

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council

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I. Background

1. In paragraph 47 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of Permanent Representatives identified by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council are: His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad), Her Excellency Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia), His Excellency Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain), Mr. Jiang Duan (China) and Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2020 and will end on 31 March 2021, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The group held its initial organizational meeting on 23 April 2020.

3. A total of nine vacancies of special procedure mandate holders are to be filled at the Council's forty-fifth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan** (HRC resolution 42/35)¹
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 from 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)¹
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)

¹ The appointment of these special procedure mandate holders will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

4. One of the above vacancies – that of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, vacancy number 4 above – was not initially foreseen and arose due to the resignation of the current mandate holder, Ms. Daniela Kravetz (Chile), on 21 July 2020.

5. The recommendations for the mandates of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and for the member from African States of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances are made below with the full understanding that the appointments of these two mandate holders will only proceed provided the Human Rights Council decides to extend the mandates themselves at its forty-fifth session.

II. Process

6. The application period for the submission of applications for the eight initially foreseen mandates opened on 22 June 2020. The call for applications closed on 30 July 2020 for the following six mandates: Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan; Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation; Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities; Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States; Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States; and Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States.

7. Due to the initially limited number of applications received, the application period was extended until 11 August 2020 for the following two mandates: Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States; and 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.

8. The application process for the submission of applications for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea opened on 23 July and closed on 24 August 2020.

9. The Consultative Group considered 116 individual applications from 92 eligible candidates submitted for the aforementioned nine vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21.² The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated OHCHR web page³ as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I of this report).

10. The Consultative Group held 11 formal meetings on 31 August and 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11 September 2020 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned nine vacancies. This included two meetings with interpretation.

11. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would individually rank and propose a list of candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. As a result of this ranking exercise, the Group established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for the mandate.

12. In its organizational meeting of 23 April 2020, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March

² Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

³ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx>

2021 would be equally shared among its five members and would be determined by a drawing of lots. Consequently, the chairs for all the mandates foreseen to be filled during this cycle were drawn by lot on 27 April 2020. The chair for the unforeseen Eritrea vacancy was drawn by lot on 31 August 2020. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.

13. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102 and paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

14. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by stakeholders including current or outgoing mandate holders in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for the mandates in question.⁴

15. On gender balance, the Consultative Group duly took note of the Guidelines on Gender Parity⁵ adopted by the 2015 Consultative Group, whereby a quota was established so as to list no more than three candidates out of five of the same sex. The current Consultative Group decided not to adopt these Guidelines formally but committed to uphold the principle of gender parity and to strictly follow the spirit and recommendation of the guidelines to the extent possible.

16. The Consultative Group took note of the concern by Member States on equitable geographic representation and representation of different legal systems. The Consultative Group stressed that due consideration should be given to equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1.

17. The Consultative Group explored and discussed ways in which, during the selection process, language diversity, as part of the equitable geographical representation mentioned in paragraph 40 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, could be promoted. Fluency in more than one of the official United Nations languages was positively considered.

18. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21.

19. The Consultative Group decided that regarding the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, or knows personally an eligible candidate, concerned members would recuse themselves completely from participating in any stage of the process of recommendation (shortlisting and/or interview and/or evaluation) at least while the said candidate was still under consideration in the subsequent stages of the selection process. However, the members concerned could be present and observe the whole process.

20. Based on the decision of the Consultative Group on the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, H.E.

⁴ As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. Letter from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders (dated 26 August 2020, see https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/Chair_CC_letter_to_the_CG_26_August_2020.pdf).

⁵ Annex to the letter from the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council (dated 23 December 2015).

Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain) did not participate in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandates of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. He also did not participate in the decision on the candidates to be recommended for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation. Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano did not participate neither in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed nor in the decision on the candidates to be recommended for the mandate of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States.

21. The Consultative Group discussed the issue of the impact of candidates lobbying members directly and decided to follow a self-disclosure procedure in situations where any member has been approached with regard to the applications of candidates. The Consultative Group decided to strongly discourage meetings of individual candidates with members of the Group, and inform candidates that this is the practice of the current Group. However, the Group decided that – if a meeting takes place – the candidate would be informed that its taking place and its contents would be shared with the other members of the Group. This principled position is included in the frequently asked questions section on the OHCHR nomination and selection of special procedures website.⁶

22. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity as well as the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest.

