***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:** Cardona Llorens | **5. Year of birth:** 1957 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Jorge | **6. Place of birth:** Valencia (Spain) |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Spanish |
| **4. Gender:** Male | **8. Any other nationality:** Non |

**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.)**

Special National Award in Law at the University of Valencia

Special National PhD Award in International Law at the University of Valencia

Professor of International Law at the Spanish Universities of Valencia

Henri Rolin Chair at the Universities of Louvain-La-Neuve and Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Director of the UN Depository Library of the University of Valencia

Director of the Revista Española de Derecho Internacional

Director of the UNHCR Observatory in Valencia

Invited Professors in several European, American and African Universities.

Member of the Scientific Board of the Master on Human Rights, Peace and Sustainable Development of the University of Valencia, as well as for the International Doctorate Programme on Human Rights

Among the R+D projects specially related to the human rights, it could be mentioned among others: “The protection of vulnerable persons and groups in International and European Law”, “Vulnerability by reason of age, disability, immigration, gender, imprisonment and refuge. Study of International and European protection”; “Armed Conflicts, Peacekeeping and Transitional Justice: Law as Solution” (with special reference to the protection of the rights of women and children in armed conflict and post-conflict situations); and “International and European Protection of the rights of persons with disabilities”

Bilingual in Spanish and French. Basic knowledge of English

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.)**

-Former Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2011-2019)

-Member of the “Comisión de Notables” appointed by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the study of the reform of the Inter-American System of Human Rights (1999-2001)

-Legal Expert of the Conference of Ibero-American Ministers of Justice (COMJIB) in the human rights field (2008-2014)

-Member of the Committee appointed by the Secretariat of the Ibero-American Youth Organisation (OIJ) for the monitoring of the compliance by States of the Ibero-American Convention on Young People’s Rights (2010-2016)

-Member of the Board of the Foundation for Justice Projects (human rights NGO) (2014-2018)

-Director of the UN-I-MON Project carried out by the UNHCR, the University of Valencia and the Valencian Regional Government (from 2014)

-President of the Board of the UNICEF Office in Valencia (from 2015)

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

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

-In the CRC, among others:

Rapporteur on the modification of the Rules of the Committee and its working methods

Rapporteur in the WG elaborating the GC 14 on the right of the child to have his or her best interests taken as a primary consideration

Member of the WG elaborating the GC 16 on the impact of business sector on the rights of child, and Committee’s Focal point for the implementation and follow-up of this GC

Member of the WG preparing the entry into force and initial application of the Third Facultative Protocol to the CRC

Rapporteur for the elaboration of the GC 19 on public budgeting for the realization of children’s rights

-In the COMJIB: Rapporteur and drafter on the Promotion and protection of human rights of children within the framework of the criminal process, or on the Promotion and protection of human rights of the victims of crime within the framework of judicial process, with special reference to child victims of gender offenses. Drafter of the relevant proposal of recommendation approved by the Ibero-American Ministers of Justice.

-In the Spanish National Committee of UNICEF: advocacy in the development of laws, strategies and policies in the field of children's rights, both nationally and regionally. Activities include advocacy on the elaboration of the law on the reform of childhood legislation and on a comprehensive law on violence against children.

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:** Hacia la configuración de un 'sistema' de protección de los derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas.

**Journal/Publisher:** Cursos de Derecho Internacional y Relaciones Internacionales de Vitoria-Gasteiz (ISSN 1577-533X), pp. 135 - 172.

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://www.ehu.eus/documents/10067636/10825759/2015-Jorge-Cardona-Llorens.pdf/eb6c912e-69e2-2e21-23b7-571d2947e5e3

**2. Title of publication:** Les obligatiosn de l'Etat au regard de l'article 21 de la Convention des Nations Unies relative aux Droits de l'Enfant

**Journal/Publisher:** Revue de Droit Monégasque (ISSN 1992-3899), pp. 15 - 24.

**Date of publication:** 2015

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Presentation of General Comment No. 14: strengths and limitations, points of consensus and dissent emerging in its drafting

**Journal/Publisher:** The best interests of the child - A dialogue between theory and practice

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://rm.coe.int/1680657e56

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):More than 200 publications, including: “The prohibition to recruit or use children in hostilities and the exercise of universal jurisdiction in the light of Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict” Réciprocité et universalité - Sources et régimes du droit international des droits de l'homme, ISBN : 978-2-233-00849-7 pp. 151 - 160, 2017; “Droit à l'éducation et diversité: le droit à une education inclusive et équitable de qualité” The International Legal Order: Current Needs and Possible Responses. pp. 559 - 570. 2017. ISBN 978-90-04-31436-8; “El interés superior del niño a los 4 años de la aprobación de la Observación General 14 del Comité de Derechos del Niño” El interés superior del niño en la jurisprudencia internacional, comparada y española. pp. 99 - 112. Thomson Reuters, 2017. ISBN 978-84-9152-162-4; “Libertad y derecho de información: una visión desde la perspectiva de los derechos de los niños” Perspectivas actuales de las libertades de opinión y expresión y de la libertad de información pp. 15 - 28. Dykinson, 2015. ISBN 978-84-9085-324-5. The International Law of Youth Rights (Second Revised Edition). Brill Academic Publishers, 2015. ISBN 9789004222069

* 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:** Spanish Parlament (Senate)/Appearance at the Special Commission for the Study of Child Labor and Exploitation

**Event organizer:** Spanish Parlament

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** May 11, 2015

**Web link, if available:** http://www.senado.es/web/actividadparlamentaria/actualidad/video/index.html?s=10\_S014005\_005\_02&ig=613179

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** XIII Abuses Chilhood Congress

**Event organizer:** FAPMI-ECPAT España (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Taffiking of Children for Sexual Purposes)/

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** November 18, 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgpvV9eeZ6I&feature=youtu.be

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Congress: "The Best Interest of the Child - Reception and adoption"/The Best Interest of the Child: beginning and end of the child protection system"

**Event organizer:** ASEAF (State Association of Family Foster of Spain)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** November 2017

**Web link, if available:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RllYOtouK8

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):In the last 10 years I have participated in just over 200 Congresses, Seminars and Conferences directly related to children's rights, I have given about 100 conferences and an indefinite number of interviews and public statements that have appeared in the media public and in social networks

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”.**

For the past 8 years I have been a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, fulfilling the dedication required for the position. In addition to the three months in Geneva, each year, I have dedicated time to visit the States to follow up on the Final Observations or provide technical advice. My work at the University gives me the flexibility to devote the necessary time to the mandate. In addition, my University provides me with academic support to be absent on the necessary dates to fulfill the obligations of the mandate.

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

The Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, is the only mandate of the Human Rights Council devoted exclusively to children. Children's rights is the specialty to which I have dedicated myself for many years, especially the last 10 years as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

During the time that I have been at the CRC I have become aware of the importance of this Mandate. The situation of the sale of children and the sexual exploitation of children continues to be a scourge in society. There is a need to strengthen measures for prevention, prosecution of criminals and reparation of victims. The organised nature of many of the criminal activities (which often implies fighting very strong criminal organisations), the social assumption of the justification of the crimes (which implies making a great impact on awareness and training), and the incidence of technologies that are easily beyond the control of States (which implies the need to strengthen international cooperation), require this mandate to redouble its efforts.

In the framework of the achievement of the SDGs, it is necessary to deep the analysis of the root causes and to identify new patterns. It is also necessary to identify, exchange and promote good practices; to promote comprehensive strategies on the prevention; to make recommendations on the promotion and protection of human rights of children victims; and to make recommendations on the aspects related to the rehabilitation and reintegration of child victims.

Many of the issues covered by the Mandate are related to the mandate of other special procedures (trafficking in persons, contemporary forms of slavery, extreme poverty, violence against women...) and many of the children who are particularly vulnerable to these violations of their rights belong to groups for which there is also a specific mandate (migrants, children with disability, indigenous,...). This circumstance does not reduce the importance of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, that is the only one whith a comprehensive child perspective to address this issue. But it does imply that the holder of this mandate must cooperate with the holders of the other mandates in order to avoid duplication and to make good use of synergies in the work and gain in effectiveness and efficiency.

I have already a long experience in the United Nations therefore I am aware of the few resources available to the mandate. However, on the one hand, I can use part of the resources of my own university and, on the other hand, I believe that the person responsible for the mandate should encourage international cooperation and secure external sources of funding to carry out projects, especially in priority areas for the States that have the least resources.

In my opinion, the previous mandate holders have done a great deal of work. I do believe we must take advantage of the work done to continue and complete it. But it is important to think about opening up new lines in areas of special importance and sensitivity for States. Naturally, the mandate holder's dialogue with the member states of the Human Rights Council is important for the selection of these new topics.

My experience in various international organizations and especially in the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, my visits to more than 70 States during the last 10 years, invited by governments, UNICEF, civil society or universities, have allowed me to have a deep knowledge of the reality of children's rights and, in particular, of some of the specific problems of the mandate relating to the sale and sexual exploitation of children.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **spanish**

**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: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **not 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: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **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:** |
| Law Degree | 1974-79 | University of Valencia (Spain) |
| Extraordinary Law Degree Prize | 1980 | University of Valencia (Spain) |
| Doctoral Studies in International Law | 1980-1984 | University of Valencia (Spain) |
| Extraordinary Doctorate Prize | 1984 | University of Valencia (Spain) |

**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 Valencia, Chair of Public International Law, full-time | From 2008 | Valencia (Spain) |
| University Jaume I, Chair of Public International Law and Chair Jean Monnet of EU Law, full-time | 1995-2008 | Castellon (Spain) |
| University of Valencia, Associate Professor of Public International Law, full-time | 1985-1995 | Valencia (Spain) |
| University of Alicante, Associate Professor of Public International Law, full-time  University of Valencia, Assistant Professor of Public International Law, full-time | 1984-1985  1980-1984 | Alicante (Spain)  Valencia (Spain) |

**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.**

Non

**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:**

Non

**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:**

Non

**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.**

Non applicable

**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:** Jorge Cardona Llorens

**Date:** October 7, 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)