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.

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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: Kiljunen  | Sex: [x]  Male [ ]  Female |
| First Name: Kimmo  | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 13-June-51 |
| Maiden name (if any):        | Place of birth: Finland |
| Middle name: Roobert  | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Finnish |
|  | Any other nationality:       |

**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.) | The candidate currently works as a Special Representative for Mediation of the Foreign Minister of Finland. His particular focus has been on the peace process in Myanmar. Earlier, he served as a Member of the Finnish Parliament for 16 years (1995-2011) during which he concentrated particularly on international relations, constitutional and human rights issues. He has also extensive experience on conflict management and global reconciliation activities.The candidate has excellent communication skills and he has used English and Russian as a working language in several assignments in international organisations, including UNDP and UNICEF, in international parliamentary cooperation and election observation missions.As a member of Parliament he has extensive experience in co-operating with different governmental stakeholders, international organisations, as well as civil society and NGOs. He also posessess wide international network among desicion-makers and officials.The candidate is very experienced in working with media and has performed several times in big international press conferences. In addition, he has written several books on international politics, development questions, human rights and political science, of which many have been published internationally.  |
| 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. | In 2010-2011, the candidate chaired the Kyrgyzstan Inquiry Commission, which assessed violence in Kyrgyzstan in terms of international humanitarian law. The commission was supported by several governments and international organizations including the OHCHR. Its report was well received by the international community including the UN and the EU.In 1980-1982, the candidate served as the Secretary General of Kampuchea Inquiry Commission, which investigated the tragic period of Khmer Rouge. He also published a related book: Kampuchea -Decade of the Genocide (London 1984). During his long career in the Finnish Parliament he has been member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Constitutional Law Committee which are the main bodies in the Parliament dealing with both national and international human rights issues. In 2002-2003, he represented Finland in the Constitutional Convention of the EU, which drafted the Lisbon Treaty. The treaty defines the human rights principles and norms of the EU. He also published a related book: the European Constitution in Making (Brussels 2004).During 1993-1994, the candidate worked as a Transition Policy coordinator for UNDP in New York where he organized preparations of the individual National Human Development Reports of the former Soviet Union and the transition countries of Eastern Europe. |

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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). | The candidate has been strongly involved in international parliamentary cooperation, e.g. as the Vice-president of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2001-2004 and 2007-2010) and the Vice-president of the Parliamentary Network on World Bank (2001-2007). In the OSCE PA, he chaired the Working Group on Moldova in 2000-2006. During 2007-2011, he worked as a special representative of OSCE PA for Central Asia.The candidate has particular experience in election observation and issues related to democracy and political rights. During 2008-2011, he worked as a special representative on election observation for four different Foreign Ministries (Finland, Greece, Kazakhstan and Lithuania) during their OSCE Chairmanship in Office. The candidate has also headed eight OSCE Election Observation missions (2001-2007) in different Eastern European and Central Asian countries. In this work, questions related to democratic principles, human rights, and rule of law were in forefront.In 2013, the candidate was nominated as the Vice-president of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration of the OSCE. During 2007-2012, he acted as a conciliator in the aforementioned Court.Before his parliamentary career, the candidate served as the Director for the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Helsinki, Finland (1986-1995). He has published extensively, including over 20 books. |
| 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) | The candidate has vast experience and is very familiar with reporting and participating in the work of different international organizations, including UN, and governments. Throughout his career, the candidate has successfully carried out demanding and responsible tasks assigned to him. Furthermore, he has demonstrated excellent capability to co-operate with different stakeholders of the society, which has been an essential part of his many assignments.The candidate is available to attend all relevant sessions of the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly as well as to attend all relevant meetings, consultations, conferences, academic events and briefings relevant to the mandate. The candidate is available to carry out all mandated visits and to prepare reports and other documents, as needed.  |

**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** | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |
| **Spanish** | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  |
| **Mother tongue:** Finnish | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  | [x]  | [ ]  |

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

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| Throughout my political, academic and international career I have focused on global development, human rights and conflict solution issues. The past two years I have worked as a Special Representative for Mediation of the Foreign Minister of Finland. I have particularly concentrated on the peace process in Myanmar, where I have visited regularly since 2011. In my work, I have met extensively Government representatives, politicians, ethnic leaders, diplomats, representatives of international organizations as well as civil society actors.Myanmar has drastically changed since March 2011, when President Thein Sein assumed office. The country has opened, first steps towards representative democracy have been taken and ethnic conflicts have been addressed in signing 14 cease fire agreements with different ethnic armed groups.I, and through my work Finland, have been actively supporting the peace process and negotiations between the government and ethnic groups. The country is now moving towards nationwide cease fire and ultimately next spring towards National Dialogue, i.e. a comprehensive peace conference, after which New Constitution is expected to be finalized.Despite major reforms, challenges remain. The democratic system is not yet functioning and civil society is just taking its first steps. The overall human rights situation and remaining human rights violations are of particular concern, including arbitrary detention, political prisoners, forced displacement, land confiscations, rape and other forms of sexual violence, torture and cruel, inhuman treatment, as well as violations of international humanitarian law. Remnants of forced labor remain and labor legislation is to be developed.Discrimination, human rights violations, violence, displacement and economic deprivation affecting persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities is one of the biggest problems to be addressed. During the last five years, the country has suffered from constant armed conflicts in different ethnic areas. Now there is potential for reconciliation and the forthcoming peace conference would facilitate that process. The major question is proper handling of the difficult refugee situation, including settlement of internally displaced people. I have visited several refugee camps reporting on their conditions.Unfortunately, new type of religious violence has recently emerged in Myanmar. Muslims have encountered widespread organized and spontaneous violence by Buddhist extremists. A specific human rights concern is the situation of Rohingya minority in Rakhine State. The OHCHR has described Rohingyas as one of the most persecuted minority groups in the world. I have visited Sittwe, including the refugee camps of Rohingyas as well as Rakhine Buddhists meeting their leaders. I have participated in several international meetings, where the Rohingya question has been addressed. The goal should be to include this particular problem as one of the issues to be solved in the National Dialogue.As a Special Rapporteur, I will particularly concentrate on the rights of persons belonging to minorities, including addressing the situation of vulnerable groups, especially women, girls and persons with disabilities. It is important to support, including through assessment of capacity building and technical assistance needs, the government of Myanmar in the fulfillment of its human rights obligations and commitments, the implementation of the democratization process and political reform, and in building sustained dialogue with the democratic opposition and political, ethnic and civil society groups and actors leading to national reconciliation and lasting peace. I feel strongly that it is important to engage in cooperation all relevant stakeholders from different areas of the society in order to thoroughly assess the situation of the human rights in the country and thus successfully implementing the mandate of UN Special Rapporteur. I would be highly motivated to serve the UN and its Member States as a Special Rapporteur.  |

**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** |
| Adjunct Professor (Development Studies) | 1986 | Universities of Helsinki and Joensuu, Finland |
| Doctor of Philosphy (Development Studies) | 1985 | Sussex University, England |
| Master of Philosophy (Development Studies) | 1977 | Sussex University, England |
| M.A. (Social Sciences)  | 1973 | University of Helsinki, Finland |

**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 |
| Special Representative for Peace Mediation of the Foreign Minister of Finland | 2011- | Finland |
| Member of Parliament | 1995-2011 | Finland |
| Member of the Constitutional Convention of the EU      | 2002-2003 | Brussels |
| Transition Policy Coordinator, UNDP | 1993-1994 | New York |

**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. Special Representative for Peace Mediation of the Foreign Minister of Finland.

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.

In case of conflict of interests, the candidate is ready to resign from the Myanmar-related duties assigned to him as a Special Representative for Peace Mediation of the Foreign Minister of Finland

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Thank you for your interest.