23. The Group held a total of 35 interviews with 34 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned mandates (see annex II of this report for the list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews occurred on 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11 September 2020, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

24. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's statement PRST 29/1 of 3 July 2015. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates.

25. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

26. The Consultative Group wishes to reiterate that it makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Independent Expert with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

27. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the

⁶ See <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>

four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate.

1. Natasha YACOUB (F) (Australia)

2. Ravindran DANIEL (M) (India)

3. Eric N. RICHARDSON (M) (United States of America)

28. **Natasha Yacoub** is currently teaching international refugee law at the Master's level at the School of Advanced Study of the University of London. She worked for almost 20 years for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in both conflict and non-conflict settings in Egypt, the Sudan, New York, Myanmar and Australia, among others. She has also served as an independent refugee law judge on the Refugee Review Tribunal in Australia. She previously worked as a Senior Legal Officer at the Australian Federal Attorney-General's Department. Ms. Yacoub has published on human rights and international refugee law. She holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide and the University of Marburg, a Master of International Law from the University of Melbourne, and is currently a PhD candidate in international refugee law and human rights at the University of New South Wales. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge and experience of the country and its context. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's clear vision for the mandate, focusing on the compliance with international obligations. The candidate showed a good approach regarding cooperation between the mandate and other stakeholders.

29. **Ravindran Daniel** served as Human Rights Director or Regional Coordinator in United Nations missions in Libya, the Sudan, East Timor and Cambodia, where he was involved in the development of human rights policies and technical assistance programmes. Mr. Daniel has worked with the International Commission of Jurists and founded and directed the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia). He holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Madras and a master's degree in sociology from the Sri Venkateswara University. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge and experience of the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's knowledge of the country and understanding of the current challenges of the mandate. The candidate affirmed his readiness to listen to, and cooperate with, different stakeholders.

30. **Eric N. Richardson** is senior adviser on negotiation and mediation at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and president of the non-governmental organization UNHR Geneva. He is also a lecturer in international human rights law and United Nations practice at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Michigan. He previously served as a United States diplomat at the Human Rights Council, where he drafted and negotiated Council resolutions on the Sudan. Mr. Richardson has published extensively on human rights. He holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Stanford University, a master's degree in Law and World Politics from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's considerable professional experience, including with governments, United Nations mechanisms, civil society and other stakeholders. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's awareness of the challenges of the mandate, his commitment and motivation.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

31. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad). There were 17 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (M) (Spain)

2. Pierre THIELBÖRGER (M) (Germany)

3. Anne LE STRAT (F) (France)

32. **Pedro Arrojo-Agudo** is a Professor Emeritus of Economic Analysis at the University of Zaragoza. He was elected a member of the Spanish Parliament in 2016, where he sat on the International Cooperation Committee for Development of the Congress of Deputies. He has also served as the President of the New Water Culture Foundation and as a member of the Man and the Biosphere Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. He was awarded a number of accolades in recognition of his activity, most notably the Goldman Environmental Prize in 2003 for his involvement in water conflicts that affect the human rights of vulnerable communities. Mr. Arrojo-Agudo has published extensively on topics related to water conservation, water conflicts and human rights. He has a bachelor's degree in physics and a PhD in fluid engineering from the University of Zaragoza. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge and experience in fostering dialogue on human rights between governments and social movements in different regions. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's ability to identify the challenges currently faced by the mandate and to present a vision of the implementation of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation and development-related issues. The candidate demonstrated his ability to cooperate with a variety of stakeholders.

33. **Pierre Thielbörger** is a Full Professor of Public Law and Public International Law at the Ruhr-University Bochum, where he is also the Executive Director of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV). He also serves as an elected member to the German Institute for Human Rights, as Co-Chair of the Interest Group on Human Rights of the European Society of International Law, and as a member of the Coordinating Committee on Humanitarian Action within the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Mr. Thielbörger has published widely on human rights and on the rights to water and sanitation specifically. He holds bachelor's degrees in law and journalism from the University of Hamburg, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University, and a PhD in international human rights law from the European University Institute. Mr. Thielbörger indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, he would relinquish his work in the Coordinating Committee on Humanitarian Action within the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's strong academic background, practical experience of and enthusiasm for the work of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's ability to present a clear vision for the mandate, based on the work of the previous mandate holder, to recognize the challenges of the mandate and to envisage ways to practically tackle them. The candidate affirmed the need for the mandate holder to consider the different impact on women and girls of the lack of the enjoyment of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation. The candidate presented interesting ideas on how to further spread awareness on the mandate through the use of digital technology, podcasts and other means of communication.

