



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

17 September 2021

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for the vacancy of **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, one of the three vacancies of special procedure mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 48th session of the Human Rights Council.

In follow-up to my letter of 6 September 2021, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's addendum, dated 6 September 2021, to its report, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidate.

Following my thorough consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for the above-mentioned vacancy.

Therefore, with regard to the **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Barbara G. REYNOLDS (Guyana)**.

For sake of completeness, allow me to remind that I also followed the first recommendation of the Consultative Group, included in its report of 16 August 2021, for the following two mandates.

As to the **Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights**, I proposed for appointment **Ms. Alexandra XANTHAKI (Greece)**.

In relation to the **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Latin American and Caribbean States**, I proposed for appointment **Ms. Fernanda HOPENHAYM (Mexico)**.

To all Permanent Representatives to
the United Nations Office at Geneva



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nazhat Shameem Khan', is centered on the page.

Nazhat Shameem KHAN
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure



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**Mandate holders
to be appointed at the 48th session of the Human Rights Council**

1. Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights (HRC resolution 46/9)
Ms. Alexandra XANTHAKI (F) (Greece)
2. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (HRC resolution 45/24)
Ms. Barbara G. REYNOLDS (F) (Guyana).
3. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (HRC resolution 44/15)
Ms. Fernanda HOPENHAYM (F) (Mexico)