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Subject: Ad-hoc Election for a Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the Remainder of the Term of One Seat of the Western European and Other States Regional Group

The Secretary-General refers to the letter dated 8 April 2020 in which the Chair of the Committee Mr. Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão informs of the resignation of Mr. Olivier De Schutter (Belgium) Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, effective 1 May 2020, and whose term of office was to expire on 31 December 2022.

In this connection, the Secretary-General recalls rule 12 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/1990/4/Rev.1), which reads as follows:

“1. When a vacancy is declared ... and if the term of office of the member to be replaced does not expire within six months of the declaration of the vacancy, the Secretary-General shall notify each of the States parties of the regional group to which the vacant seat in the Committee is allocated in accordance with paragraph (b) of Council resolution 1985/17. Those States parties may within two months submit nominations in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of the same resolution.

“2. The Secretary-General shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of the persons thus nominated and shall submit it to the Council. The Council shall hold the election to fill the vacancy in the Committee in accordance with the procedure established in paragraph (c) of its resolution 1985/17. The election shall take place at the session of the Council following the deadline for the submission of nominations for the vacant seat.

“3. A member of the Committee elected to fill the vacancy ... shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member who vacated the seat of the Committee.

In accordance with the above and paragraphs (b) and (c) of the Economic, Social and Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 (Annex 1), the Secretary-General has the honor to invite Your Excellency's Government to submit a nomination for membership in the Committee, for the remainder of the term of the vacant seat, that is until 31 December 2022. Please also submit biographical information concerning the candidate, prepared in accordance with the enclosed candidacy form (Annex II). Nominations should be sent to the Secretary-General, c/o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, in electronic form (Word) (cescr@ohchr.org) **by 21 June 2020 at the latest.**

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