**Second Part: Word Format APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS**

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

APPLICATION FORM SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE  
**Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti  
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali**

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/HRC23_SPMandateHolders) 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](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/IEMali_Haiti/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: 02 May 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.**

**PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: GALLÓN | Sex:  Male  Female |
| First Name: Gustavo | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 14-03-52 |
| Maiden name (if any): | Place of birth: Cali |
| Middle name: | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Colombian |
|  | Any other nationality: |

**I. MANDATE**

Indicate the specific mandate applied for:

Note: **Please select ONE only**. If you are applying for more than one mandate, please submit a separate form for each mandate.

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali

**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.) | Education in Law, Political Science and Political Sociology, as well as experience of more than 30 years as human rights defender and University's professor on public law and human rights, are strong qualifications of the candidate, who speaks fluently French, English, Spanish (and Italian). |
| 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. | The candidate was Special Representative of the United Nations' Human Rights Commission for Equatorial Guinea from 1999 to 2002. He has been the founder and director of a very respected human rights organisation, the Colombian Commission of Jurists, since its creation in 1988. He is a Honorary member of the International Commission of Jurists, and has been member of its Executive Committee. He is the Chairman of the Board of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) in Washington, DC, since 2012, and member of its board since its creation in 1991. He is member of the board of the International Service for Human Rights, in Geneva, since 2010. |

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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). | The candidate was one of the three representative of Latin American ngo's human rights organisations at the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, 1993. He was also Special Representative of the UN Human Rights Commission for Equatorial Guinea (1999-2003) |
| 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) | The candidate attends regularly the sessions of the Human Rights Council (and those of the Human Rights Commission) since 1990, as part of his mandate as Director of the Colombian Commission of Jurists. This mandate allows him the possibility of taking in charge the necessary time for activities related to the mandate on Haiti (as it was the case when he performed the mandate on Equatorial Guinea from 1999 to 2002). |

**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** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Chinese** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **English** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **French** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Russian** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Spanish** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mother tongue:**  **Spanish** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

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| Let me present my name as a candidate for the mandate of Independent Expert on Haiti, based on my commitment, my knowledge and my experience on human rights and on special procedures held by the United Nations.  My commitment is widely known by the activities I have carried out as a private lawyer representing victims of human rights violations in Colombia since 1979, and as the founder and Director of the Colombian Commission of Jurists since 1988.  My knowledge on human rights is based on my academic formation as a Lawyer, specialized on Public Law, with masters degree on Political Science and studies on Political Sociology as a candidate for PhD, as well as on my academic performance as human rights professor since 1979, and my national and international activity as a human rights professional, both at the Interamerican and at the Universal Human Rights System since 1990.  My experience on United Nations' special procedures is related to the mandate of Special Representative of the UN Human Rights Commission for Equatorial Guinea, that I held from 1999 to 2002. I also have been invited by the United Nations to multiple events on human rights, as the High Level panel on the World Human Rights' Vienna Conference, that took place recently at the Human Rights Council 22nd session, the 25th of February 2013.  Haiti represents a very worrisome human rights situation in the Latin-American and Caribbean continent, that must be overcomed throught the cooperation of the United Nations, the OAS and the civil society of the entire world. Civil and political rights as well as social, economic and cultural rights need to be developped in a very decisive way. As a human rights defender belonging to a country where the human rights situation is also very difficult, I would like to provide my experience to contribute to the improvement of the human rights situation in this country, that paradoxically was one of the first States in the Latin-American and Caribbean continent that become independent from the colonial regime, based on the 1789 Human Rights Declaration, and who contributed decisively to the independence of Colombia in the early 18th Century. |

**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** |
| Political Sociology, Doctorate studies at the School of High Studies in Social Sciencies, Paris | 1978-1983 | Paris (France) and Bogotá (Colombia) |
| DEA (equivalent to Master's Degree) on Political Science, at University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne), Paris | 1976-1978 | Paris (France) |
| Specialisation on Public Law, at University Externado de Colombia, Bogotá | 1975 | Bogotá (Colombia) |
| Lawyer's Degree, at University Externado de Colombia, Bogotá | 1969-1973 | Bogotá (Colombia) |

**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 |
| Colombian Commission of Jurists, Director | 25 years, since its creation in 1988 | Bogotá, Colombia |
| University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute, visiting fellow | 1,5 years, from 1998 to 1999 | South Bend, Indiana, USA |
| Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular (CINEP), researcher | 5 years, from 1983 to 1988 | Bogotá, Colombia |
| Universities of Externado de Colombia, Los Andes, Nacional, Javeriana, professor | 34 years, since 1979 | Bogotá, Colombia |

**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 |

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*

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.

No

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Thank you for your interest.