**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://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/891483?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/HRC32.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](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) (by email). A maximum of up to 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, resumes, or supplementary reference letters beyond the first three received will be accepted.

**Please note that for Working Group 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: 14 april 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](mailto: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:** Portales | **6. Year of birth:** 1948 |
| **2. First name:** Carlos | **7. Place of birth:** Santiago, Chile |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Chileno |
| **4. Middle name:** Alberto | **9. Any other nationality:** no |
| **5. Sex:**  **Male**  **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.)**

The candidate studied law (1966-1971) at the University of Chile, including relevant human rigths issues. He graduated "summa cum laude". Then he got an M.A. in Political Science, Stanford University (1977) and finished the doctoral coursework. He become Professor/Researcher at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Santiago, Chile(1977-1990), working in the field of international relations (mainly but not exclusively US-Latin American relations, including human rights issues) and in civil-military relations and human rights. He taught these topics in the Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) (1986-87). From 1990 to 2010 he became high official in the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Policy: as Director General for Foreign Policy (1990-1994, and 2003 2008) he was oversighting Chilean Foreign policy, including human rights, a key component of the new democratic government foreign policy after the 17th year military dictatorship. During 1997-2000, he was Ambassador to the Organization of the American States, representing the government in the regional human right system. And during 2008-2010 he was Ambassador to the U.N. Office in Geneva being Chilean representative to the Human Rights Council and Vice-President of the Council 2009-2010. After 2010 he taugh UN Human Rights procedures in the Academy of Human Rights, American University.

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.)**

Both as a student and as a professor, the candidate studied human rights instruments. The experience at UN Geneva was very important to understand the work of Treaty Bodies and rapporteurs in achieving the different mandates. This experience allow me to be invited to teach in the prestigious Human Rights Academy of WCL American University and to organize a Program on International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy in AU where I was Director from 2010 to 2014, bringing graduate students from four continents to coursework in Geneva with the international organizations and relevant actors in the system.

Work experience in the field of human rights started in september 1973 with the coup d'Etat in Chile and my early participation in preparing reports on the human rights situation. It was a fundamental component in the struggle for democracy including institutional elements as well as in the international component of such a struggle. And then in the process of transition to deal with human rights abuses of the past and to be an active country in the field of human rights as a high official in the Chilean foreign policy apparatus.

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

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

The election in 2009 as Vice-President of the HRC was a recognition, of course of the strong record of Chile in the field, but also of my particular work as Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Group in Geneva in 2008 and our performance at the Council. The strong and persistant human rights component of Chilean foreign policy was developed mainly multilaterally.In many cases the multiralteral responsibility of such tasks wer done by myself as Coordinator of the Summit of the Americas, the Ibero-American Summits, the Rio Group and other multilateral work. My work was also recognized by members of the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights and the InterAmerican Comission in their relationship with the Permanent Council of the OAS. This dimension was also fundamental in the Community of Democracies, multilateral project that Chile coordinated in 2003 and 2004 under my responsibility.

American University invitation to participate in their programs and the invitation of the InterAmerican Institute of Human Rights to be part of this important institutions have been important recognitions.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please listsignificant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that you have written or public statements, or pronouncements that you have made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Global Militarization

**Journal/Publisher:** Westview Press, Colo, USA

**Date of publication:** c. 1987

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** Building Prevention To Protect: the InterAmerican Human Right System

**Journal/Publisher:** Anuario Colombiano de Derechos Humanos/Universidad del Rosario, Colombia

**Date of publication:** tbp 2016

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Public Goods and Regional Organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean: identity, goals and implementation.

**Journal/Publisher:** Routledge/IDB

**Date of publication:** tbp 2016 or 2017

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

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.)**

I will be able to perform the functions of the mandate, including participation in the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, as well as travelling on special procedure visits and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. I understand the responsibility to draft reports. My current working position is mainly academic and flexible, so I do no expect major difficulties if I receive the appointment.

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

As a personal experience Chileans profoundly understood the importance of human rights when a miltary coup suppressed civil liberties and established a dictatorship that lasted for seventeen years. We also became aware of the role of the international community when the United Nations developed a long term concern for the situation in the country and created new mechanism for the protection of human rights which were instrumental in creating space for change.

After 1990 I had the privilege to be part of the diplomacy of the new democratic government, reafirming my conviction that international instruments of human rights have become central to international activity, helping in progress inside nations and increasing colaboration among peoples. The continuous elaboration of human rights instruments, the attention and many time passion that governments and other stakeholders give to these tasks reveal the importance and the potentiality of such instruments.

My diplomatic experience in Geneva and the participation in the work of the Human Rights Council made me aware of the difficulties and problems in many countries of the world, if not in all, but also of the role that international institutions of human rights may play, not only in creating awareness of human rights situations, but mainly in opening possibilities for dialogue and improvements.

I am aware of the complex task of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in implementing his mandate, but persistance has been a key element in the valuable U.N. experience in these matters. The creation of a constructive dialogue is a goal in spite of the objectives difficulties that comes from history and less intense contacts with the international community.

The enormous challenges ahead are for me an incentive to offer my deep human rights concerns and my diplomatic experience to serve the U.N.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Spanish**

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

**Arabic:** Yes or 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: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **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: **Yes** If yes,

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

**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:** |
| Licenciado en Ciencias Juridicas y Sociales, Universidad de Chile (Santiago) | 1966-1971 | Santiago, Chile |
| Master of Arts (Political Science) Stanford University | 1974-1976 | Stanford, California, USA |
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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:** |
| FLACSO-Chile, Professor/Researcher | 2014-2016 | Santiago, Chile |
| American University, Washington College of Law, Director Program International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy  AU, WCL, Academy on Human Rights, Lecturer U.N. Human Rights System | 2010-2014 | Washington , USA  Geneva, Switzerland |
| Chilean Government, Ambassador to the UN OFFICE and other International Organizations, Geneva | 2008-2010 | Geneva Switzerland |
| Chilean Government, Director General for Foreign Policy  Chilean Government, Policy Planning Director MOFA  Chilean Government, Director Diplomatic Academy  Chilean Government, Ambassador to the OAS  Chilean Government, Ambassador to Mexico  Chilean Government, Director General for Foreign Policy  FLACSO-Chile, Professor/Researcher  University of North Carolina/ Guest Professor | 2003-2008  2001-2003  2000-2001  1997-2000  1994-1997  1990-1994  1976-1990  1986-1987 | Santiago, Chile  Washington, DC, USA  Mexico, Mexico  Santiago, Chile  Santiago, Chile  Chapel Hill, N.C., USA |

**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.**

No

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