***NOTE: THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANDATE HOLDER WILL BE MADE PROVIDED   
THE MANDATE ITSELF IS EXTENDED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL.***

***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 OCTOBER 2019 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/283689*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/283689)*)*

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC43.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC43.aspx)*)*

* *Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)
* *A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or pdf format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or supplementary reference letters) will be accepted.*
* *Applicants 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 the Secretariat. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.*
* *Please note that an application will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.***
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx)
* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (*[*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)*) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** NOUSIA | **5. Year of birth:** 1971 |
| **2. First (given) name:** KYRIAKI | **6. Place of birth:** ATHENS, GREECE |
| **3. Other name, if any:** PIPITSA | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** GREEK |
| **4. Gender:** FEMALE | **8. Any other nationality:** NONE |

**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.)**

I have a PhD in commercial law (marine insurance law) and my research interests include private and public maritime law as well as environmental law and energy law. I have been extensively researching and writing in the last years on issues relating on sustainable development of natural resources in areas such as the Arctic and the ways to achieve that so as to not harm the rights and balance of life oof indingenous people as well as the way to mitigate losses (e.g. pollution) from activities that harm the environment and coastal state and affect its population (e.g. BP Oil Spill in 2010). I am in the process of finalising two publications on the climate change factor and how to sustainably develop the Arctic so as to take into account the indigenous population and their continued sustainable growth as well as how to expropriate natural resources in the Arctic in a way so as to respect the indigenous population rights. I have also written on the migrants rights and the duty in maritime law to deviate so as to rescue migrants. I speak and write fluently in English and in French

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.)**

My knowledge of both international human rights instruments norms and principles and of institutional mandates related to the UN or other international or regional organisation's work in the area of human rights has been acquired during my LLB and LLM studies. In the last years also through my work as an academic and the way my research has evolved to shift from private to public maritime law (migrant's rights at sea) and environmentla law and related issues (human rights and suatainable development). In 1999 I also completed a stage at the European Commisison (DG 23) and hence acquired general experience about international organisations. As work experience in human rights fiel I will mention my academic work, hence if we consider my erlated publications ie this counts for 4 years of such experience

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

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

I would say that my competence at national, regional and international level is proven and was acquired through my work as an academic and through my research and teaching over the years. My publications and interest in environmental law and in indigenous people's rights as well as in migrants' rights and my teaching in these areas proves my international stand in this field.

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:** The Rescue of Migrants and Refugees at Sea: Legal Rights and Obligations.

**Journal/Publisher:** Ocean Yearbook,32

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://doi.org/10.1163/22116001-03101008

**2. Title of publication:** The BP Oil Spill – Environmental Pollution Liability and Other Legal Ramifications' (2011) 20 European Energy and Environmental Law Review, Issue 3, pp. 98–107

**Journal/Publisher:** EEELR Volume 20 (2011) / Issue 3

**Date of publication:** 2011

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** On Modern Threats To Environmental Sustainability In The Arctic: The Climate Change Factor

**Journal/Publisher:** to be submitted to the EEELR

**Date of publication:** 2020

**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:** 16th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

**Event organizer:** Strathclyde University

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 5/7/2018

**Web link, if available:** https://www.strath.ac.uk/media/1newwebsite/departmentsubject/law/strathclydecentreforenvironmentallawandgovernance/pdf/25\_June\_Programme\_-\_for\_dissemination.pdf

**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”.**

As an academic at Exeter University Law School I have to fulfill my academic role and duties of teaching and research as well as administrative role as designated by my employer. Nevertheless, such work (mandate) will be highly honorous for my University as well as creating impact and I am therefore stating hereby that I will be to my best capacity flexible and ready to perform the functions of the mandate and respond to its requirements including the participation at the HRC meetings in Geneva and in NY as well as traveling as much as I can for other commitments as designated by the mandate ( special prcedures visits, drafting of reports etc). I am hoping to be able to devote 2-3 months per year for the work of the mandate

