26 August 2019

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the candidate proposed for the following vacancy of mandate holder scheduled to be filled at the 42nd session of the Human Rights Council:

1. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic** [HRC resolution 39/19]

In follow-up to my letter of 13 August 2019, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group’s report, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidate.

Following my thorough consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for this position and propose the appointment of **Mr. Yao AGBETSE (Togo)**. This proposal is made with the understanding that the appointment of the new Independent Expert will be made only provided that the mandate itself is renewed by the Council at its forty-second session.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work and dedication, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for the vacancy, and commend them for the seriousness with which they carried out their task.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Mandate holder**

**to be appointed at the 42nd session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic

**Mr. Yao AGBETSE (Togo)**