**How to apply:**

The entire application process consists of two parts: **1. online survey** and **2. application form in Word format**. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.

**First part:** **Online survey** (<http://icts-surveys.unog.ch/index.php/733286/lang-en>) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity.

**Second part:** **Application form in Word** can be downloaded from <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC31.aspx> by clicking on the mandate. It should be fully 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. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public website.

Once fully completed (including Section VII), the application form in Word should be submitted to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org (by email). A maximum of three reference letters (optional) can be attached in Word or pdf format to the email prior to the expiration of the deadline. No additional documents such as CVs or lists of publications will be accepted.

**Please note that for EMRIP appointments, only citizens of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at** [**http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml**](http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml)

* **Application deadline: 11 January 2016 (12 noon GMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

In case of technical difficulties, or if encountering problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email at hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

**You will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by email.**

**Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** Tsykarev  | **6. Year of birth:** 1985 |
| **2. First name:** Alexey  | **7. Place of birth:** Kondopoga, USSR |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):**        | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Russian Federation |
| **4. Middle name:**        | **9. Any other nationality:**       |
| **5. Sex:** **[x]  Male** **[ ]  Female** | **10. Indigenous origin (only for EMRIP candidates):** Karelian |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **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 six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

I have an education in humanities with a focus on ethnic cultures and languages, minority and indigenous issues.

I have ten years of professional experience in regional NGO “Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples and Civic Diplomacy “Nuori Karjala” (“Young Karelia”), four years of work in the International Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples (two years as President).

In addition to my EMRIP research work, over last three years I have participated in several research projects: “Karelia. Sustainable local development based on the cultural and historical identity” (as a consultant of the World Bank), On "Glocal" governance: On the meanings and consequences of the "vernacularization" of Human Rights Concepts (as a research assistant at Erik Castren Institute for Human Rights, University of Helsinki), and Arctic Council’s research Adaptation Action in Changing Arctic (as one of the writers).

I’m a native Russian speaker, and possess good communication skills in English, and excellent knowledge of Finnish language. I am an experienced public speaker and have skills in chairing international meetings.

Also, I have good organizational and negotiating skills. For instance, I have organized international conferences, seminars, training programmes, study trips, workshops.

Being a member of the Russian Association of Journalists, I am an experienced author of publications.

1. **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.)**

My involvement with international human rights standards started in 2010 at a session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In 2011 I was selected for participation in OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme, which built large-scale theoretical knowledge about national and international instruments and mechanisms of human rights. In 2012 I continued learning human righs in practice as an intern at the Office of Senior Adviser for Human Rights (UN country team, Moscow). In 2013 I was appointed by HRC as a member of EMRIP, which got me in the heart of the International Indigenous Peoples’ rights advocacy. In 2013 I attended the Practical Workshop for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge (WIPO). I’m also an alumnus of the Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples’ Representatives (UNITAR).

Taking advantage of my mandate holder capacity, I have been involved in research and advice, communication with Member States, Indigenous Peoples, academia, UN treaty bodies, agencies and mandate holders, other stakeholders. I have participated in expert seminars and HRC sessions, improved lobbying and negotiating skills.

My work experience in this field is 10 years, including working for my regional NGO, advocating for the rights of Finno-Ugric peoples, and international involvment.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

I have been offered an expert role in governmental advisory councils and Indigenous Peoples’ institutions. Thereby, I am a member of the Indigenous Peoples’ Council of the Republic of Karelia, and civic councils under numerous other state bodies. In 2013-2015, I represented Republic of Karelia at the Barents Regional Youth Council. In 2015, I headed the Commission of the Protection of Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Migrants and Refugees with the Expert Council of the Ombudsman office.

Several times I was a delegate at Congresses of my own people – the Karelians, represented my people at World Congresses of Finno-Ugric Peoples. I was a delegation member of Russian Indigenous Peoples at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. In 2010-2013, I was a focal point of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus for Eastern Europe.