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

I am applying for the position of Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people (appointments to be made at the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council). I believe that my knowledge of public and private law in areas such as maritime and environmental law as well as my research writing and supervision in the areas of public and private mariitme law as well as in the area of environmental law and the inclusion of my research of topics such as the topics on the need to sustainably develop natural resources and the need to protect indigenous people, constitute me a candidate appropriate to serve under the current mandate. In my research lately I have been wriitng: a) “On Modern Threats to Environmental Sustainability in the Arctic: The Climate Change Factor”, analysing climate change and its impact, the threat that climate change imposes on the Arctic and its sustainable development. I am arguing that any future sustainable growth and development in the Arctic should, inter alia, take into consideration factors that will guarantee its sustainable development, such as the need to build sustainable infrastructure so as to explore the Arctic in a sustainable way, and the need to achieve transformation towards an inclusive green economy that balances environmental considerations with growth, respects the indigenous communities and their rights, creates jobs and helps reduce poverty and inequalities. I am arguing on the future of the Arctic, given the impact of climate change, as well as threats and problems related to the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the Arctic and ways to meet the challenges from a policy standpoint; and b) “On Modern Threats to Environmental Sustainability in the Arctic: the Cybersecurity Factor - Insurance against Cyber Breaches in Oil and Gas Installations “Following events in 2018-2019 (extreme heatwaves with unprecedented temperatures) which make the pace of climate change accelerate and ice to rapidly melt in the Arctic, and hence revealing new areas for the expropriation of natural resources which will soon become available. I argue that such expropriation needs to take place in a sustainable way so as to respect the environment and the way of life of the indigenous population in the Arctic. Most importantly, I argue that we need to make sure that we take all necessary measures to mitigate any risk against the environment, such as the threat of an oil spill. The risk of an environmental accident as well as the risk of a cyber-breach incident are imminent and major threats and environmental liability insurance as well as cyber-risk insurance coverage needs be in place, as a mitigating factor, in relation to oil and gas operations in the Arctic to protect the environment and the lives of indigenous people. My article will shed light on how to best mitigate repercussions such as a cyber threat that might disrup the lives of indigenus people. Both article will be published in peer reviewd journals in 2020. Both these articles as well as my earlier publications on the rights of immigrants at sea and the BP Oil Spill, and my supervision of research projects and PhDs, prove my expertise on issues pertaining to indigenous people and human rights. I have a passion for environmental law and I strive to make a difference via my work and publication. I believe that the mandate (if appointed) will be an excellent opportunity for me to communicate my knowledge and offer my expertise.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Greek**

**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: **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: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **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: **No** 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:** |
| PhD, UNiversity of Southampton (Law School), FT | 2000-2004 | Southampton, UK |
| LLM, International Trade Law, University of Essex (Law School), FT | 1997-1998 | Essex, UK |
| LLB, University of Athens Law School, FT | 1990-1995 | Athens, Greece |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT 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:** |
| University of Exeter, Senior Lecturer (E&R), Research and teaching in maritime and environmental law and energy law and touching upon human rights issues | 2016-present | Exeter, UK |
| University of Birmingham, Lecturer in Law, Research and teaching in maritime and environmental law and energy law and touching upon human rights issues | 2004-2007 | Birmingham, UK |
| University of Hamburg, Law School, Alexander von Humboldt Reesarch Fellow, Research in maritime and environmental law also touching upon human rights issues | 2007-2010 | Hamburg, Germany |
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**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 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.***

Yes

**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.**

The candidate will take measures to comply with paras 44, 46 of the Annex to Council Resolution 5/1. If any conflict arises the candidate will strive to resolve it in the best possible way (e.g. relinquishing poaitions, occulations and activities).

**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   
email (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

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

**Name:** Dr. Kyriaki Pipitsa Nousia

**Date:** 16/10/2019

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1. The short **online survey** 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. The same name, gender and nationality should be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the 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 the vacancy. The candidate’s application form will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)