***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 APRIL 2020 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/937632*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/937632)

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.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:** Wilde | **5. Year of birth:** 1973 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Ralph | **6. Place of birth:** Stockport, UK |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** UK |
| **4. Gender:** M | **8. Any other nationality:** No |

**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.)**

My BSc(Econ.) International Relations degree at LSE included courses in international law and human rights law with Rosalyn Higgins, then UN Human Rights Committee member, later President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). My MA(Law) at City University, University of London, included a dissertation about human rights law. I was awarded the Diploma in Human Rights Law, cum laude, by the EUI, Florence. I was the Henry Fellow studying international human rights law at Yale Law School with then-member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Michael Reisman. My Cambridge LLM (scholarship from the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)), focused on international law, including human rights law. I was awarded the highest mark with firsts in all subjects, as well as the prestigious Clive Parry international law prize and the Whewell Scholarship in international law. My Ph.D. (further AHRC scholarship), under the supervision of now-Judge James Crawford of the ICJ, was on international territorial administration, covering UN human rights promotion through complex peace operations and support for national mechanisms. It was awarded the Cambridge Yorke Prize and the Dissertation Award by the Academic Council on the UN System. Languages: English as mother tongue; intermediate French and Portuguese.

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.)**

Extensive, advanced coverage of international human rights law across four degrees and 20 years of teaching, academic and policy publications, field work, providing expert advice, and public engagement, in human rights.

--Teaching advanced university courses in international human rights law at: Cambridge; UCL; Xiamen Academy of International Law; FGV Rio de Janeiro; Paraiba University (Brazil); Melbourne; Texas; European University Institute; Georgetown; UCLA; CEU Budapest.

--Appointments: Equality Advisory Panel, UK Judicial Appointments Commission. International Law Association: Rapporteur, Human Rights Committee, and Study Group on UN Reform; Member, Executive Council; Secretary, British Branch. Advisory Panel, International Law, British Institute for International and Comparative Law. Assessment Panels: UK government university race and sex-equality assessments; European Commission and UK Academic Funding Council funding applications. Equality Advisory Panel, UK government university research assessment exercise. Trustee, Advice on Individual Rights in Europe Centre. Executive Boards: American and European Societies of International Law; UK Human Rights Lawyers’ Association; International Lawyers for Africa.

--Wide-ranging, high-level international human rights law consultancy to states, international organizations (including UN human rights Special Procedures mandate-holders), NGOs.

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

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

Nationally- and internationally-recognized competence in international law and human rights, demonstrated by my academic reputation, appointments and honours.

Book, 'International Territorial Administration' awarded the prestigious and highly competitive Certificate of Merit (prize) of the American Society of International Law.

Awarded Philip Leverhulme Prize (2010) by the UK Leverhulme Trust (for UK individuals under 40 who are ‘outstanding scholars who have made a substantial and recognized contribution to their field of study, at an international level’).

Awarded prestigious visiting university research fellowships/professorships to engage in human rights research: Harvard; Yale; NYU; Fundação Casa Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro; Al Quds University (Palestine); Tel Aviv University; British School, Athens.

Awarded, as Principal Investigator, prestigious and highly competitive research grants totalling over 1.5 million euros: Research Frontier Grant, European Commission; Research Fellowship, UK Leverhulme Trust; Project Grant, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (assessed on its completion to be ‘outstanding’); Project Grants, UK Nuffield Foundation and British Academy.

Member, editorial boards: Cambridge International Law Journal; London Review of International Law; International Journal of Statebuilding; Yale Journal of International Law; Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal.

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:** International Territorial Administration

**Journal/Publisher:** OUP (book)

**Date of publication:** 2007

**Web link, if available:** https://global.oup.com/academic/product/international-territorial-administration-9780199274321?cc=us&lang=en&#

**2. Title of publication:** - Human Rights Beyond Borders at the World Court: The Significance of the International Court of Justice’s Jurisprudence on the Extraterritorial Application of International Human Rights Law Treaties

**Journal/Publisher:** Chinese Journal of International Law 12(4) 639-677, Oxford University Press

**Date of publication:** 2013

**Web link, if available:** https://academic.oup.com/chinesejil/article/12/4/639/354321

**3. Title of publication:** United Nations Reform Through Practice: Report of the International Law Association Study Group on United Nations Reform

**Journal/Publisher:** International Law Association

**Date of publication:** 2012

**Web link, if available:** https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1971008

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):Numerous publications in peer-review academic journals and edited volumes, and further official reports, on a range of international human rights law and the law of international organizations topics, including freedom of expression and opinion; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the extraterritorial application of civil and political rights, and economic, social and cultural rights; the right to development; self-determination; UN human rights promotion through peace operations, territorial administration, and capacity building and technical assistance to national human rights institutions; human rights law in wartime and occupations; refugee rights; the UN Trusteeship Council; diplomacy and human rights. Published in the American and European Journals of International Law, the European Human Rights Law Review, the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal, the Leiden Journal of International Law, the Yearbook of International Peacekeeping, the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law, the Oxford Handbook of the United Nations, the Collected Courses of the Academy of European Law at the EUI, and the Encyclopedia of Human Rights; and in edited volumes published by Oxford and Cambridge University Presses, Routledge, Springer, Edward Elgar, Intersentia, Brill, Martinus Nijhoff, Peter Lang and Edward Elgar. Full list:

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/people/ralph-wilde

* 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:** 'Human Rights Beyond Borders' public lectures in several different locations as indicated

**Event organizer:** MacQuarie University, Sydney; Al Quds University, Jerusalem; National University of Brasilia, Brasilia

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Various dates in 2015

**Web link, if available:** https://www.facebook.com/events/885281378187851/; http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/law-school-seminar-dr-ralph-wilde/

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Law and Development conference 2019

**Event organizer:** Humboldt University, Berlin

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** September 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Annual Conference of the Japanese Chapter of the International Law Association

**Event organizer:**  Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** July 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):Numerous presentations to states, NGOs, international organizations, public events, academic conferences, and other university events on a range of international human rights law and UN law topics. Full details, and some links to audio and video of certain presentations, are available in the CV and presentations list documents downloadable from the following website (on the right hand side of the page): https://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/people/ralph-wilde

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”.**

My work as a university academic (my only job) involves 20 teaching weeks annually. Classes are taught intensively in the first parts of these weeks; the second parts of these weeks, and all non-teaching weeks (more than half the year) are each devoted to research, doctoral supervision, university administration, and one day of external consultancy. My work discharging the mandate would fall into this time period, covering my weekly consultancy day, plus a significant proportion of research time. This can be conducted in a highly flexible manner in terms of when and where it takes place, enabling year-round, weekly coverage as well as significant periods of extended capacity.

In discharging the mandate I would draw on my extensive experience of successfully running a series of global research projects involving teams of expert researchers and professional collaborators, working to tight deadlines under pressure. I would also draw on my extensive management experience at my university, where I was Faculty Vice-Dean for Research, and on the management boards of a human rights NGO and several global professional international law associations. I would deploy my wide-ranging expertise in research fundraising to seek support for the work of the mandate.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether you have been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if you are self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter**(600 word limit. Must be included in the space below and not in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

Approach to the normative and institutional framework of the mandate:

My approach is global: international human rights law. This universal system incorporates and accommodates significant variations. Not all states are bound by the same treaties in the same way; obligations often account for local particularities. On this basis, assistance from the global system is determined by the different capacities, resources and legitimate priorities of states, respecting how peoples around the world have different traditions and approaches to human rights.

I am expert in the global legal and institutional framework. I bring long-standing experience of working on and with UN structures and the provision of technical assistance to national bodies in a globally-diverse range of settings. I would draw on my wide-ranging experience leading collaborations with experts from, and engaging in research and teaching in, places across the world, from the PR China to Brazil and Palestine.

Discharging the mandate:

I would engage in a constructive, co-operative, realistic evidence-based dialogue with and provision of advice and technical assistance to states and other stakeholders. This would operate strictly within the terms of the mandate and be based on a sound, accurate, fair and authoritative appreciation and practical application of the relevant areas of international law and policy as they are understood now. It would adopt a situation-specific approach, accommodating different traditions and capacities, appreciating that change is sometimes achieved incrementally.

This is based on two decades of working on the meaning and application of global human rights norms and institutional structures.

I would draw on my extensive academic work, which has involved empirical study in a globally-diverse range of different national contexts, as well as successfully managing global teams of legal practitioners (including government lawyers) and scholars from different states collaborating constructively and producing joint reports.

I would also draw on my provision of confidential technical legal assistance in a range of contexts, such as my ongoing role in providing advice on human rights law to the UK Commission that appoints national judges, to representing the UK foreign ministry (the FCO) at a confidential diplomatic human rights-dialogue meeting with the PRC in Beijing.

I would deploy my skills and experience to implement a detailed, comprehensive and secure system of obtaining, collating and storing information; a rigorous and sophisticated process of synthesizing, summarizing and assessing this information; and then a careful and even-handed application of the relevant normative framework to this information. The outcome would produce evidence-based conclusions that are fair, reasonable, authoritative, constructive, and practicable. Outputs would be clear, succinct, and written in plain language that is meaningful to experts and stakeholders and accessible to the general public.

My vision for the mandate:

I would focus on those aspects of the right to freedom of opinion and expression where it is possible to make the greatest constructive impact to as wide and diverse a range of stakeholders as possible. It is important to balance a focus on matters that affect everyone with an appreciation of how key differences in socio-economic position, identity characteristics (notably race and sex), and cultural and religious traditions, as well as the divide between ‘developing’ and ‘industrialized’ countries, mean that this right can sometimes resonate very differently with different people.

One example is the ‘digital divide’: the unequal system of access to digital information resources. Roughly half the world’s population has no regular means of internet access, there are sharply different levels of access for the other half, and these variations map onto the aforementioned key differences. Developing sustainable solutions to this under-addressed global inequality would be a priority.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **English**

**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: **Not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Not 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 the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, 1975-1977, University of XXX, part-time)*. If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one degree in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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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:** |
| Ph.D., with distinction, awarded Yorke prize; topic: the administration of territory by international organizations, including UN human rights promotion through peace operations and technical assistance to national human rights institutions | 1999-2003 | Cambridge University, UK |
| LLM (specializing in international law including international human rights law), first class, highest mark with firsts in all papers, Clive Parry Prize in International Law, Whewell Scholarship in International Law | 1999 | Cambridge University, UK |
| Diploma in International Human Rights Law, cum laude | 1997 | European University Institute, Florence, Italy |
| MA(Law) (dissertation on international human rights law) | 1996 | City University, University of London, UK |
| BSc.(Econ.), International Relations (included courses on international law, international organizations, and international human rights law) | 1995 | LSE, University of London, UK |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with your current (most recent) occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, you may list more than one position in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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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 College London, University of London, full time tenured academic, convening advanced courses and running major projects on international law and international human rights law. Held senior management positions including Vice Dean for Research. Doctoral student supervision. During this period also taught advanced courses in international human rights law at UCLA, Georgetown University, and the University of Texas. | 2002-present | London, UK |
| Fundação Getulio Vargas, Faculdade de Direito, Rio de Janeiro, Visiting Professor, teaching an advanced course on international human rights law | 2017 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| Federal University of Paraiba, João Pessoa, Brazil, Visiting Professor, teaching an advanced course on international human rights law | 2015 | João Pessoa, Brazil |
| Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence, Delivered a Specialist Course on ‘The extraterritorial application of economic, social and cultural rights: problems and prospects’, | 2013 | Florence, Italy |
| Melbourne University Law School, Senior Fellow, delivered advanced courses on international human rights law | 2011 and 2013 | Melbourne, Australia |
| Central European University, Budapest  Visiting Faculty Member, teaching international law course, including international human rights law | 2011 | Budapest, Hungary |
| Xiamen Academy of International Law, P.R. China, Visiting Professor, delivered a series of 10 lectures to undergraduate and graduate students and junior scholars, on international human rights law | 2010 | Xiamen, PR China |

**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.***

I am a member of the Equality Advisory Panel to the UK Judicial Appointments Commission. This is not a government position, but advises the independent body that makes official recommendations to the UK government on the appointment of judges. As indicated below, if appointed to this Special Rapporteur post, I would relinquish my position on the Panel.

**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.**

As indicated above, I would reliquish my position on the Equality Advisory Panel to the UK Judicial Appointments Commission

**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:** Ralph Wilde

**Date:** 14 April 2020

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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 must 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 eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)