My competence was internationally acknowledged by appointing a mandate holder. In 2014 my colleagues in EMRIP appointed me the Vice-Chair, and in 2015 they trusted me the chairmanship.

I have been invited to address high-level expert meetings, such as International Conference on Native Languages (Syktyvkar,2013), Arctic Circle Assemble (Reykjavik,2014), OHCHR seminars “Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the Advancement of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights” (Krasnoyarsk,2014), on access to justice (Auckland,2014) and cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples (Rovaniemi,2015).

1. **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.)**

Thanks to my independent status and work mainly in NGO, I can flexibly participate in all UN meetings required. I can adjust more than three months yearly to the work of a mandate.

Over past three years of my membership in EMRIP I have been able to sacrifice as much time as required to fulfill my mandate efficiently. I have participated in EMRIP's annual sessions, HRC’s sessions, coordination meetings of indigenous related mechanisms, Expert Group Meetings, Expert Seminars, sessions of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Forum on Business and Human Rights. If re-appointed, I would continue to carry out these duties in the same way.

I am also able to allocate time for doing research, drafting, collecting relevant materials, communicating with other experts, and the secretariat, promoting our work. Participation in informals with member states and indigenous peoples while negotiating themes for EMRIP studies is also important and takes time. Experience shows, that inter-sessional meetings of EMRIP allow to better prepare studies and session. I would prepare myself for such additional inter-sessional activities.

Previously, I have organized informal meetings with the group of states of my region, which were very useful. If re-appointed, I would continue this practice.

Also, I would be able to carry out additional responsibilities as Chair or Vice-Chair, if elected.

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

By appointing me as Member of EMRIP three years ago, HRC recognized me as a young advocate of indigenous peoples. While I continue to represent the youth and support the aspirations of indigenous youth, as a result of being surrounded by more experienced colleagues I can now present myself as an indigenous international expert. During my first term at EMRIP I had the opportunity to proceed from a Member to the Chair-Rapporteur.My term at EMRIP has been challenging because of a concentration of remarkable events, from the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and endorsement of Sustainable Development Goals, to the Climate Conference and the 70th Anniversary of the UN. When, if not during this important time can one strengthen one’s skills and expertise?

Next three years should be filled even more by significant developments, because all outcome documents negotiated during the previous period should start being implemented. For EMRIP the most important issue would be the review of its mandate. There is a strong demand for strengthening EMRIP’s mandate, as a joint effort of Member States, Indigenous Peoples, and mandate holders themselves. Remaining a unique advisory body,EMRIP could better assist Member States, businesses and Indigenous Peoples to keep a constructive dialogue, create and implement national strategies to achieve the ends of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and raise awareness about and deepen our understanding of Indigenous Peoples’ rights.

I was struck when once an indigenous representative asked EMRIP experts whether they have been able to meet the President of HRC. We have not, despite EMRIP being a subsidiary body of the Council. This is something that can be enhanced. If re-appointed, I would make efforts towards further maintenance and intensification of dialogue between EMRIP and other UN actors. More efficiency could be brought by increasing EMRIP’s inter-sessional activities: inter-sessional meetings and capacity-building seminars.

The main work is to elaborate qualitative and comprehensive research and advice. For the next study themes I would propose Indigenous Peoples’ relationships with business, environmental rights, violence against women, indigenous human rights defenders and NGO’s, indigenous entrepreneurship. Previously considered themes have to be continuously followed-up, because the situation is changing, and sometimes already existing good practices are being dismantled. Participation in decision making and access to justice are among issues of concern.

During my first term at EMRIP I was concerned about indigenous languages and cultures.My initiative to look into intangible cultural heritage evolved into a Study, which was well received. I learned that my ideas can work at the UN,but how to make them influence further decision-making at all levels? I understood that working in EMRIP is not only about research, but also about taking the lead in advancement of Indigenous Peoples’ rights by furthering elaborated advice into concrete actions. Mandate holder should be able to lobby for better understanding and implementation of human rights.EMRIP already creates space for interaction among different parties. Now experts should think, how to transform their recommendations into the laws, projects and new initiatives.At sessions I would like to hear more about how the work of EMRIP and myself has changed something in indigenous communities.

