  | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
| **Arabic** | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Chinese** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **English** | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **French** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Russian** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Spanish** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Mother tongue:**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |

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

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| The eradication of all forms of slavery is vital. There are at least 20.9 million people affected globally, and every region of the world is affected. The Special Rapporteur on Slavery has the mandate and the opportunity to make a substantive contribution to the eradication of slavery in all its forms. I am inspired by the terms of reference of the mandate, and believe that my experiences and skills are such that I am qualified to have the privilege to perform this role. My professional life has been devoted to the promotion and protection of human rights. I have in depth knowledge of contemporary forms of slavery, gained through more than three decades of domestic activism as well as my contributions at the international level. I am therefore fully acquainted with the legal and institutional framework prohibiting slavery, the historical context, and the actors in the field.At the domestic level, I have worked for more than 30 years for the liberation of bonded and forced labourers. As a leading lawyer in human rights litigation in my country, I have represented many bonded labourers, particularly in agriculture and brick kilns, including a landmark case decided upon by the Supreme Court. In cooperation with regional partners, my advocacy resulted in proactive judicial judgments resulting in the release of bonded labourers, and eventually the passage of legislation prohibiting this practice. I have published widely on slavery issues, particularly bonded labour, child labour, and harmful traditional practices affecting women and girls. At the international level, I combine my substantive expertise of slavery with extensive experience as a former special procedures mandate holder. I was privileged to serve as UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Killings from 1998 until 2004, and as UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief from 2004 to 2010. Through the course of my mandates I worked tirelessly in pursuit of the objectives of each. I maintained my independence, impartiality and objectivity. I acquired strong diplomatic and negotiation skills, and approached my work with a spirit of participation and consultation. I enjoyed fruitful cooperation and collaboration with States, Inter-Governmental Organisations, civil society, the OHCHR, and those affected by the practices. My current position as Trustee of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery has given me an extensive insight into the breadth and diversity of the manifestations of contemporary forms of slavery, and the global reach of this problem. The Fund works closely with the Special Rapporteur on Slavery and it has been an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of the work, challenges and opportunities of the mandate. If appointed as Special Rapporteur on Slavery, I will endeavour to identify possible obstacles to the eradication of contemporary forms of slavery and submit relevant solution-orientated proposals. I will identify best practices and in cooperation with States give advice and foster the adoption of measures at the local, national and international levels which would lead to the identification of victims of slavery, their liberation from these situations, and their meaningful rehabilitation back into their communities, whilst ensuring that the voices of those affected are represented. I would work to ensure that strong legal and policy frameworks are in place which serve both to prevent and protect. Further, that the issue is prioritised at the international level, strengthening cooperation and collaboration amongst efforts to eradicate slavery. I am inspired by the opportunity to make a contribution to the eradication of slavery worldwide and thank you for your consideration of my application.  |

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academicqualifications: (university level and higher)**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution** | **Years of Attendance** | **Place and Country** |
| Convent of Jesua and Mary , Lahore, Pakistan | 1958 to 1968 | Lahore, Pakistan |
| Kinnard College | 1969 to 1974 | Lahore, Pakistan |
| Law College, Punjab University | 1976 to 1978 | Lahore, Pakistan |
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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 EmployerFunctional TitleMain functions of position | Years of Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| AGHS Law Associates, Partner. Senior Partner and supervises a team of 12 lawyers practicing in the Supreme and High Courts of Paksitan | 1980 to present day | Lahore, Pakistan |
| AGHS Legal Aid Cell. Director. | 1984 to present | Lahore, Pakistan |
| President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan | 2010 to present |       |
| Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan | 1992 to present |       |

**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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| None |

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:

None

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.

The candidate will resign from her position on the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery should she be appointed to this mandate

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Thank you for your interest.