

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 50th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6 APRIL 2022 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME

Note: The appointment of the mandate holder will be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/893271>)
and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC50.aspx>)
- Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org
- A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).
- No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.
- Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the [regional groups](#) for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: Richter	5. Year of birth: 1976
2. First (given) name: Rosemarie	6. Place of birth: Windsor, Ontario; Canada
3. Other name, if any: Parris	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Canadian
4. Gender: Female	8. Any other nationality:

¹ The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE

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

1. QUALIFICATIONS (200 words limit)

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 six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)

I attended Hawaii Pacific University (Hawaii, USA), the University of Maryland (College Park, USA), and Long Island University (N.Y., USA), where I obtained a B.S., a B.A., and an M.A. in Biology, Political Science, and International Relations, respectively.

Following my work in national politics (USA), I served as a diplomat in the Second, Third, and Fifth Committees for two U.N. Member States (2008-2011). In these capacities, I served as chief elections officer (Maldives) and spearheaded various initiatives focused on human rights issues, humanitarian affairs, and climate change concerns. I also represented the G77 and China during negotiations for the U.N.'s Program of Action for the Fourth Development Decade for LDCs, and I led an initiative to ensure better representation of the voices of some of the world's least developed countries in U.N. discussions.

For the past twelve years, I have been providing technical support to the work of two U.N. special procedures, including the UNHRC's mandates on FoRB and the situation of human rights in Iran. I provided technical support that facilitated the responsibilities tasked by the HRC to the mandate holders in those capacities.

This work illustrates my excellent communication and interpersonal skills, particularly my strong verbal and writing skills.

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words limit)

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 and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)

For the past twelve years, I have been providing technical support to the work of two U.N. special procedures, including the HRC's mandates on FoRB and on the situation of human rights in Iran. In this regard, my legal research, fact-finding activities, and fieldwork have contributed to twenty-six U.N. special procedure reports to UNGA and HRC that tackle wide-ranging themes related to civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. Specifically, this work has supported the efforts of U.N. human rights experts to explore poorly understood thematic issues related to freedom of religion or belief.

I have served as Senior Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations

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and as an Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the U.N. (New York), where I advanced human rights issues in the Second and Third Committees of the UNGA, regularly engaging with the intersections between human rights other international imperatives, such as development.

I have also contributed to efforts aimed at advancing legal and policy reforms and at revising political approaches to human rights challenges. In this regard, I've functioned as an advocate for a range of civil society organizations and political actors across the globe to promote myriad human rights issues.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words limit)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)

1. Annual Summer Lecturer -- University of Essex School of Law, Colchester, England, 2020 - present
2. Founder -- Impact Iran; 2014
3. Board Member — Outright International 2013 - 2015
4. Co-founder — Universal Rights Group; Geneva, Switzerland (URG); 2012

I served as Senior Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the UN and as an Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the UN (New York), where I advanced human rights issues as an expert in the Second and Third Committees of the UN General Assembly. This includes issues related to rights that intersect with FoRB, such as the right to freedom from discrimination and the right to development.

I also possess twelve years of experience directing research projects and advocacy initiatives for U.N. human rights accountability mechanisms and international human rights organizations. I possess a proven track record in building and managing coalitions to advance social justice initiatives, promote legislative and policy reforms, improve government accountability, and strengthen civil society capacity. I possess fifteen years' experience in developing advocacy strategies and tactics and managing multiple campaigns at once that promote diverse issues and objectives in varied social, political, and cultural contexts.

4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication: Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion (by invitation)

Journal/Publisher: Elgar Encyclopedia of Human Rights

Date of publication: September 2021

Web link, if available: <https://www.elgaronline.com/view/nlm-book/9781789903614/b-9781789903621.fm1.xml>

2. Title of publication: Is Human Rights A Western Concept? (by invitation)

Journal/Publisher: IPI Global Observatory

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Date of publication: 17 October 2018

Web link, if available: <https://www.elgaronline.com/view/nlm-book/9781789903614/b-9781789903621.fm1.xml>

3. Title of publication: Countering Islamophobia/anti-Muslim hatred to eliminate discrimination and intolerance based on religion or belief

