

## SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT

### Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 45th session

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 JULY 2020 AT 12:00 NOON GREENWICH MEAN TIME**

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:  
**(1) online survey<sup>1</sup>** (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846>)  
and  
**(2) application form in Word format<sup>2</sup>** (to be downloaded from <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> and <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

<b>1. Family (last) name:</b> Mooney Sirotinsky	<b>5. Year of birth:</b> 1969
<b>2. First (given) name:</b> Lelia	<b>6. Place of birth:</b> Corrientes, Argentina
<b>3. Other name, if any:</b> Mercedes	<b>7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):</b> Argentina
<b>4. Gender:</b> Female	<b>8. Any other nationality:</b> United States

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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## **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.)**

Professor Lelia Mooney is a renowned expert on governance and rule of law, business, human rights and sustainability, diversity and social inclusion, peace building, women's legal rights and juvenile justice, civil society strengthening and multi stakeholder engagement. She has extensive experience designing, leading and evaluating complex projects and teams working across the Americas. She is an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law School where she teaches courses on Human Rights and Sustainability and is also the Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement for the Rule of Law in the Americas. She is fully bilingual in English and Spanish and also speaks French and Portuguese. She holds an LL.B. from the Universidad Nacional del Nordeste in her native Argentina, an LL.M in Law in Developing Societies from the University of Warwick Law School as a Chevening Scholar and an LL.M. from the Georgetown Law Center.

### **2. 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.)**

Professor Mooney's extensive knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles comes from her twenty five years of applied research, multi stakeholder engagement and designing, implementing and evaluating human rights in the midst of leading cross-cultural teams in Central America and South America. Examples of this includes being the Senior Legal, Gender and Capacity Building Specialist of the USAID Funded Women's Legal Rights Initiative where she led the development of the LL.M. on Women's Human Rights and Access to Justice at the University of San Carlos Law School of Guatemala, which is still being taught fourteen years later. As an expert in adult education, experiential and situation-based learning, she developed hundreds of human rights, women's rights and governance training programs in English and Spanish for academic institutions, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and local communities across the Americas and globally that have been highly rated and received outstanding evaluations. Another example of her groundbreaking work is developing the First Assessment of the Juvenile Justice System of Guatemala under the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child that resulted in direct strategic dialogues and systemic change in the Guatemala Justice System.

### **3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)**

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

Previously, she was the Director of the International Network to Promote the Rule of Law at the United States Institute of Peace, served as the Rule of Law, Gender and Capacity Development Specialist of the USAID funded Global Women’s Legal Rights Initiative and as Director for Latin America at Partners Global and Senior Director of the Argentina led Inter-American Democracy Network. Since 2016 she serves on the Board of the American Bar Association’s Center for Human Rights and its Working Group on Business and Human Rights and is a regular participant and contributor to the United Nations Global Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. She has received numerous awards over the course of her career. Most recently, she was selected to attend the National Judicial College Faculty Development Workshop in Reno, Nevada. In 2017, she was selected to be a member of a Delegation of 20 Hispanic and African American Female Trailblazer Leaders to visit the State of Israel and engage with counterpart institutions including the legal profession, Supreme Court of Israel, private sector, government and academic entities. She is a Fellow of the Global Salzburg Seminar in Salzburg, Austria and a recipient of the 2001 British Council/Chevening Scholarship to pursue her LL.M. studies in the United Kingdom at the University of Warwick Law School. Bilingual in English and Spanish, she also speaks Fr

**4. 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.**

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

**1. Title of publication:**

**Journal/Publisher:**

**Date of publication:**

**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):**

Education as a Tool to Promote and Improve Women’s Rights in Searching for Success: Narrative Accounts of Legal Reform in Developing and Transition Countries, Legal and Governance Reform: Lessons Learned, No. 1, 2006, International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Thomas McInerney, editor (Author)

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Juvenile Justice System Assessment of Guatemala

The Business, Human Rights and Sustainability Sourcebook, American Bar Association Publishing, February 2016 (Author)

Promoting the Rule of Law in the Intersection of Business, Human Rights and Sustainability, Georgetown University Journal of International Law, Volume 46, Number 4, Summer 2015 (Author)

Promoting the Rule of Law: A Practitioner's Guide to Key Issues and Developments Book, American Bar Association Publishing, August 2013 (Editor)

Culture of Lawfulness, in Criminal Justice Reform in Post-Conflict States: A Guide for Culture of Lawfulness, in Criminal Justice Reform in Post-Conflict States: A Guide for Practitioners, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and United States Institute of Peace (USIP), 2010 (Author)

Introductory Note to the Inter-American Juridical Committee Resolution: The Essential and Fundamental Elements of Representative Democracy and their Relation to Collective Action Within the Framework of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, 48 ILM (INTERNATIONAL LEGAL MATERIALS) ASIL.

**4.2 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:**

Facebook

**Event organizer:** Partners El Salvador

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

**Web link, if available:** on the following links both in English and Spanish:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Partnerselsalvador/videos/1440720812736259/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Partnerselsalvador/videos/340274680005096/>

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

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

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:**

**Event organizer:**

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

**Web link, if available:**

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

**5. 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**

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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”.**

It would be an honor and privilege to be selected to serve in the context of this mandate and will be available to attend and respond to the

**6. 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):**

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**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.)

Dear Human Rights Council:

I am pleased to submit my self-nomination to serve on the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States. I am a trained lawyer in Argentina with an LLM from the University of Warwick Law School in the UK and an LLM from the Georgetown University Law Center, where I am currently an Adjunct Professor teaching a course on Business, Human Rights, Governance and Sustainability and lead the Center for the Advancement for the Rule of Law in the Americas. I am bilingual in Spanish and English with an intermediate command of Portuguese and French. I am a citizen born of Argentina.

I bring to this very interesting opportunity extensive experience working on the gender based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse in developing, conflict and post-conflict settings with a multi stakeholder approach, including working with private sector companies in the context of extraction of natural resources. In my role as the Rule of Law, Gender and Capacity Building Specialist with the USAID funded Women's Legal Rights Initiative I led the development of policies, legal reform frameworks, training and local capacity development of a wide range of actors that resulted in the institutionalization of processes, policies and activities that achieved long term sustainability. I currently advice several USAID funded initiatives looking at business, human rights, gender and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse with a focus on the role of the private sector both local and at the multi-national levels. Furthermore, I am an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center where I teach a course I specifically designed with a multi-stakeholder approach on Business, Human Rights and Sustainability where I also look at the impacts (and how to prevent, manage and mitigate) of gender based violence and sexual exploitation as part of private and public security providers in the context of extraction of natural resources and infrastructure development in complex environments.

My superior analytical, research, organizational, planning and strategic and diplomatic skills will be an asset. My approach is to use a highly collaborative process working with colleagues across cultures and stakeholders with a clear understanding of the challenges they face while working on highly complex environments. I also work fine independently with a commitment to deliver mutually successful results on a timely fashion. I abide by high integrity standards and as such, you will find a direct alignment with my ability to maintain confidentiality of information and working to achieve the mission of the organization.

I do look forward to hearing back from you,

Lelia Mercedes Mooney Sirotinsky, 21 of July 2020.

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**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 or Not 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: **EASILY**

**Write:** Easily or not easily: **NOT EASILY**

**Speak:** Easily or not easily: **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: **YES**

**Write:** Easily or not easily: **YES**

**Speak:** Easily or not easily: **YES**



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**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.**

<b>Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:</b>	<b>Years of attendance</b> (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put, for example, 2018-present):	<b>Place and country:</b>
FACULTAD DE DERECHO Y CIENCIAS SOCIALES Y POLITICAS, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL NORDESTE  TITULO DE ABOGADA (FULL-TIME)	1988-1992	CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK LAW SCHOOL  DEGREE: LL.M. LAW IN DEVELOPING SOCIETIES (FULL-TIME)	2001-2002	COVENTRY, UNITED KINGDOM
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  DEGREE: LL.M. (PART-TIME)	2006-2008	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES

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**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.**

<b>Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position, full- or part-time:</b>	<b>Years of work</b> (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present):	<b>Place and country:</b>
Executive Director, Center for the Advancement of the Rule of Law in the Americas, Georgetown University Law Center	2020-present	Washington, D.C. United States
Adjunct Professor, Human Rights and Sustainability in Business, Georgetown University Law Center	2018-present	Washington, D.C. United States
Director, International Network to Promote the Rule of Law, United States Institute of Peace	2016-2018	Washington, D.C., United States
Director, Latin America and Caribbean, Partners for Democratic Change	2010-2015	Washington, D.C., United States
Senior Rule of Law, Gender and Capacity Building Specialist for Guatemala, Partners of the Americas	2003-2008	Washington, D.C., United States
Chief of Mission to Paraguay, International Foundation for Election Systems	2001	Asuncion, Paraguay
Senior Director, Inter-American Democracy Network, Conciencia Argentina	1995-2000	Buenos Aires, Argentina

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**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.*

YES

**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.**

TO THE EXTENT I AM ABLE I WILL TAKE MEASURES TO COMPLY WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED PARAGRAPHS 44 AND 46.

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**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:** LELIA MERCEDES MOONEY SIROTINSKY

**Date:** 21 OF JULY 2020

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