**Second Part: Word Format APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS**

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

APPLICATION FORM SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE  
**Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti  
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali**

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](file:///C:/Users/François/Documents/hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.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: 25 April 2013 (midnight, GMT)**.
* Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**An acknowledgment will be sent when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the web-based survey and the application form through email.**

**PERSONAL DATA**

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| Family Name: Cantier | Sex:  Male  Female |
| First Name: François | Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 21-janv.1947 |
| Maiden name (if any): | Place of birth: Puichéric France |
| Middle name: | Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):  French |
|  | Any other nationality: |

**I. MANDATE**

Indicate the specific mandate applied for:

Note: **Please select ONE only**. If you are applying for more than one mandate, please submit a separate form for each mandate.

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali

**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.) | Master's degree in law; diploma in political sciences in 1971; lawyer since 1971 until today; main activities: civil and penal law; co-founder in 1974 of the Syndicat des Avocats de France specialized in the defense of the most vulnerable populations; defense of accused and victims of genocides; crimes against humanity and war crimes in Rwanda (1997) with Avocats sans Frontières Belgique (Lawyers without Boarders Belgium) ; founder and President of Avocats sans Frontières France from 1998 to 2011; defense of accused and victims in Africa, South America, Asia and Europe; management of the Association, lawyers and employees; founder and President of l'Ecole des Droits de l'Homme (Human Rights School) from 2006 until today, President of the NGO Francophonie (2010 until now); defense of an accused before the ICTR (2003-2011); assistance of a suspect before the ICC (2005-2006), defense of victims before the Kmer Rouge Tribunal, lecturer in seminars organized by Universities and Professional Organizations of Jurists; speaking written languages: French and English; other languages spoken: Caribean Creole |
| 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. | I gained knowledge of international Human Rights legal instruments, first, thanks to my university studies and my experience defending citizens before the legal French Institutions and then, from 1996, thanks to my experiences within Avocats Sans Frontières and my experience defending an accused before the ICC and victims before the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. I participated and intervened very often in various seminars and conferences on penal international law, Human Rights, Humanitarian law, penal international justice and regional and sub-regional jurisdictions. This knowledge has been mainly gained thanks to my experience as a lawyer, not only before national jurisdictions (Rwanda, Burundi, Kossovo, Colombie, Peru, Libya, Congo Democratic Republic, Cambodia and Albania) but before international jurisdictions.  I have also worked for 16 years on Human Rights issues organising with Avocats Sans Frontières, various programs to facilitate access to legal aid and to justice (Mali, Cambodia, Kossovo, Cameroun) and putting in place methodological training on legal international instruments to protect Human Rights.  I gained knowledge of Human Rights protection mechanisms of the United Nations, of the African Union, of the American States Organizations and of the European Union by the appeals to the competent instances of these organizations |

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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). | Knowledge: defense of accused or victims before national and international jurisdictions, seizure of regional courts and sub-regional courts: European Human Rights Court, African Court, American States Organizations, ECOWAS Court.  At the head of Avocats Sans Frontières France, I learned how to manage an NGO including volunteers and teach them how to work in a new field, training them not only on law but also on the methodology of formation.  When I founded the School of Human Rights, I committed myself to the education of Human Rights, considering that their disrespect is the source of the misfortune of the world  With Avocats Sans Frontières France, I was able to work with the United Nations (Consultative Status in 2004), with the International Organization of the Francophonie (Consultative Status in 2005) and with the European Union ; with the School of Human Rights, I worked with the United Nations and the European Council. We are in contact with Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the International Federation for Human Rights. Thanks to various projects realized by Avocats Sans Frontières France, I had the opportunity to work in different countries in West and Central Africa (Mali, Cameroun, Nigeria, Mauritania), North Africa (Algeria, Tunisia, Libya), South America and Asia (Cambodia, Laos), Europe, the Caribbean region (Haiti). |
| 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) | I am available immediately to effectively contribute to the functions of the mandate. I stopped my missions within Avocats sans Frontières France since november 2011, and I can organize my missions as a lawyer and President of the School of Human Rights as I wish; consequently I can be available 3 months per year without problems. |

**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** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **French** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Russian** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Spanish** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mother tongue:**  **french** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

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| Sir Secretary-General,  Here are the reasons why I wish to present my application to the function of Independent Expert in charge of analysing the situation of Human Rights in Haiti.  I wish to put my knowledge, my experience and my enthusiasm at the service of the United Nations in order to reestablish the rule of law in Haiti.  The protection of Human Rights has always been my main commitment in life: I chose to be a Lawyer and dedicate myself to the defense of the most vulnerable and I participated since 1974 in the founding of the Syndicat des Avocats de France which has the same goal; I founded Avocats sans Frontières France (1998) to defend, all around the world, the people whose rights are being threatened ; in this context, confronting holocausts in Rwanda and Cambodia convinced me that the negation of Human Rights was at the origin of these massacres and led me to found the School of Human Rights (2006), which main goal is to allow children, from an early age, to learn the principles and values ot the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.  I consider that the rights contained in this Declaration are the source of humanity, that they are universal and timeless, that they should be applied differently according to the period and places and that they are at the heart of all civilization.  My experience within ASF France and the School of Human Rights allowed me to find out how long and difficult it was to proclamate these rights; even celebrate them and respect them fully; and to consider that the establishement of the rule of Law was the necessary first step to any mission of reconstruction of a nation.    Thanks to my familiar links, I worked and lived for a long time in the French Caribbean and had the opportunity to discover Haiti 30 years ago; I know its history both glorious and tragic, its art and litterature; I speak Martiniquan Creole, which is similar to Haitian Creole ; at the aftermath of the january 2010 earthquake, Avocats Sans Frontières, solicited by many French Bars, studied the possibility to intervene to help, within its field of competences, Haitian lawyers. I, myself, realized an analisis of the situation in 2012 and many actions were planned though hampered by the critical situation, still today; during this occasion, I made contacts with numerous organizations working on promoting and protection Human Rights, the Haitian Bar association and the Council for Protection of Citizens; and I found out how the establishement of the rule of Law was difficult.  I gained experience of complex situations within countries which experienced other types of earthquakes, equally divastating: In Rwanda after the genocide, in Kossovo in 1999 where men craziness had distroyed everything; I found out that justice can be the first social link. We conducted in these countries, not only actions to defend, but also actions to reestablish the rule of law, participating in the training of Lawyers and Judges and putting in place systems to facilitate the access to justice. And while, I was President of ASF France, I started other similar projects, notably in Mali, Cambodia and Cameroun.  I am aware of the particular difficulties of reestablishing the rule of law in Haiti, but its history, its social structure, its geographic location represent for me an inescapable challenge; progress in this field are the main condition to develop social, economic, health and education ; as well as the necessity to work with the local autorities, civil society and donors of funds.  I consider that the United Nations is playing an essentiel role and that it is the best guarantee of an impartial approah to the sole benefit of the country and its population.  I respectfully extend to you, Mr. Secretary-General, my best wishes.  François Cantier |

**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** |
| Master's degree in law | 1967-1971 | Toulouse- France |
| Diploma in Political Science | 1969-1971 | Toulouse- France |
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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 Employer  Functional Title  Main functions of position | Years of Attendance/Work | Place and Country |
| Lawyer, liberal profession. Lawyer Society of the Court of Appeal of Toulouse | 1971-2013 | Toulouse-France |
| Independent Economy Teacher - University Paul Sabatier of Toulouse | 1971-1973 | Toulouse- France |
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**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.

no

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Thank you for your interest.