**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 s****ur****vey** (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/858683>) 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/HRC37.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC37.aspx) by clicking on the mandate. It should be fully completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by e-mail. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The same name, gender and nationality should be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. 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 e-mail). A maximum of up to three reference letters (optional) can be attached in Word or pdf format to the e-mail 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)

1. **Application deadline: 23 January 2018 (12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME / gMT)**
2. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
3. **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](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/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 e-mail at [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org) or fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

**You will receive an acknowledgment e-mail 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 e-mail.  
Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Graf | **5. Year of birth:**  **1950** |
| **2. First (given) name:** Alan | **6. Place of birth:**  **New York City, NY. USA** |
| **3. Other name, if any:**  None | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):**  USA |
| **4. Gender:** Male | **8. Any other nationality:**  **None** |

**I****I****.****M****ANDATE - 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, Alan Graf, have practiced civil rights, environmental and disability law for the last twenty-five years. I have won two awards for my work: 1) In Defense of Civil Liberties, 2006, Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and 2) Oregon Trial Lawyers Public Interest Award, 2005. I was also the President of the Portland Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild from 1995 to 2004. I have been a public speaker and co-hosted a radio show in Portland, Oregon with NAACP President Joanne Hardesty from 2002 to 2005. I have also organized legal observer teams with the National Lawyers Guild and continue to do so. Recently, I organized and produced a seminar on First Amendment Rights in Floyd, Virginia, the town where I live.**

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.)**

**I am a graduate of Lewis and Clark School of Law. I graduated in 1992. I took a course at the Law School in International Law, norms and principles. I also spent three years in Guatemala from 1979 to 1982 working as a relief and development worker. In that job I worked in a NGO working with the native populace the government. In that job, I learned first hand about international norms and the rights of people to free speech, association and assembly.**

**I am also a co-founder of the refugee shelter Casa Marienella, located in Austin, Texas. At that position, I developed a full working knowledge of international human rights as applied to our sanctuary residents.**

1. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)

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

**My competence in the area of human rights is directly tied to my experience noted above as a human rights activist, a co-founder of Casa Marienella, a national lawyers guild attorney and an attorney that has represented the homeless, tree-sitters, political activists and the disabled for the past twenty-five years.**

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.**

**I am the co-author of the Mayor’s Majority Report on Police Accountability in Portland, Oregon, 1998. I have also spoken extensively on civil and human rights while I was a practicing attorney in Portland, Oregon. Recently, I chaired and produced a seminar on the First Amendment in Floyd, Virginia.**

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

**1. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**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:**

February 18, 2017, an Event celebrating the First Amendment was chaired by this applicant. I participated in a number of the presentations which can be found at

https://firstamendmentcelebration.wordpress.com/celebration/videos/

**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 (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

**I am willing and able to participate and dedicate an estimated three months per year in this position.**

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit, must be included below and not in a separate e-mail or as an attachment)

The position offered of United Nations Special Rapporteur on Assembly and Association Rights is a position that immediately attracted my attention when I saw it posted on a National Lawyers Guild Web-site. The fight for human and civil rights, the right to assemble, the right to speak one's mind and hear and the right to associate with whoever one cares to associate with, to me, is the backbone of a free and democratic society.

I have dedicated my life to this case. In the sixties, I worked with Students for Democratic Society and participated in the civil rights movement. In the seventies, I worked in the mountains of Guatemala to bring water and food to a malnourished population. In the eighties, I worked to put together a temporary shelter for refugees fleeing war torn Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua. And in the nineties, I decided to go to law school to add to my tools and a human rights activist so I could be more effective at what I considered to be my mission in life.

Having worked not only as a human and award wining civil rights lawyer, but also as a international relief and development worker, I believe that this position would be a perfect fit for me and allow me to continue this very important work, a mission that the free and not so free world desperately depend upon.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to apply.

Alan Graf

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

**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: **No** If yes,

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

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

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

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating type of degree, subject, and whether full or part-time, ex. *Masters in law, University of xxx, part-time)*.**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| **State University of NY, at StonyBrook, NY** | 1967-72 | Stonybrook, NY USA |
| Lewis and Clark School of Law, Degree in Jurisprudence, Environmental Law | 1988-1992 | Portland, Oregon USA |
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**V****I****.****E****M****P****L****OYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were not full-time.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| Self employed Civil Rights and Disability Lawyer–Alan Stuart Graf, PC. Full-time | 2000-2018 | Portland, Oregon, Floyd, Virginia USA |
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**V****I****I****.****C****O****M****PLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of 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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

**No**

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the 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? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***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.***

***Candidate complies***

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate 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.**

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
e-mail (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

**Please review your application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:**  Alan Graf /s/ Alan Graf

**Date:**  January 18, 2018

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