***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 JULY 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/797846*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846)

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.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:** Barrantes | **5. Year of birth:** 1984 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Carlos | **6. Place of birth:** San José, Costa Rica |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Costa Rica |
| **4. Gender:** Male | **8. Any other nationality:** |

**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.)**

University degree in law, 8 years of activism in the field of human rights for people with disabilities, organizational work in leadership positions, able to speak Spanish and English at native level and Japanese at a fluent level, trainer in political advocacy, legal instruments and state operation. International advisor in the drafting of laws concerning human rights for people with disabilities in Latin America. Drafting and execution of organizational projects as well as analysis of public policies and laws. Public speaking, group management and preparation of training plans. Organization of national and international seminars and workshops.

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 and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)**

As a professional in law I've had contact with most of the different instruments human rights in existence, however, I have not worked closely with all of them, even though they are universal and intersectional. In my experience as an activist for the rights of people with disability i've come in contact international instruments, such as the, international Convention for the rights of people with disabilities, which has been paramount for my work, it was crucial in the drafting of the law of autonomy for people with disabilities, since it is based on both the 12 and 19 articles of this conventiona, I've also worked with the sustainable development objectives, specifically the 3rd, 5th and 10th objectives while researching the subject for my thesis on quality of access to health services for people with disabilities.

I've also been a guest speaker in international seminars about the rights for people with disabilities, and the different mechanisms available to monitor and safeguard these rights.

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

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

International speaker about rights of people with disabilities, participated in a variety of seminars and workshops in Argentina, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Japan.

Participated as a trainer for organizations of people with disabilities, both virtually and in person, in Costa Rica and various countries of Latin America.

Contributed in the draft of the Costa Rican law of personal autonomy for people with disabilities, based on the 12th and 19th articles of the crpd.

Participated as an advisor for the law of personal autonomy and independent living for people with disabilities of Peru.

Participated as an advisor for the law of personal autonomy and independent living for people with disabilities of Colombia.

Member of the board of directors of the National Council for people with disabilities, as an elected member my day organizations of people with disabilities in general assembly.

Member of Information Committee of Persons with Disability (Coindis), elected by General Assembly.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Thesis: Analysis on the access for people with do Health Service in the Escalante Pradilla Hospital

**Journal/Publisher:** Universidad Latina De Costa

**Date of publication:** 2018

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Disability Summit, Argentina 2019

**Event organizer:**  Government of Argentina Republic, the International Alliance Disability (IDA) and the Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** June 7th 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Independent living in human rights of people with disabilities, workshop for social work students.

**Event organizer:** University of Kobe, mainstream Association.

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** April 2018

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd National Summit for people with people with disabilities, Costa Rica.

**Event organizer:** CONAPDIS, COINDIS, CVI Morpho.

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

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

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”.**

The candidate understands that the position is unpaid, and also has the time availability, resources and the ability to commit the time necessary for the Mandate. The position demands have been already discussed with the other organizations of which the candidate is a member of.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is 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)**:**

The Information Committee of Persons with Disability (Coindis) is the body in charge of gathering, reproducing, translating and transmiting, timely and reliable information on disability, in order to advise public and private entities, and the general population on:

1. Equal opportunities, rights and obligations for people with

disability.

2. The elimination of all forms of discrimination against people with

disability.

3. The participation of people with disabilities in all areas of

human activity.

4. Accessibility to all spheres of social activity through use of Universal or Inclusive Design.

5. Respect for human diversity.

6. The maximum development of the people with disabilities.

7. The full social participation of people with disabilities.

8. National and international regulations on disability.

9. Technical Aid and Support Services.

The Information Committee of Organizations of People with Disability (Coindis) performs an important educational task at the social level, that of informing and advise the Costa Rican population on disability.

Our reason for nominating Mr. Barrantes is due to his extensive experience in working with civil society organizations, as well as the political and institutional lobbying processes in which he has participated, being one of the main promoters of the Personal Autonomy Law for People with Disabilities(No. 9379), in addition to being a national and international speaker in the region and a leading activist in organizational strengthening and empowerment processes.