34. **Anne Le Strat** is an independent consultant on water and environmental policy and a current Research Fellow at New York University. Previously, she was an elected member of the Council of Paris and the Chair of Eau de Paris, the publicly owned company responsible for the public water supply for the city of Paris. She has also served as the Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of water, sanitation and canals, eventually holding executive vice-presidencies in related public bodies. She

has also worked as a Senior Adviser at France Libertés – Fondation Danielle Mitterrand. Ms. Le Strat has written several publications in the field of the geopolitics of water, water conflicts and human rights. She holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Paris Sorbonne, master's degrees in political science and geopolitics from the University of Paris VIII, and a PhD in geopolitics also from the University of Paris VIII. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's good knowledge of the mandate. The Consultative Group further noted the candidate's ability to engage with different stakeholders in order to promote cooperation in the area of the mandate.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

35. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain). There were 21 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group was positively impressed by all the candidates interviewed and would like to highlight that all possessed high standards of competence and expertise in the area of the mandate. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Gerard QUINN (M) (Ireland)

2. Pamela MOLINA TOLEDO (F) (Chile)

3. Ziad AMRO (M) (State of Palestine)

36. **Gerard Quinn** holds the Raoul Wallenberg Chair of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, as well as a research chair at the Centre for Disability Studies of the University of Leeds. He has sat on the Council of State of Ireland and has served two terms on the Irish Human Rights Commission advising on disability. He was also a member of the scientific committee of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency and served as the Vice-President of the Council of Europe's Social Rights Committee. He has led the delegation of Rehabilitation International during the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has directed large studies for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He holds degrees in political science and law from the National University of Ireland, as well as a Master of Laws and a Doctor of Juridical Science from Harvard Law School. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast knowledge and experience, both in academia and in advising governments, regional organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations on the rights of persons with disabilities. The Consultative Group also noted that, while the candidate wanted to build on the work done by the previous mandate holder, he was able to identify the priorities and challenges that the mandate currently presents. The candidate expressed a clear and articulated vision for the further development of the mandate, including in the context of armed conflicts.

37. **Pamela Molina Toledo** is a Specialist Consultant on disability rights at the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity of the Organization of American States. She has over 20 years of experience as an independent consultant on disability rights. She is a former President of the National Association for the Deaf in Chile and was a member of the National Council on Disabilities of Chile. She was also a Board Member of the Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families, as well as President of its Ethics Committee. In addition, she participated in the drafting process of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as an expert from Latin America, also serving as the spokesperson between organizations of persons with disabilities and government delegates. Ms. Molina Toledo has published extensively on topics related to the rights of persons with disabilities. She holds a bachelor's degree in humanities

from the University of Chile and a master's degree in disability studies and human development from the University of Illinois. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's experience and knowledge of the mandate. It also noted her energetic approach to, and passion for, the mandate. The candidate emphasised the need for an increased awareness of the obstacles faced by the persons with disabilities as well as the importance of independence in the implementation of the mandate.

38. **Ziad Amro** is a lecturer and academic adviser at the Palestine Technical University. He has previously served as an advocacy consultant at the Ministry of Social Development of the State of Palestine. He has also worked as a researcher for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian territory. Mr. Amro has authored many publications on the rights of persons with disabilities. He holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology from the Hebron University, a Bachelor of Law from the Al-Quds University, a master's degree in social work from the San Francisco State University, and professional diplomas in NGO management and international communication from the Birzeit University. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's good knowledge and expertise, in particular at regional level, of the rights of persons with disabilities. The Consultative Group further noted the candidate's emphasis on the need to improve the self-reliance of persons with disabilities and awareness of their rights. The candidate demonstrated the ability to understand the perspectives of different stakeholders as well as the importance of promoting cooperation.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

39. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia). There were 16 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Homayoun ALIZADEH (M) (Austria)

2. Harry POST (M) (Netherlands)

3. Mohamed Abdelsalam BABIKER (M) (Sudan)

40. **Homayoun Alizadeh** worked at the European Asylum Support Office providing expert advice on the international protection of asylum seekers. For 17 years, he served a variety of roles within the United Nations, including in complex emergency situations. His field experience at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) includes stints as Government Liaison Officer in Rwanda, Head of Office in Khartoum, Sudan, and Regional Representative for South-East Asia, in Thailand. He has also worked at the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Austria, and in the Austrian Section of Amnesty International. Mr. Alizadeh has published research on the strategy for the protection of human rights in OHCHR field presences. He holds a degree in law and a PhD in political science from the University of Vienna, a diploma in international law from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria, and a diploma in European Law from the European Academy. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's experience and skills relevant for the mandate. The candidate demonstrated his ability to remain objective and impartial while cooperating with states and other stakeholders.

41. **Harry Post** is an Adjunct Professor of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law at the Lille Catholic University. He has also held teaching positions *inter alia* at the University of Sassari and the KU Leuven. He has published widely on issues of territorial sovereignty, boundary conflicts in international relations and territorial disputes. He organized a major

international conference on the boundary conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia and published a book on the war and its aftermath. Mr. Post holds a master's degree in international law and international relations from the University of Amsterdam and a PhD in political studies from Queen's University. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's understanding of developments in the country and current dynamics in the region. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's emphasis on regional cooperation.

42. **Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker** is an Associate Professor of Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law at the University of Khartoum, where he also acts as the Founding Director of the University's Human Rights Centre. He has worked with international organizations and institutions focusing on constitutional reforms, harmonization between public international law and national law, judicial and law reforms, legal education and research. He has served many roles within the United Nations system, most recently as an expert in international humanitarian law at the United Nations Security Council's Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea and the Panel of Experts on Somalia. He holds a Bachelor in Law from the City, University of London and a PhD in international humanitarian and human rights law from the University of Nottingham. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of the mandate and his willingness to engage in a constructive manner to implement the mandate through cooperation with the concerned Government.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States

43. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by partly by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad) and partly by Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico), due to a scheduling conflict. There were initially 16 eligible candidates for this vacancy, with one candidate subsequently withdrawing her application. Of the two candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Mumba MALILA (M) (Zambia)

2. Eliane Berthe EGUE ADOTE (F) (Benin)

44. **Mumba Malila** is a judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia, where he has served since 2014. He previously served twice as Attorney General of Zambia and as the Chairperson of the Zambian Human Rights Commission. He was also elected to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), where he was eventually chosen as the Commission's Vice-Chairperson. During his time in the ACHPR, he also served *inter alia* as Special Rapporteur for Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa. Mr. Malila has published extensively on issues related to human rights and their protection in Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Zambia, a Master of Laws from the University of Cambridge, a Master of Laws in International Business Law from the University of Cumbria and a Doctor of Laws from the University of Pretoria. The Consultative Group noted his engagement, legal expertise, and vision addressing the challenges of the mandate in compliance with international human rights standards. The Consultative Group also noted his knowledge of the United Nations system.

45. **Eliane Berthe Egue Adote** served for ten years as a Senior Legal Officer at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. Previously, she served as the Vice-President of the Benin Coalition for the International Criminal Court. Ms. Egue Adote holds a master's degree in Public Law from the National University of Abidjan and postgraduate degrees in Business Law and in Governance and Democracy (UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy) from the University of Abomey-

Calavi, Benin. The Consultative Group noted her legal expertise and wide experience in the area of the mandate.

VIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

46. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired partly by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad) and partly by H.E. Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia), due to a scheduling conflict. There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Miriam ESTRADA-CASTILLO (F) (Ecuador)

2. Juan Pablo ALBÁN ALENCASTRO (M) (Ecuador)

3. Gabriela FULCO (F) (Uruguay)

47. **Miriam Estrada-Castillo** is a Professor of International Human Rights Law and International Criminal Law at Casa Grande University, Ecuador. She has also held teaching positions at the University for Peace, Costa Rica, and Lund University, Sweden. She has worked at the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Ms. Estrada-Castillo has written extensively on issues of human rights and criminal justice, including arbitrary detention. She holds a master's degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Guayaquil, a master's degree in International Criminal Law from the National University of Spain, and a PhD in International Law from the University of Guayaquil. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast experience and knowledge of the mandate. The candidate clearly identified the challenges relating to the implementation of the mandate. She highlighted the importance of engaging with different actors and her ability to bring a wide network of stakeholders to the Working Group.