Journal/Publisher: A/HRC/46/30

Date of publication: March 2021

Web link, if available: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/ahrc4630-countering-islamophobiaanti-muslim-hatred-eliminate-discrimination-and>

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words limit): As stated elsewhere in this application, I have contributed to the publication of over two dozen UN Special Procedure reports in addition to coauthoring a number of articles and essays; including Coping Mechanisms for State Non-cooperation;
<https://brill.com/view/book/edcoll/9789004304703/B9789004304703-s008.xml>

4.2 Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: CSW 66: Rights, Religion and Resistance

Event organizer: Government Offices of Sweden, UNFPA, ActAlliance

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 17 March 2022

Web link, if available: none

2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: Keynote Speech: Discrimination in the Name of Religion or Belief/Academic Colloquium on Discrimination and Inequalities

Event organizer: Geneva Academy

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 26 November 2021

Web link, if available: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/viewer.html?pdfurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.geneva-academy.ch%2Fjoomlatools-files%2Fdocman-files%2FAgenda%2520Scientific%2520Colloquium%25202021%5B38658%5D>

3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: University of Essex - Human Rights Summer School

Event organizer: University of Essex

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: 5-8 July 2021

Web link, if available: none

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words limit): I have appeared in dozens of speaking engagements, workshops, training modules, consultations, academic lectures, and intergovernmental meetings to deliver keynote statements, facilitate human rights literacy, familiarize students with the work of the UN human rights system, carry out documentation

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training and fact-finding exercises and advocate for the advancement of reforms and/or protectins for various fundamental rights and freedoms.

5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words limit)
to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.

Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of "experts on mission".

I am fully aware of the honorary position that appointees to the special procedures hold. I am also well-acquainted with the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure mandate holders and other guidelines for ensuring independence, impartiality, and objectivity. If selected for this mandate, I would be ready to begin work immediately. I would be fully available to dedicate more than the estimated 4-6 months to carry out the mandate's work. I am also fully cognizant of the travel demands and prepared to journey for activities that will effectively facilitate the work demanded of this special procedure.

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**
- Governments**
- Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**
- International organizations or their offices**
- Non-governmental organizations**
- National human rights institutions**
- Other human rights bodies**

Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only) (200 words limit):

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE

(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below; cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves even if nominated by another entity.)

Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief (FoRB) is core to the human pursuit of truth and the presence of meaning in life. Protection of this right facilitates this pursuit and reinforces myriad other human rights, including, but not limited to, freedom of expression, freedom of association, and the right to non-discrimination. More broadly, the need to protect FoRB also highlights the need to safeguard civic spaces and promote equality in today's diverse and ever-changing societies.

Despite the wide-ranging and complex nature of the challenges facing the promotion and protection of this freedom, FoRB remains predominantly overlooked and marginalized from broader action on human rights. Given the interrelated and interdependent nature of human rights, poor attention to FoRB leads to protection gaps for several other relevant rights and can present hurdles to promoting other national and international imperatives. Consequently, the protection of FoRB requires a multifaceted, multistakeholder approach that is firmly grounded in the international human rights framework.

I am a seasoned advocate with a background in international relations and over 20-years of experience working for and with national governments, intergovernmental organizations, and civil society actors to advance universal human rights law and standards. For the past twelve years, I have provided technical support to the work of two U.N. special procedures, including the HRC's mandates on freedom of religion or belief and on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. My contributions (including through legal research, extensive fact-finding, and fieldwork) to the publication of twenty-six Special Procedure reports illustrate my grasp of the requisite knowledge for carrying out the work of this mandate.

Specifically, and most pertinent to my application is my work to support efforts to address poorly understood issues related to FoRB and identify practical solutions in cases where FoRB appears to conflict with other rights or where there are competing claims for the protection of FoRB. My engagement with concerns about Islamophobia/anti-Muslim hatred, freedom of thought, anti-Semitism, the securitization of FoRB, and the rights of persons belonging to religious or belief minorities in situations of conflict or insecurity are central to this work. My work also demanded a rigorous examination of the sobering and ubiquitous circumstances where FoRB intersects with other rights concerns. This includes where the exercise of FoRB engages the enjoyment of freedom of expression, association, and assembly and where the right is misused to perpetuate gender-based discrimination and violence.

My professional experiences have intimately acquainted me with the critical need for diplomatic, strategic, and balanced approaches to advancing the duties tasked by the Council to any mandate-holder. This is significant given the need for mandate holders to be impartial, independent, and objective while carrying out tremendous responsibilities with limited resources. To this end, I have spent the better half of my professional career working with a concert of actors to mitigate the impact of inadequate resources on the effectiveness of U.N. special procedure work.

Of paramount importance and meaning to me in my career has been my involvement in bridging the work of international monitoring and accountability mechanisms with that of local actors and institutions. This work has involved contextualizing international human rights law

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and standards for diverse constituencies in numerous countries, enhancing the capacity of advocates to engage U.N. mechanisms, and taking a survivor-centered approach to monitoring and documentation. Working in consultation with rights-holders and affected communities would be fundamental to my working methods in fact-finding and advising the Council. I believe in a bottom-up approach to determining the strategies and practices that most effectively realize global human rights norms for all persons.

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: English

2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:

Arabic: Yes or no: **no** If yes,

Read: Easily or Not easily:

Write: Easily or Not easily:

Speak: Easily or Not easily:

Chinese: Yes or no: **no** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

English: Yes or no: **no** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

French: Yes or no: **no** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Russian: Yes or no: **no** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Spanish: Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **not easily**

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country*). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
Long Island University	2007-2009	Brooklyn, New York; United States
School of Labor Relations, Cornell University	2004	Ithica, New York
University of Maryland	1998-2000	College Park, Maryland; United States
Hawaii Pacific University	1998-2000	Oahu, Hawaii; United States

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (most recent) occupation. Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position, full- or part-time:	Years of work (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
<p>CHIEF OF STAFF/SENIOR ADVISOR— EXTERNAL OFFICE OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF; 2016- present</p> <p>Currently managing a transnational team (U.S., United Kingdom, and Switzerland) of project managers, human rights monitors, researchers, analysts, lawyers, communications specialists, and advocates to promote research, awareness-raising, and issue advocacy campaigns in myriad country contexts.</p> <p>Functions as the chief liaison between the UN-mandate holder and U.N. member states, intergovernmental organizations, international human rights organizations, academic institutions, human rights defenders, and the media.</p> <p>Develops and manages all research and documentation initiatives that (1) strengthen the Rapporteur's capacity to explore and report on poorly understood human rights issues related to the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief (FoRB); and (2) improves the Rapporteur's ability to monitor, document and report on violations of the right to FoRB in countries across the globe.</p> <p>Oversees the development and implementation of all awareness-raising and issue advocacy campaigns that promote respect for international human rights law and standards in various country contexts.</p>	2016-PRESENT	New York, New York;(United States)

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<p>Supervises the development and implementation of all capacity-building projects that provide technical assistance to government stakeholders to implement their international human rights obligations.</p> <p>Designs and implements initiatives to advance technical cooperation between the U.N. Special Rapporteur, government stakeholders, and civil society actors.</p>		
<p>CHIEF OF STAFF — EXTERNAL OFFICE OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN; 2011 - 2016</p> <p>Managed a trans-Atlantic office (New York, USA, and Colchester, England) of human rights monitors, researchers, analysts and lawyers.</p> <p>Developed and managed a six-year monitoring and research initiative that enabled the U.N. Special Rapporteur to securely monitor and report to Iran's U.N. bi-annually human rights. Efforts generated twelve U.N. reports and presentations to the U.N. General Assembly and Human Rights Council based on extensive fact-finding activities.</p> <p>Developed and supported a successful five-year awareness-raising advocacy campaign that supported the advocacy efforts of the U.N. Special Rapporteur designed to secure the cooperation of the Iranian government with the UN-mandate-holder's work. Support included preparing presentations, organizing press engagements, and developing all advocacy materials (i.e., press statements, talking points, editorials, white papers, etc.)</p> <p>Organized and facilitated eleven U.N. fact-finding missions to investigate human rights violations and abuse allegations.</p>	2011-2016	New York, New York (United States)
<p>FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – IMPACT IRAN COALITION</p> <p>Founded and currently leads a coalition of fourteen international human rights organizations to increase the capacity of the Iranian civic and human rights community to mobilize support for actions and solutions that encourage Iran's compliance with its international human rights obligations.</p> <p>Currently supervising a team of six coalition-</p>	2014 - present	New York, New York; (United States)

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<p>Secretariat staff</p> <p>Designed and led a series of capacity-building initiatives that have increased coalition members' research, documentation, and advocacy skills since 2013.</p> <p>Responsible for designing and supervising all advocacy campaigns carried out by Secretariat staff, coalition members, and partner organizations.</p> <p>Supervises a research initiative meant to support the capacity of the U.N. accountability mechanisms to monitor the situation of human rights in Iran.</p>		
<p>SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER — REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS</p> <p>Functioned as a representative to the United Nations (New York), the United States, and Canada for the Republic of Maldives' Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and worked as the Senior Advisor on human rights, development, and humanitarian issues (UNGA Second and Third Committees)</p> <p>Operated as the principal strategist for Maldives's electoral ambitions aimed at gaining membership on U.N. organs; including by leading a successful multi-regional campaign for membership of the U.N. Human Rights Council (HRC), which resulted in a record-breaking number (185 members in favor) of votes for the Maldives' election to the UN-body.</p> <p>Served as a lead negotiator for the G-77 and China during the Fourth Development Conference on the LDCs, and authored Section V of the adopted Istanbul Program of Action, which discusses the framework for the smooth transition of countries identified for graduation</p> <p>Authored and successfully negotiated the 2011 Maldives-led UNGA resolution on behalf of G-77 and China, which the General Assembly unanimously adopted to extend travel-related benefits to the Least Developed Countries (LDC) that graduate to the non-LDC status</p> <p>Responsible for coordinating interests set by the Ministry within the OIC, SAARC, Commonwealth, and AOSIS</p>	<p>2009-2011</p>	<p>New York, New York; (United States)</p>

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<p>Facilitated meetings and events to establish diplomatic relations between the Maldives and Costa Rica</p> <p>Coordinated high-level events to advance foreign policy priorities set by the Ministry that focused on climate change.</p>		
<p>POLITICAL OFFICER — PERMANENT MISSION OF TIMOR-LESTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS</p> <p>Served as the principal advisor to the Permanent Representative on human rights and humanitarian-related issues. Drafted U.N. statements and talking points for Foreign Minister and Permanent Representative. Organized high-level events and meetings for the President of Timor-Leste and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.</p>	2009	New York, New York; (United States)
<p>POLITICAL DIRECTOR/RESEARCHER — UNITE HERE;</p> <p>Served as Senior Political Advisor to the executive officers of international and local unions of the largest national hotel, restaurant, and laundry workers' union in the United States.</p> <p>Functioned as the campaign manager and strategist on successful municipal and state-wide electoral and legislative campaigns.</p> <p>Designed and managed issue advocacy campaigns to promote organization objectives and served as campaign spokesperson</p> <p>Functioned as a senior researcher to develop reports and advocacy material on economic policy and labor rights</p> <p>Served as the principal strategist on successful municipal and state races that generated support for client-base initiatives</p>	2004-2006	New Haven, Connecticut (United States)
<p>SENIOR ANALYST — NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AN EFFECTIVE CONGRESS</p> <p>Performed analysis of election data for federal, state, and municipal races for an organization that provides voter-research resources to political campaigns.</p>	2003-2004	Washington D.C. (United States)

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<p>SPECIAL ASSISTANT — U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>Washington D.C. (United States)</p>
<p>Served as the Special Assistant to Congressman Elijah E. Cummings to develop and manage relationships between congressional office, municipal entities, and constituents.</p>		
<p>Conducted research on local issues and for the formulation of legislation and public policy to address local interests</p>		
<p>Drafted congressional statements and talking points and organized high-profile events for the representative Represented congressional interests in Howard and Baltimore Counties</p>		

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)

To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's behalf.

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

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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the 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? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)

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, the candidate complies with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1.

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate 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 currently serve as Executive Director for the Secretariat of a transnational coalition of human rights organizations that work to advocate for human rights in Iran. Should I be selected for this mandate, I would take steps to ensure that I comply with the provisions in paragraph 44

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and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. This includes relinquishing my position and activities that contribute to this work.

VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate. The candidate's name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.

I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org).

Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.

Name: Rosemarie Parris Richter

Date: 4 April 2022