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

To whom it may concern:

My name is Carlos Barrantes , I am a person with a disability and I'm also an activist and lawyer. About 10 years ago I was a person with a disability who lived in a world for people without disabilities, someone that didn't feel like they fit in this world and there was nothing to be done, however over time and after getting involved with organizations of people with disabilities, I have discovered that a world in which we all have access to the same opportunities, in a timely and integral manner, is possible. Through time and my training as an activist, I have come to recognize myself as a person with disabilities, as a subject of rights and with many things to contribute to society. However, most people with disabilities do not know their rights, they lack empowerment and this makes them more susceptible to the actions of states equally ignorant of these rights.

I've witnessed the improvements in the quality of life of people with disabilities once they go through and empowerment process, and I've also seen differences in a place when there is an organization working for the rights of people with disabilities or even just empowered individuals. They take charge and actively promote their rights and participate in decision-making environments, in turn improving the overall quality of life and the equal access to opportunities in the community.

It is for the above that I have become a strong proponent of education, in both ways, both towards people with disabilities, and the states that govern them, a thorough education about the existence of the human rights of the person with disabilities, including the mechanisms to demand them and protect them. In the past few years, the different nations have developed great pieces of legislation and instruments to guarantee the rights of people with disabilities, but people need to know how to use them, and the states need to understand the responsibilities entailed.

My main goal in applying to the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. is to become a link between states with each other, and between states and organizations of people with disabilities, this is because I have noticed the great disconnect that exists between the reports presented by the governments and the ones presented by civil society organizations, there is an obvious gap that can be shortened by carrying out proactive work. Establishing communication channels, always bearing in mind that the interests of the population with disabilities and access to their rights must be monitored and guaranteed.

My objective is to become that source of advice and analysis for the states, so that people with disabilities can get to see their governments as allies and not as coercive forces that do not have their interests as a priority. At the end of the day, the rights of the person with disabilities arise from an infinite intersectionality, involving and interrelating gender, nationality, economic conditions, social background, migration status, etc. All this because they are born from the same source, which is human nature and dignity.

I appreciate the time that you took to read my motivation letter and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Carlos Barrantes Ulloa

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Spanish**

**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: **Easiy**

**French:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or 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: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **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, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put, for example, 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| University Degree in Law, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, full time. | 2014-2018 | Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica |
| Project on building a social support system for disabilities, JICA and Mainstream Association, full time | 2018 | Kobe, Japan |
| Independent living activity of persons with disabilities in central and South American countries, JICA and Mainstream Association, full time | 2012 | Tokyo and Kobe, Japan |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (most recent) occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed 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; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| Morpho Center for Independent Living,Morpho Center for Independent Living, vicepresident, administrative duties, staff management, advocacy, legal advice, speaker, fundraising, organization of international and national events, promotion of human rights for people with disabilities and lobbying. Full time. | 2018-present | Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica. |
| National Council of people with disabilities (CONAPDIS), board of director's member, secretary. Part time, unpaid position. | 2018-2019 | Heredia, Costa Rica. |
| National Council of people with disabilities (CONAPDIS), board of director's member. Part time, unpaid position. | 2017-2019 | Heredia, Costa Rica. |
| Information Committee of Persons with Disability (Coindis), Member of the board of directors, speaker. Part time, unpaid position. | 2018-pesent | Heredia, Costa Rica. |
| Information Committee of Persons with Disability (Coindis), Coordinator of the board of directors, speaker. Part time, unpaid position. | 2017-2018 | Heredia, Costa Rica. |
| Morpho Center for Independent Living, president, administrative duties, staff management, advocacy, legal advice, speaker, fundraising, organization of international and national events, promotion of human rights for people with disabilities and lobbying. Full time. | 2016-2018 | Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica. |
| Morpho Center for Independent Living, staff, speaker, fundraising, organization of international and national events, promotion of human rights for people with disabilities and lobbying. Full time. | 2013-present | Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica. |

**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.***

No.

**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.**

The candidate would relinquish such positions, however he only holds civil society positions which are unpaid and nonprofit.

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**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 the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Carlos Barrantes Ulloa

**Date:** July 29th 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 or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form 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)