Operating internationally,I have been working non-stop on the ground with indigenous organizations and communities in Russia.My indigenous origin and belonging to the network of Finno-Ugric peoples support my mandate and supply me with ideas.After three years of intensive work, I would reaffirm my commitment to be open, flexible, independent, and professional in fulfilling this mandate. Past experience, backing of my people and trust of my colleagues inspire me to undertake new steps forward. If re-appointed, I will bring all my expertise to all sides of EMRIP's work from routine research to enhancing the mandate.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Karelian**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

 **Russian:** Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**3. Interview (if shortlisted):**

**In the event that the candidate is shortlisted for a telephone interview, and subject to the approval and availability of the necessary funds by the General Assembly, a request for simultaneous interpretation in one of the six official United Nations languages can be made for the purpose of the telephone interview by the Consultative Group.**

**For planning purposes, please indicate in which of the six official United Nations languages you are requesting to have simultaneous interpretation. Please choose only one of the six official United Nations languages:**

**[ ]  Arabic [ ]  Chinese [x]  English [ ]  French [ ]  Russian [ ]  Spanish**

**Notwithstanding the above possibility to request simultaneous interpretation during the interview, please note that English and French are the working languages of the United Nations and fluency in English and/or French will be assessed during the interview.**

**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**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Master of Linguistics; Translator in Sphere of Professional Communications. Petrozavodsk State University, Faculty of Baltic and Finnish Philology and Culture.  | 2002 - 2007 | Petrozavodsk, Russia |
| Postgraduate studies in Branch of Ethnology, Ethnography, Anthropology.Institute of Language, History and Literature, Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences | 2011 - 2012 | Petrozavodsk, Russia |
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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 employer,****functional title,****main functions of position:** | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| University of Helsinki, Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Research assistant.Assisting the project leader Reetta Toivanen in the Study On "Glocal" governance: On the meanings and consequences of  the "vernacularization" of Human Rights Concepts. This research project aims at understanding of how minority rights are vernacularized in municipalities where inhabitants belong to different majority and minority populations. Main duties: to research Russian part of the Sami people's living area, to analyze relationships between Sami people and other ethnic groups, and among Sami population itselves, to analyze the role of international standarts and indigenous peoples organizations in the defending of human rights of the Sami people.  | 2015 | Helsinki, Finland |
| Public Organization of the Republic of Karelia «Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples and Civic Diplomacy «Nuori Karjala» ("Young Karelia"), Director on International Affairs and Public Relations (2008 - 2015). Chair (since December 2015).Main duties: indigenous affairs, relations to authorities, project management in sphere of education, culture and the rights of indigenous peoples, fundraising.   | 2008 - 2015 | Petrozavodsk, Russia |
| International Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples, President.Main duties: Coordination, Strategic planning and management, representing the Association on national and international level, implementation projects on field of preservation and development of Finno-Ugric languages and cultures, civic diplomacy, cultural heritage, youth initiatives and international cooperation of Indigenous Peoples. | 2009 - 2011 | Petrozavodsk, Russia |
| Publishing house «Periodika», translator and journalist in Literature and Socio-Policy Magazine "Carelia" (2006 - 2011), Investment Relations (2014).Main duties as journalist: writing articles about the Finno-Ugric and other Indigenous Peoples, civil cociety and development issues in North-West Russia, Arctic, Barents and Baltic sea regions.Main duties as IR-manager: building relations to the potential investors, fundraising.  | 2006 - 20112014 | Petrozavodsk, Russia |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)
*This section must be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on his/her behalf.***

**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.**

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.**

I will take measures to avoid any conflict of interest or accumulation of human rights functions. In event of conflict of interest or accumulation of human rights functions, I will inform the UN and relinquish my position in EMRIP, or another position or activity caused conflict of interest.

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