BACKGROUND NOTE and TIMELINE

ELECTIONS OF EXPERTS OF THE HRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2019

**MAY 2019**

The Secretariat of the Advisory Committee will inform the Coordinators of the five regional groups that the term of office of **seven** members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee will expire on 30 September 2019 as indicated in the table below: two members from African States, one member from Latin American and the Caribbean States, one member from Western European and other States, two members from the Asian and the Pacific States, and one member from East European States.

**List of Advisory Committee members whose term membership expiring on 30 September 2019 (\* indicates the members currently serving a second term)**

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| Mr. BOUZID Lazhari (Algeria) |
| Ms. HANANÍA DE VARELA Karla \* (El Salvador) |
| Mr. LEBEDEV Mikhail \* (Russian Federation) |
| Mr. LIU Xinsheng (China) |
| Mr. OBATA Kaoru \* (Japan) |
| Ms. OMAR Mona (Egypt) |
| Mr. ZIEGLER Jean \* (Switzerland) |

Paragraph 66 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1 provides that *“all Member States of the United Nations may propose or endorse candidates from their own region. When selecting their candidates, States should consult their national human rights institutions and civil society organizations and, in this regard, include the names of those supporting their candidates”.*

In its decision 6/102, the Council also approved the technical and objective requirements for the submission of candidatures for the election of members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, as stipulated in paragraph 67 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1. Paragraph 74 of the said annex provides that “the members of the Advisory Committee shall serve for a period of three years” and that they “shall be eligible for re-election once”.

Member States are also strongly encouraged to propose women as candidates to improve the gender balance in the current composition of the Advisory Committee (3 women and 15 men).

**FRIDAY 26 JULY 2019**: Deadline for the Regional Coordinators to inform the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee of applications received from Member States of their respective groups. No Member States shall send applications directly to the Secretariat.

The CV (s) of the applicant(s) **must be sent by Regional Coordinators to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee in Word format (No PDF) at the following email address:** [**hrcadvisorycommittee@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcadvisorycommittee@ohchr.org) **and a copy to OHCHR Registry** [**registry@ohchr.org**](mailto:registry@ohchr.org)**, indicating in the subject line “Candidatures for AC election 2019”*.***

Reference is made in this regard to paragraph 71 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1, which provides that the “*list of candidates shall be closed two months prior to the election date*” and that the “*Secretariat will make available the list of candidates and relevant information to member States and to the public at least one month prior to their election*”.

**End of AUGUST 2019**: A Note by the Secretary-General, entitled “*Elections of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee”* will be issued. This note will contain all the CVs received before the above-mentioned deadline (cf: A/HRC/39/74 of 20 August 2018)

**End of the 41st session of the Human Rights Council (9-27 September):**

Elections at the Human Rights Council are likely to take place on 26 or 27 September 2019.

In accordance with paragraph 70 of Council resolution 5/1, the elections of members of the Advisory Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot, from the list of candidates whose names have been presented in accordance with the requirements in Council decision 6/102. Where the number of candidates per regional group, however, will correspond to the number of seats to be filled, the holding of a secret ballot shall be dispensed with in accordance with UN practice.