48. **Juan Pablo Albán Alencastro** is a Professor of Law at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, where he is also the Director of the University's Public Interest Clinic. Previously, he worked at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, serving successively as deputy officer for the desks of Argentina and Peru, litigation officer before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and coordinator of the Andean Regional Section. He has published extensively on issues of human rights and international law, especially in relation to accountability for gross violations of human rights. Mr. Albán Alencastro holds a law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, as well as a master's degree in International Human Rights Law and a Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Notre Dame du Lac, United States of America. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's experience and knowledge of, as well as commitment to, the mandate. The candidate affirmed the importance of incorporating a gender perspective in the mandate and of focusing on giving voice to those more affected.

49. **Gabriela Fulco** served in the Board Presidency of the National Institute for Teenage Social Inclusion of Uruguay. Previously, she worked as adviser to the Minister of Interior on the area of prisons. She also founded and directed the psychology department at the Women's Prison of the National Directorate of Prisons, Penitentiaries and Recovery Centers. She was a member of the delegations of Uruguay to the second cycle of the Universal Period Review and to the 4th session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. Ms. Fulco holds a degree in psychology from the Catholic University of Uruguay, a qualification degree in psychology on criminal procedures from

the National Institute of Criminal Policy, and a diploma of mediation from the School of Law of the University of Chile. The Consultative Group noted her experience in the area of the mandate and her stated ability as mediator of different positions.

IX. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

50. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia). There were 14 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Dorothy ESTRADA-TANCK (F) (Mexico)

2. Ángeles CORTE RÍOS (F) (Mexico)

3. Silvia QUAN CHANG (F) (Guatemala)

51. **Dorothy Estrada-Tanck** is Assistant Professor of International Law at the University of Murcia, where she is also the Director of the Faculty of Law's legal clinic. She has worked in partnership with the Case Matrix Network of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy and with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. She has also worked as Executive Director of research and institutional development at the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City. Ms. Estrada-Tanck has an extensive list of publications related to human rights of women and girls. She holds a law degree from Escuela Libre de Derecho, a master's degree in Political Theory from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a PhD in Law from the European University Institute. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's varied work experience, including with civil society, States and international organizations, complemented by her academic experience. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's clear vision of the subject matter of the mandate and considerable awareness of the development of issues related and relevant to the mandate.

52. **Ángeles Corte Ríos** is currently the Director of International Organizations at the executive secretariat of the National Human Rights Commission of Mexico, where she has also worked as the Director of Public Policies. She previously served as the Director General of the Centre for Studies on the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico, providing advice to lawmakers on the harmonization of national legislation with human rights standards and the non-discrimination of women. In that capacity, she has spoken before the Human Rights Council as a panellist. Ms. Corte Ríos has authored numerous publications related to human rights, gender equality, and gender violence. She holds a law degree and a master's degree in human rights from the Ibero-American University, as well as a PhD in human rights from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. The Consultative Work noted the candidate's expertise and knowledge of the mandate. The candidate articulated the challenges for the mandate and highlighted the need for a clear methodology of work and collection of reliable data.

53. **Silvia Quan Chang** is an independent consultant working on the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls with disabilities. She has worked for ten years at the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Guatemala as the Disability Rights Ombudsman. She has also worked at the International Disability Alliance as the senior human rights adviser responsible for liaising with United Nations treaty bodies. She was previously elected as a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, where she served as Vice-Chair during 2015-2016. In that capacity, she

was a member of the working group that drafted the Committee's General Comment No. 3 on Women and Girls with Disabilities. Ms. Quan Chang holds a degree in chemistry from the University of the Valley of Guatemala, a post-graduate diploma on gender studies from Fundación Guatemala and the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and a master's degree in Human Rights from Rafael Landívar University, Guatemala. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge of the mandate and experience of the United Nations system.

X. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States

54. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

55. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). There were 11 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Aua BALDÉ (F) (Guinea-Bissau)

2. Salamata SAWAGOGO TAPSOBA (F) (Burkina Faso)

3. Abdrazack ROUWANE (M) (Morocco)

56. **Aua Baldé** is a researcher and lecturer at the Catholic University of Portugal. She previously worked as a Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court. She has experience serving in different roles in the United Nations system. She has worked as an Information Analyst Officer at both the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic and at the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as Political Affairs Officer for the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau. Ms. Baldé has published academic articles and a book in the field of human rights. She holds a law degree from the Autonomous University of Lisbon, a master's degree in international human rights law from Harvard Law School, and a post-graduate diploma in international humanitarian law and human rights in conflict situations from the University of Lisbon and the National Defense Institute of Portugal. She is also a PhD candidate in international criminal law at the Catholic University of Portugal. The Consultative Group noted her extensive academic knowledge in the field of the mandate. The candidate clearly identified the priorities and challenges of the mandate and was able to articulate a clear vision for its further development. The candidate demonstrated a good understanding on how to mainstream a gender perspective in the implementation of the mandate.

57. **Salamata Sawagogo Tapsoba** is a magistrate and currently serves as a Chargée de Mission at the Ministry of Justice of Burkina Faso. She has also served as Minister of Justice and Minister of Human Rights of Burkina Faso. She was elected for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, where she acted as President for two consecutive terms. She is also the former Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Senegal and South Africa. Ms. Sawadogo Tapsoba holds a law degree and a master's degree in law from the University of Ouagadougou, as well as a magistrate diploma from the French National School for the Judiciary. Ms. Sawadogo Tapsoba indicated that she would not relinquish her work as Chargée de Mission at the Ministry of Justice of Burkina Faso if appointed special procedure mandate holder, but that she would do so in case a conflict of interest would arise. The Consultative Group noted her legal expertise and experience in engaging and cooperating with a variety of stakeholders in the implementation of the mandate.

58. **Abdrazack Rouwane** is an expert consultant to the Head of Government attached to the Moroccan Ministry of State. During the interview, Mr. Rouwane informed the Consultative Group that he currently serves as a special adviser on human rights mainstreaming at the Public Prosecution Office of Morocco. Previously, he worked as Secretary-General of the Moroccan Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights. He has also served in different roles at the National Human Rights Council of Morocco, including as Head of the Department of International Cooperation and as Head of the Department for Protection and Support to Victims of Violations. He holds a law degree from the University of Hassan II Casablanca and a master's degree in international human rights law from the University of Essex. Mr. Rouwane indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, he would relinquish his work as special adviser on human rights mainstreaming at the Public Prosecution Office of Morocco. The Consultative Group noted his knowledge of and experience in the field of the mandate.

XI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the 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

59. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain). There were three eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed all the three eligible candidates who applied for this vacancy and concluded that it was not in a position to recommend any of these three interviewed candidates. The Consultative Group noted that there were only three eligible candidates for the vacancy and that no further applications were received during the extended application period, i.e. between the initial deadline for applications of 30 July and the extended deadline of 11 August 2020.

60. The Consultative Group was guided in its further deliberations by paragraph 50 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 which provides that “the Consultative Group will consider candidates included in the public list; however, under exceptional circumstances and if a particular post justifies it, the Group may consider additional nominations with equal or more suitable qualifications for the post. Recommendations to the President shall be public and substantiated.”

61. Accordingly, the Consultative Group reached out to Mr. Ravindran Daniel who had been the second recommended candidate, but not selected, for the same Working Group mandate in the previous selection process in 2014. The candidate, who has applied for and has been interviewed for the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan in the present selection round, agreed subsequently to be interviewed also for this mandate.

62. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following candidate as best qualified to fulfil the mandate.

1. Ravindran DANIEL (M) (India)

63. **Ravindran Daniel** served as Human Rights Director or Regional Coordinator in United Nations missions in Libya, the Sudan, East Timor and Cambodia, where he was involved in the development of human rights policies and technical assistance programmes. Mr. Daniel has worked with the International Commission of Jurists and founded and directed the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia). He holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Madras and a master's degree in sociology from the Sri Venkateswara University. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's knowledge of the mandate and its priorities as well as his vision for the its further development. The Consultative Group appreciated his field experience directly relating to the mandate and the importance he attaches to effective dialogue and cooperation with all stakeholders.

*Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁷***Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Patrick Laurent	BADUGUE	Cameroon	M
Mumba	MALILA	Zambia	M
Irene	NJERI	Kenya	F
Leo	NWOYE	Nigeria	M
Eric N.	RICHARDSON	United States of America	M
Edward	THOMAS	Ireland	M
Ravindran	DANIEL	India	M
Natasha	YACoub	Australia	F
Lara	SORIA MORENTE	Spain	F

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Pedro	ARROJO-AGUDO	Spain	M
Ion	DIACONU	Romania	M
José Carlos	DÍEZ	Spain	M
Jacqueline	DUGARD	South Africa	F
Faraj	EL-AWAR	Lebanon	M
Olasoji	FAGBOLA	Nigeria	M
Jérémie	GILBERT	France	M
Ana Claudia	HAFEMANN	Brazil	F
Shakeel	HAYAT	Pakistan	M
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Anne	LE STRAT	France	F
Irene	NJERI	Kenya	F
Pascal	NTAHOMPAGAZE	Belgium	M
Lara	SORIA MORENTE	Spain	F
Pierre	THIELBÖRGER	Germany	M
Luke	WILSON	United States of America	M
Elizabeth M.	ZECHENTER	United States of America	F

⁷ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ziad	AMRO	State of Palestine	M
Patrick Laurent	BADUGUE	Cameroon	M
Carlos	BARRANTES	Costa Rica	M
Paul	DARKE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Carmen	DE LA FUENTE MÉNDEZ	Spain	F
Steven	ESTEY	Canada	M
Juan Manuel	FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍNEZ	Spain	M
Robbie	FRANCIS WATENE	New Zealand	F
Cristina	FRANCISCO REYES	Dominican Republic	F
Mario Marcel	HUBERTY	Luxembourg	M
Santiago	IBARZABAL	Argentina	M
Rodrigo	JIMÉNEZ SANDOVAL	Costa Rica	M
Oscar	LÓPEZ	Costa Rica	M
Tamara	MILCENT	France	F
Pamela	MOLINA TOLEDO	Chile	F
Maria Nieves	PUJAL	Spain	F
Gerard	QUINN	Ireland	M
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Juan Pablo	SALAZAR SALAMANCA	Colombia	M
Damaris	SOLANO	Costa Rica	F
Elizabeth M.	ZECHENTER	United States of America	F

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Homayoun	ALIZADEH	Austria	M
Kwadwo	APPIAGYEI-ATUA	Ghana	M
Mohamed Abdelsalam	BABIKER	Sudan	M
Raymond	CHIFAMBA	Zimbabwe	M
Álvaro	FRÍAS CRUZ	Colombia	M
Emmanuel	GORE	South Sudan	M
Mauline	GRAGAU	Kenya	F
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Amadou Kabirou	ISSA YARO DIALLO	Niger	M
Satvinder	JUSS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Tawanda	MUTASAH	Zimbabwe	M
Irene	NJERI	Kenya	F
Leo	NWOYE	Nigeria	M
Harry	POST	Netherlands	M

Laura Kathleen	ROBERTS	United States of America	F
Oliver	WINDRIDGE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

**Working Group on Arbitrary Detention,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Patrick Laurent	BADUGUE	Cameroon	M
Shatikha S.	CHIVUSIA	Kenya	F
Bakari Sidiki	DIABY	Côte d'Ivoire	M
Ziwindgniga Joël Aristide	DJIGUEMDE	Burkina Faso	M
Saidou	DOGON GUIDA	Niger	M
Eliane Berthe	EGUE ADOTE	Benin	F
Amadou Kabirou	ISSA YARO DIALLO	Niger	M
Zainabo Sylvie	KAYITESI*	Rwanda	F
Kodjo Dzidzomé	MAHOULE	Togo	M
Mumba	MALILA	Zambia	M
Irene	NJERI	Kenya	F
Leo	NWOYE	Nigeria	M
Ernest	NYABENDA	Burundi	M
Atel Ongee	PAITO	South Sudan	M
Jamila	SAYOURI	Morocco	F
Jedidah Wakonyo	WARUHIU	Kenya	F

* On 7 September 2020, the candidate informed the Secretariat of her decision to withdraw her candidacy for this post.

**Working Group on Arbitrary Detention,
member from Latin American and Caribbean States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Juan Pablo	ALBÁN ALENCASTRO	Ecuador	M
Miriam	ESTRADA-CASTILLO	Ecuador	F
Gabriela	FULCO	Uruguay	F
Ana Claudia	HAFEMANN	Brazil	F
Ezequiel	HEFFES	Argentina	M
María Lucrecia	HERNÁNDEZ VITAR	Argentina	F
Michelle	MORAIS DE SA E SILVA	Brazil	F
Patrick	PELISSIER	Haiti	M
Luciana	POL	Argentina	F

**Working Group on discrimination against women and girls,
member form Latin American and Caribbean States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Paola	BERGALLO	Argentina	F
Andrea	BOLAÑOS VARGAS	Colombia	F
Stella	CONTO	Colombia	F
Ángeles	CORTE RÍOS	Mexico	F
Dorothy	ESTRADA-TANCK	Mexico	F
Cristina	FRANCISCO REYES	Dominican Republic	F
Giovanna Maria	FRISSO	Brazil	F
Ana Claudia	HAFEMANN	Brazil	F
Rodrigo	JIMÉNEZ SANDOVAL	Costa Rica	M
Pamela	MOLINA TOLEDO	Chile	F
Lelia Mercedes	MOONEY SIROTINSKY	Argentina	F
Silvia	QUAN CHANG	Guatemala	F
Mariana	RULLI	Argentina	F
Olivia	SMITH	Barbados	F

**Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Jean-François	AKANDJI-KOMBE	Central African Republic	M
Patrick Laurent	BADUGUE	Cameroon	M
Aua	BALDÉ	Guinea-Bissau	F
Raymond	CHIFAMBA	Zimbabwe	M
Amadou Kabirou	ISSA YARO DIALLO	Niger	M
Alizeta	KONE COMPAORE	Burkina Faso	F
Kodjo Dzidzomé	MAHOULE	Togo	M
Irene	NJERI	Kenya	F
Leo	NWOYE	Nigeria	M
Abderrazak	ROUWANE	Morocco	M
Salamata	SAWADOGO TAPSOBA	Burkina Faso	F

**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**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Seyed Mohammad	SADATI NEJAD	Islamic Republic of Iran	M

*Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁸***Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Eric N.	RICHARDSON	United States of America	M
Edward	THOMAS	Ireland	M
Ravindran	DANIEL	India	M
Natasha	YACOUB	Australia	F

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Pedro	ARROJO-AGUDO	Spain	M
José Carlos	DÍEZ	Spain	M
Jacqueline	DUGARD	South Africa	F
Anne	LE STRAT	France	F
Pierre	THIELBÖRGER	Germany	M

Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ziad	AMRO	State of Palestine	M
Robbie	FRANCIS WATENE	New Zealand	F
Pamela	MOLINA TOLEDO	Chile	F
Gerard	QUINN	Ireland	M
Juan Pablo	SALAZAR SALAMANCA	Colombia	M

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Homayoun	ALIZADEH	Austria	M
Mohamed Abdelsalam	BABIKER	Sudan	M
Emmanuel	GORE	South Sudan	M
Harry	POST	Netherlands	M
Laura Kathleen	ROBERTS	United States of America	F

**Working Group on Arbitrary Detention,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Eliane Berthe	EGUE ADOTE	Benin	F
Mumba	MALILA	Zambia	M

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Juan Pablo	ALBÁN ALENCASTRO	Ecuador	M
Miriam	ESTRADA-CASTILLO	Ecuador	F
Gabriela	FULCO	Uruguay	F

**Working Group on discrimination against women and girls,
member form Latin American and Caribbean States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Stella	CONTO	Colombia	F
Ángeles	CORTE RÍOS	Mexico	F
Dorothy	ESTRADA-TANCK	Mexico	F
Silvia	QUAN CHANG	Guatemala	F

**Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Aua	BALDÉ	Guinea-Bissau	F
Abderrazak	ROUWANE	Morocco	M
Salamata	SAWADOGO TAPSOBA	Burkina Faso	F

**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**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ravindran	DANIEL	India	M
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
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