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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit for your attention Part I of the report of the Consultative Group, dated 2 February 2018, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for appointments to the following eight out of the total of nine vacancies of mandate holders to be filled at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council:

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa [HRC resolution 33/25]**
- 2. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from North America [HRC resolution 33/25]**
- 3. Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order [HRC resolution 36/4]**
- 4. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali [HRC resolution 34/39]**
- 5. Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence [HRC resolution 36/7]**
- 6. 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 African States [HRC resolution 33/4]**
- 7. 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 Eastern European States [HRC resolution 33/4]**
- 8. 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 Latin American and Caribbean States [HRC resolution 33/4]**

In view of the unforeseen nature of the vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (due to recent resignation), the recommendations by the Consultative Group of candidates for this mandate will be provided separately as Part II of the Consultative Group's report, to be transmitted in due course.

I take this opportunity to recall that according to paragraph 52 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1: "on the basis of the recommendations of the Consultative Group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy."

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

In line with this paragraph, I will be holding broad consultations, based on this report, with a view to identifying appropriate candidates for the above-mentioned vacancies.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vojislav ŠUC', written in a cursive style.

Vojislav ŠUC
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure