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**Appointments at the 38th session of the Council (18 June - 6 July 2018)**

1. **Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC resolution 37/8]
2. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran[[1]](#footnote-1)** [HRC resolution 37/30]
3. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States** [HRC resolution 35/7]
4. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States** [HRC resolution 35/7]
5. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Western European and other States** [HRC resolution 33/4]

**Appointments at the 39th session of the Council (10 - 28 September 2018)**

1. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus** [HRC resolution 38/14]
2. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea** [HRC resolution 38/15]
3. **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States[[2]](#footnote-2)** [HRC resolution 36/23]

**Appointments at the 40th session of the Council (25 February - 22 March 2019)**

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP),2 member from Africa[[3]](#footnote-3)** [HRC resolution 33/25]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia** [HRC resolution 33/25]
3. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean** [HRC resolution 33/25]
4. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific** [HRC resolution 33/25]
1. *Unforeseen vacancy due to the demise of the mandate holder.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *EMRIP experts are appointed in the same way as special procedure mandate holders.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *Unforeseen vacancy due to the resignation of the mandate holder.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)