



23 June 2020

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the candidates proposed for the following four vacancies of mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 44th session of the Human Rights Council. The appointment of the mandate holders for the mandates marked by an asterisk will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

1. **Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes** ([HRC resolution 36/15](#))
2. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression** ([HRC resolution 34/18](#))*
3. **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** ([HRC resolution 42/16](#))
4. **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children** ([HRC resolution 35/5](#))*

In follow-up to my letters of 3 June 2020, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report and its addendum, and based on its recommendations, I have held broad and thorough consultations with States, the regional coordinators and other relevant stakeholders, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my thorough consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for all mandates.

For the position of **Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Marcos A. ORELLANA (Chile)**.

In relation to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Irene KHAN (Bangladesh)**.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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With regard to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Tlaleng MOFOKENG (South Africa)**.

As to the position of **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Siobhán MULLALLY (F) (Ireland)**.

My proposal aims at identifying the most qualified candidates for the vacancies in light of the criteria established by the Human Rights Council. In doing so, I also paid due consideration to gender balance, geographic representation as well as to an appropriate representation of different legal systems.

Finally, I note the efforts of the Consultative Group to propose the best candidates for each position while paying due attention to gender balance and geographic representation at all stages of the process of shortlisting, interviews and recommendations. I encourage all stakeholders involved to continue their efforts in order to attract a sufficiently diverse pool of qualified candidates. I continue therefore to strongly encourage qualified candidates from all regions and backgrounds, especially women, to apply for forthcoming appointments.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Tichy'.

Elisabeth TICHY-FISSELBERGER
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure



Mandate holders

to be appointed at the 44th session of the Human Rights Council

1. Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

Mr. Marcos A. ORELLANA (M) (Chile)

2. Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Ms. Irene KHAN (F) (Bangladesh)

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4. Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

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