14 September 2020

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit for your attention the report of the Consultative Group dated 14 September 2020, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following nine vacancies of mandate holders to be filled at the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council. The appointment of the mandate holders 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](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/35))\*
2. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation** ([HRC resolution 42/5](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/5))
3. **Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities** ([HRC resolution 44/10](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/44/10))
4. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea** ([HRC resolution 44/1](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/44/1))
5. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from African States** ([HRC resolution 42/22](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/22))
6. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** ([HRC resolution 42/22](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/22))
7. **Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member form Latin American and Caribbean States** ([HRC resolution 41/6](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/41/6))
8. **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States** ([HRC resolution 36/6](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/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](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/9))

I take this opportunity to recall that, according to paragraph 52 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, “on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.”

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

In line with this paragraph, I will be holding broad consultations, based on this report, with a view to identifying appropriate candidates for the above-mentioned vacancies.

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

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President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure