24 January 2020

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit for your attention the report of the Consultative Group dated 23 January 2020 with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following thirteen, out of nineteen, vacancies of mandate holders to be filled at the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council. The appointment of the mandate holders marked by an asterisk will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic [HRC resolution 33/25]
2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia [HRC resolution 33/25]
3. Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights [HRC resolution 34/3]*
4. Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons [HRC resolution 42/12]
6. Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context [HRC resolution 34/9]*
7. Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences [HRC resolution 42/10]
8. Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [HRC resolution 35/19]
9. Special Rapporteur on the right to food [HRC resolution 40/7]
10. Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [HRC resolution 42/20]
11. Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material [HRC resolution 34/16]*
12. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders [HRC resolution 34/5]*
13. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar [HRC resolution 40/29]*

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva
The Consultative Group informed me in a letter dated 6 January 2020 that it will send, by 31 January 2020, an addendum to the present report, which will include the recommendations of candidates for appointment to the remaining six vacancies to be filled at the Council’s forty-third session.

I take this opportunity to recall that, according to paragraph 52 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 51/1, “on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.”

In line with this paragraph, I will be holding broad consultations, based on this report, with a view to identifying appropriate candidates for the above-mentioned vacancies.

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

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President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure