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 nine vacancies of mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 45th 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. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (HRC resolution 42/35)*
2. Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (HRC resolution 42/5)
3. Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (HRC resolution 44/10)
4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (HRC resolution 44/1)
5. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States (HRC resolution 42/22)
6. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (HRC resolution 42/22)
7. Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member form Latin American and Caribbean States (HRC resolution 41/6)
8. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States (HRC resolution 36/6)*
9. Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Asia-Pacific States (HRC resolution 42/9)

In follow-up to my letter of 14 September 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 the proposed candidates.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva
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.


In relation to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation**, I propose for appointment Mr. Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (Spain).

With regard to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**, I propose for appointment Mr. Gerard QUINN (Ireland).

As to the position of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea**, following further consultations with stakeholders and careful considerations of the views expressed, and while acknowledging the expertise and experience of the candidate ranked first by the Consultative Group, I have decided to propose for appointment Mr. Mohamed Abdelsalam BABIKER (Sudan) given his knowledge of the legal system of the country and expertise in the region.

For the position of **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States**, I propose for appointment Mr. Mumba MALILA (Zambia).

In relation to the position of **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment Ms. Miriam ESTRADA-CASILLO (Ecuador).

With regard to the position of **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment Ms. Dorothy ESTRADA-TANCK (Mexico).

As to the position of **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States**, I propose for appointment Ms. Aua BALDÉ (Guinea-Bissau).

For the position of **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Asia-Pacific States**, I propose for appointment Mr. Ravindran DANIEL (India).
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, dedication and commend them for the seriousness with which they carried out their task.

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

Elisabeth TICHY-FISSLBERGER
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure
Mandate holders
to be appointed at the 45th session of the Human Rights Council

1. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
   Ms. Natasha YACOUB (F) (Australia)

2. Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
   Mr. Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (M) (Spain)

3. Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
   Mr. Gerard QUINN (M) (Ireland)

4. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
   Mr. Mohamed Abdelsalam BABIKER (M) (Sudan)

5. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States
   Mr. Mumba MALILA (M) (Zambia)

6. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States
   Ms. Miriam ESTRADA-CASTILLO (F) (Ecuador)

7. Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member form Latin American and Caribbean States
   Ms. Dorothy ESTRADA-TANCK (F) (Mexico)

8. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States
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   Mr. Ravindran DANIEL (M) (India)