How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the [Web-based survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRC25_SPmandateholders_EMRIPexperts) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based survey should only be completed once**, i.e. multiple selection allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part, i.e.** of the application form in Word which can be downloaded, completed and saved in word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form, includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words, will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the OHCHR Internet.

Once completed the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/IEMali_Haiti/hrcspecialprocedures%40ohchr.org)mailto:

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandates, an application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

* A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
* **Application Deadline: 31 OCTOBER 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: Aoife  | Sex: [ ]  Male [x]  Female |
| First Name: Nolan  | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 11-Nov-77 |
| Maiden name (if any):        | Place of birth: Dublin, Ireland |
| Middle name:        | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Irish |
|  | Any other nationality: N/A |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE/QUALIFICATION/KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence/qualifications/knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

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| 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 official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.) | Aoife Nolan graduated with a LL.B from Trinity College Dublin in 2000 and completed her PhD in Law at the European University Institute, Florence, in 2005. Her professional experience in relation to the right to adequate housing, straddles the legal, policy, practitioner and academic fields. She has an outstanding record in relation to economic and social rights scholarship and advocacy. She has also played a role with regard to human rights-related standard-setting at both the domestic and international levels. Her work on the relationships between budgets and human rights is internationally recognised. Aoife has excellent oral and written communication skills, and a extensive experience in engaging effectively with a wide range of audiences (both state and non-state, international and domestic, expert and non-expert) in different professional and cultural contexts.  |
| 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. (Please state how this was acquired).Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience. | Aoife Nolan has wide-ranging expertise in relation to international and regional (including African, Inter-American and European Social Charter) human rights instruments, norms, principles, bodies and institutional mandates. Her research, practice and teaching in these areas, including in relation to the UN special procedures, span 12, 9 and 7 years, respectively. She has written and published widely in the area of human rights, including the right to adequate housing, both for academic and practitioner audiences. Key recent books (academic) include 'Children's Socio-economic Rights, Democracy and the Courts' (Hart Publishing, 2011); 'Human Rights and Public Finance: Budgets and the Promotion of Economic and Social Rights' (Hart Publishing, 2013) (co-edited with O’Connell and Harvey), 'Applying an International Human Rights Framework to State Budgets: Rights and Resources' (co-authored with O'Connell, Harvey, Dutschke and Rooney); and 'Economic and Social Rights after the Global Financial Crisis' (Cambridge, forthcoming 2014).Practitioner publications include 'Litigating Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Legal Practitioners’ Dossier' (COHRE, 2006) (with Langford) and 13 editions of the Housing and ESC Rights Law Quarterly. She regularly provides human rights, including housing rights, trainings to non-academic audiences, including public servants, practitioners and advocates. |

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| ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words)Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired). | Professor Nolan's competence is reflected in the fact that she has worked with and provided expert advice to a wide variety of international and domestic NGOs, statutory human rights institutions, state bodies and other human rights actors on issues relating to human rights, including the right to adequate housing. These have included the Council of Europe, the Children’s Commissioner for England, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, the Malawian Human Rights Commission, UNICEF UK, the Children’s Rights Alliance (Ireland), the Right to Education Project, ESCR-Net (USA), the ICJ (Nepal), Disability Rights Promotion International (Canada) and Transparency International (Germany). She has also contributed to the work of the Special Procedures on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, the Right to Water and the Right to Adequate Housing. She is a long-standing member of the Steering Committee of the ESCR-Net Case-Law Database and a founding member of its Monitoring Working Group. Her human rights competence is further demonstrated by her 2007-8 work as Human Rights Adviser to the Working Group on Economic and Social Rights, including Relevant Equality Issues of the Northern Ireland Bill of Rights Forum. In 2008, she provided legal advice to members of the International NGO Coalition for an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. |
| 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 sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate) | Aoife Nolan's current position as Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Nottingham is sufficiently flexible to enable her to dedicate a substantial part of her time to the work of the mandate. As a member of the University's Human Rights Law Centre, and Director of its Economic and Social Rights Unit, she will be able to rely on the HRLC for research and administrative assistance in carrying out studies, report-drafting and engagement activities with a range of international state and non-state actor stakeholders.   |

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

**Please indicate all language skills**

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| **Languages** | **Read** | **Write** | **Speak** |
|  | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
| **Arabic** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Chinese** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **English** | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **French** | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Russian** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Spanish** | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Mother tongue:** English | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |

**IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)**

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| To Whom It May Concern,I have worked on the right to adequate housing as an academic, practitioner and advocate both internationally and domestically since 2002. As my nominees state, I more than satisfy the requirements for this appointment, given the very strong relationship between my qualifications, expertise and established competence and the mandate outlined in HRC Resolution 15/8. Rather than reiterating these, this motivation letter will outline my proposed activities to satisfy the Special Rapporteur’s responsibility to promote the full realisation of the right to adequate housing. First, I would seek to build on the achievements' of previous mandate-holders. This would include developing further aspects of the right to adequate housing that would benefit from greater attention, particularly ‘cultural adequacy’ and ‘accessibility’. I would also focus on vulnerable groups, addressing the housing rights of children and people with disabilities in particular, as well as other groups subject to marginalisation and discrimination that have not yet been the subject of sustained study by the mandate. A key part of my task as Rapporteur would be to look at the role of budgets in relation to the right to adequate housing. Such work would build on previous mandate-holders’ reports on ‘Housing Finance Policies’ and ‘the Causes of the Financial and Housing/Mortgage Crisis’, as well as the work of the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. I would also address the role played by non-state actors/the private sector in relation to the provision of housing and forced evictions. I would look to extend the mandate’s activities on security of tenure beyond its current primary emphasis on the urban poor. This would involve developing the mandate’s work to encompass other aspects of tenure security (eg, pertaining to rural, indigenous/tribal peoples and others). This could include cooperation with ComESCR and others with regard to the possible adoption of a General Comment on security of tenure by the ComESCR. The areas outlined above would involve the identification of best practices, challenges and solutions to such in the context of the right to adequate housing and other rights related to the mandate. These actions would be supported by a sustained analysis of key dimensions of the right to adequate housing that require further definition, given their implications for state efforts to give effect to housing rights. Examples include ‘discrimination on the basis of socio-economic class’, ‘non-retrogression’ and the determination of ‘maximum available resources’ for the purposes of the right to adequate housing. A final issue would be that of participation: how can the participation be ensured of those who are most frequently excluded from direct, formal decision-making about housing? As the new Special Rapporteur will benefit from the very strong work of previous mandate-holders, a central element of my activities as Special Rapporteur would be the use of such in practice; for instance through the application of the Guidelines of Development Induced Evictions and Displacement in reports and in country visit-related work. I am strongly committed to working with states, civil society, UN bodies and other stakeholders in order to advance comprehension and implementation of the right to housing. Country visits will be prepared in collaboration with state representatives and will provide a key opportunity to develop constructive dialogue with governments. Studies and consultations held in relation to the mandate will facilitate the sharing of best practices. These and annual reports will involve the identification of solutions for the implementation of the right to adequate housing. A key focus of my activities will be engagement with marginalised groups and communities. My informed understanding of issues facing the mandate-holder, combined with my experience, renders me well-placed to perform independently and impartially the functions envisaged in Resolution 15/8, thereby playing a key role in the promotion and advancement of the right to adequate housing. Yours Faithfully, Aoife Nolan      |

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications: (university level and higher)**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution** | **Years of Attendance** | **Place and Country** |
| Postgraduate Cerificate in Higher Education and Teaching, Queen's Univerity Belfast | 2008-2010 | Belfast, United Kingdom |
| PhD in Law, European University Institute  | 2001-2005 | Florence, Italy |
| LL.B, Trinity College Dublin     | 1996-2000 | Dublin, Ireland |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one:**

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| Name of EmployerFunctional TitleMain functions of position | Years of Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| School of Law, University of NottinghamProfessor of International Human Rights LawMAIN FUNCTIONS: Co-Director of Economic and Social Rights Unit of the Human Rights Law Centre; Academic Lead of Children and Childhood Network;  | 2012 - onwards  | Nottingham, United Kingdom |
| Law School, University of DurhamSenior Lecturer in LawMAIN FUNCTIONS: Leader of postgraduate and undergraduate International Human Rights Law programmes; Member of Research Committee (Oct. 2010-March 2012); Member of Management Committee (Oct. 2011-March 2012); Ethics and Data Protection Chair, Durham Law School (Jan. 2011 - March 2012; Equality and Diversity Officer (Oct. 2010 – March 2012) | 2010-2012 | Durham, United Kingdom |
| School of Law, Queen's University BelfastLecturer in LawMAIN FUNCTIONS: Director of Postgraduate Programmes in Human Rights and Criminal Justice (2009-2010); QUB Director of European Masters in Human Rights & Democratisation (Sept. 2009 - Oct. 2010); Co-Manager of Budget Analysis and the Advancement of Economic and Social Rights in Northern Ireland project (2008-2010); Assistant Director of Human Rights Centre (2006-2009); Member of the Management Committee of the Improving Children's Lives interdisciplinary research initiative (2008-2010); Member of the Steering Group of the QUB Research Forum for the Child (2007-2010) | 2006-2010 | Belfast, United Kingdom |
| Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Economic Social and Cultural (ESC) Rights Litigation ProgrammeMAIN FUNCTIONS: Senior Legal Officer (Jan. 2006 - July 2008); Legal Officer (Jan. 2005 - Dec. 2005); Research Officer (June 2002 - December 2004)My work with COHRE involved producing policy-driven, research-grounded publications on a wide variety of human rights issues with a specific emphasis on housing and ESC rights litigation. As part of my work with COHRE, I co-authored housing rights-related legal submissions to various domestic courts and regional human rights bodies, including the South African Constitutional Court, the European Committee of Social Rights and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights. While at COHRE, I served as coordinating editor of the Housing & ESC Rights Law Quarterly. I co-authored  | June 2002 - July 2008 | Geneva Switzerland |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of Council Resolution 5/1)**

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

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| 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 his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

No.

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that 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 she/he discharges his 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?

 *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, he/she 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.

N/A

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Thank you for your interest.