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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to His Excellency's Government and has the honor to draw its attention to the provisions of articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights relating to the election of the members of the Human Rights Committee and the procedure for the filling of a vacancy in the Committee.

In a letter dated 7 March 2018, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee notified the Secretary-General of the resignation, on 28 February 2018 (effective from 1 March 2018), of Ms. Anja Seibert-Fohr, who had been re-elected at the 35th Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant held on 23 June 2016 for a term that was to expire on 31 December 2020.

In accordance with article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General hereby declares this seat vacant and has the honor to invite His Excellency's Government to submit its nomination, for the purpose of filling this vacancy, to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at Geneva, Switzerland, by **Monday 2 July 2018** at the latest, having regard to the relevant provisions of articles 28, 29, 31 and 34 of the Covenant (please submit the electronic word version of the curriculum vitae of the candidate in accordance with the biographical data form contained in annex II to the Secretariat at the following email addresses: gabtom@ohchr.org and copy ccpr@ohchr.org).

In accordance with article 31, paragraph 1 of the Covenant, the "Committee may not include more than one national of the same State". In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to annex III below which contains the names of the present members of the Committee indicating the dates on which their terms of office are due to expire.

In accordance with article 31, paragraph 2 of the Covenant, consideration shall be given in the election of the Committee, to equitable geographical distribution of membership and to the representation of the different forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems.

In accordance with article 34, paragraph 2 of the Covenant, the Secretary General shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them and shall submit the list to His Excellency's Government together with information concerning the 37th Meeting of the States parties to be held at the **United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 28 August 2018, in Conference Building, Room 1, from 10 am**, for the election to fill this vacancy.

In accordance with article 34, paragraph 3 of the Covenant, "a member of the Committee elected to fill a vacancy declared in accordance with article 33, shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member who vacated the seat on the Committee ...".

Information on elections relating to the Human Rights Committee may be found on the following link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Elections37th.aspx>



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