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/HRC23_SPMandateHolders) 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)

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)**.
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: BRETAS  | Sex: [x]  Male [ ]  Female |
| First Name: MARCELO  | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 7-jul-70 |
| Maiden name (if any):        | Place of birth: RIO DE JANEIRO |
| Middle name: DA COSTA  | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): BRAZILIAN |
|  | 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.) | I have been working as a federal judge for the last 16 years;I worked as public prosecutor for almost two years. |
| 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. | As a member of Delbrasgen (Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva) participated, especially, in the following sessions: the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism and in the 23rd Session of the UN Human Rights Council (May-June 2013); the 102nd Session of the International Labor Conference – ILC (June 2013); the High Level Segment Session of the UN Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC (June-July 2013) and the 65th Session of the UN International Law Commission - ILC (July 2013). |

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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 following awards have been granted for my work as a federal judge:Honorary Citizen - Granted by the Rio de Janeiro State Legislature – ALERJ (Assembleia Legislativa do Rio de Janeiro);Honorary Citizenship to the city of PetrópolisGranted by the Petrópolis City Council; Two Awards of RecognitionGranted by the City Counselors of Petrópolis - Dr. Claudemir Mendonça de Andrade (Dr. Andrade) and Dr. Wagner Silva. |
| 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) | There is the possibility of being authorized, by the Federal Court where I work, to be released to fulfill the tasks of the Working Group mandate.  |

**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]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Mother tongue:** Portuguese | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  | **[x]**  | **[ ]**  |

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

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| I have worked as a federal judge for the past 16 years. Therefore, respect for human rights has been a major concern throughout my professional life.The Constitution of the Republic of Brazil attributes to its federal judges jurisdiction for crimes against human rights and all crimes defined in international treaties and conventions. So, my job is to ensure that the rule of law has been respected.Finally, in my Masters course, I prioritized the study and research of issues related to international law and the international law of human rights. Precisely this concern led me to participate in the Training Program of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.The experience before the human rights bodies of the UN helped me learn more about the work done by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the UN, and so I think I could be helpful to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (Latin American and Caribbean Group).I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, the assurances of my highest consideration. |

**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** |
| Bachelor of Legal Sciences – Law - UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO DE JANEIRO  | 5 years | Rio de Janeiro; Brazil |
| Master’s Degree in Law – UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DE PETRÓPOLIS  | 2 years | Rio de Janeiro; Brazil |
| Complementary Training Program -PERMANENT MISSION OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA  | 4 months | Geneva; Switzerland |
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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 |
| FEDERAL JUDGE | Presiding the 1st Federal Court of the city of Petrópolis | 16 years | Rio de Janeiro; Brazil |
| MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION |Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva - DELBRASGEN | 4 months | Geneva;Switzerland |
| STATE PROSECUTOR | Public Prosecutor’s Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro | 2 years | Rio de Janeiro;Brazil |
| ELECTORAL PROSECUTOR | Electoral Public Ministry of the State of Rio de Janeiro | 2 years | Rio de Janeiro; Brazil |

**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, absolutely. |

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, absolutely.

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, absolutely.

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, I believe that I'm in accordance with the above provisions.

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.

I think it's not applicable.

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Thank you for your interest.