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**Subject: Call for applications for seven vacancies of special procedure mandate holders to be appointed at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that the following seven mandate holders are to be appointed at the thirty-seventh session of the Council (26 February to 23 March 2018):

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa** [HRC res. 33/25]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America** [HRC res. 33/25]
3. **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order** [HRC res. 36/4]
4. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence** [HRC res. 36/7]
5. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from African States** [HRC res. 33/4]
6. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Eastern European States** [HRC res. 33/4]
7. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** [HRC res. 33/4]

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **28 November 2017 (12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT)** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page: [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx)

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

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