

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

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Appointments of mandate holders to be made at the 31st session of the Human Rights Council (29 February – 24 March 2016)

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/836379?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 Working Group appointments, only citizens of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible (in this case Asia-Pacific States). Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at <http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml>

→ APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4 FEBRUARY 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.

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I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family name: Green	6. Year of birth: 1957
2. First name: Penelope	7. Place of birth: Australia
3. Maiden name (if any): Green	8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): UK
4. Middle name: Jane	9. Any other nationality: Australian
5. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	

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 hold degrees in Psychology from the ANU and in Law and Criminology from the University of Cambridge and have worked for many years in the UK's leading universities. My academic background has provided me with a wide range of theoretical and empirical experience in researching human rights violations through the intellectual paradigm of state crime, defined as 'human rights violations perpetrated by state officials in pursuit of state organizational goals'.

I have extensive and challenging human rights fieldwork experience including: researching human rights violations in the Kurdish region of Turkey e.g. the Roboski massacre on the Turkish/Iraqi border in 2011; investigating the persecution of the Rohingya Muslim ethnic minority in Myanmar's IDP camps and Aung Mingalar ghetto; exploring violations of human rights and civil society resistance in Tunisia, Myanmar and Turkey; and researching forced evictions in Myanmar, PNG and Israel/Palestine. I am thus resilient to the challenges of working in the field of human rights monitoring and investigation.

I have excellent verbal and written communications skills as attested by my long publishing record in peer-reviewed journals, external reviews of my books, teaching awards, and frequent international invitations to deliver keynote and plenary lectures on human rights and state crime.

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2. 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 academic career has focused on the study of human rights violations, state criminality and legal and civil society attempts to prevent and regulate that criminality. My familiarity with the range of international human rights instruments, norms and principles has been acquired through study, teaching, research, working collaboratively with international lawyers and engagement with international civil society.

My knowledge has been accumulated through decades of human rights scholarship and while my focus has been on understanding the crimes of states from within a criminological framework, this has necessarily entailed a thorough understanding of the international legal norms, frameworks and instruments which frame the international regulation of states.

Of particular relevance to my work are: International Humanitarian Law (The Geneva and Hague Conventions and their protocols), Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

IHL, as contained in the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and Additional Protocol I, is particularly useful for identifying violations associated with the actions of the Occupying Power toward the civilian population of the Occupied Territory: including construction of settlements, collective punishments, targeted assassinations, diversion of water, excessive force, conditions of detention and imprisonment.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

My competence relates not only to the investigation and monitoring of international human rights violations but to the active protection of human rights in those regions in which I have worked.

I am one of the world's leading scholars of state crime, founding the International State Crime Initiative in 2009, which theorises, monitors and investigates international human rights violations.

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I have over 30 years academic experience in the fields of human rights and social justice. My research has focused on theorising mass atrocity, state violence and corruption. I have taught university courses that have at their core a conceptual and legal understanding of human rights, and supervised over 25 PhD students working in the field.

My international standing is recognised in research grant success of over £1,500,000 from UK and international research councils; trusteeships of the UK's leading penal reform NGO, the Howard League, the Democratic Progress Institute, and formerly the international Kurdish Human Rights Project, international journal editorships and visiting professorships in Australia, Egypt, and Turkey.

I have visited Israel/Palestine; am Adjunct Professor at the School of Law University of Birzeit and have developed an extensive network of scholars and human rights campaigners in Palestine and Israel.

**4. 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.)**

I am able to devote at least 3 months per year to work on the mandate. In my position as Professor of Law and Globalisation I have considerable flexibility. My teaching is confined to the supervision of PhD students and occasional lectures to undergraduate and post-graduate Law students. My primary responsibility has been directing and advancing the success of the International State Crime Initiative (ISCI) which I founded at King's College before taking up my current post at Queen Mary University of London. The Principal, Vice Principals for International Relations, and Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Law School at QMUL are extremely supportive of my application and the institution as a whole is strongly committed to international external engagement. My research and grant commitments are entirely under my control and I work in a team which offers additional teaching and administrative support should I require it. Living in London means that travelling to Geneva and New York is straightforward and would require little planning or preparation. Should I be afforded the honour, the role of the SROCT would become my priority.

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER (600 word limit)

Dear Members of the Human Rights Council,

My motivation to apply for the position of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian occupied territories derives from three sources:

- a) a distinguished thirty year academic career which has, at its core, the interrogation and theorisation of crimes committed by states and the resistance those crimes engender;
- b) a general commitment to translate the findings of my scholarship into meaningful and progressive social change (see e.g. my trusteeships of the UK's leading penal reform NGO, the Howard League, the Democratic Progress Institute; Inquest and the Kurdish Human Rights Project);
- c) a desire to employ my recognised international academic standing in the practical advancement of human rights in Israel/Palestine.

I am aware of the challenges presented by the role of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian occupied territories and appreciate the difficulties of former rapporteurs who were denied access to Palestine. My advantage in this respect is that I have previously visited Israel/Palestine and was appointed an Open Society Academic Consultant to the University of Birzeit in 2014, following which I was appointed Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Law and Public Administration at Birzeit in 2015.

I have built a uniquely strong network of academic, legal and civil society actors across the world, including in Israel and Palestine. This network will prove central should the Special Rapporteur continue to be denied access to Palestine. In this regard I am uniquely equipped with the methodological tools of data selection and verification essential for the validation of externally produced data (including digital images) relating to both individual cases and those concerns of a more structural nature.

When I first began researching mass atrocity, genocide and other forms of human rights violations we lacked a conceptual language with which to articulate what we now define as state crime. My 5 year research study into civil society non-violent resistance to state violence and corruption (in Turkey, Tunisia, Myanmar, Colombia, Kenya and PNG) and my current work on Myanmar's human rights violations, particularly against the Rohingya ethnic minority reveal many things, but chiefly that understanding, truth telling and the exposure of human rights violations is an

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absolutely critical element in both defining, challenging and ultimately defeating state criminality.

While my primary academic focus has not been on the Occupied Territories the preoccupations of my previous theoretical and empirical research and my visits to Israel/Palestine prepare me exceptionally well for the role of Special Rapporteur.

The role of the Special Rapporteur is an especially privileged one. It provides foreign ministries around the world with the most authoritative and independent account of the daily experiences of Palestinian people as they negotiate life under occupation. It also provides an opportunity to accurately inform the prevailing discourse surrounding the condition of human rights in the Occupied territories. I am driven by a desire to present the truth and the complexities that necessarily underpin that truth. To contribute to reporting on the situation of human rights in Palestine, would be both an honour and given my theoretically informed academic background, something I now consider a duty.

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: English

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

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

Read: Easily or Not 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: **yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

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

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

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

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

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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 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.

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications (university level and higher).

Name of degree and name of academic institution:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003):	Place and country:
PhD	1984-1987	University of Cambridge, UK
MPhil	1983	University of Cambridge, UK
MA	1979	University of Western Australia, Perth Australia
BA	1975-1978	Australian National University, Canberra, Aust.

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.

Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position:	Years of work (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005):	Place and country:
Queen Mary University of London, Professor of Law and Globalisation	2014-	London UK
King's College London, Professor of Law and Criminology	2007-2014	London UK
University of Westminster, Professor of Law and Criminology	1999-2007	London UK
University of Southampton Lecturer/Senior Lecturer	1990 -1999 1989-1990	Southampton UK
London School of Economics Post-doctoral Research Fellow		London UK

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)

To 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.

N/A
