

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

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I. Background

1. In paragraph 47 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of Permanent Representatives identified by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of mandate holders to be appointed at the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council (18 June to 6 July 2018) are: H.E. Mr. Negash Kebret Botora (Ethiopia), H.E. Mr. Victor Arturo Cabrera Hidalgo (Ecuador), H.E. Mr. Kok Jwee Foo (Singapore), H.E. Ms. Aviva Raz Shechter (Israel) and H.E. Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov (Azerbaijan). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2018 and will end on 31 March 2019, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The group held its initial organizational meeting on 2 May 2018.

3. A total of five special procedure vacancies are to be filled at the Council's thirty-eighth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment [HRC res. 37/8]**
- 2. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran [HRC res. 37/30]**
- 3. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States [HRC res. 35/7]**
- 4. Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States [HRC res. 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 res. 33/4]**

4. The second vacancy above, namely that of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, was not initially foreseen and arose due to the demise of the mandate holder, Ms. Asma Jahangir (Pakistan), on 11 February 2018.

II. Process

5. The application period for the submission of applications for these five mandates was from 19 March to 4 May 2018.

6. The Consultative Group considered 56 individual applications from 53 eligible candidates submitted for the five aforementioned specific vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21.¹ The applications of eligible candidates were made public

¹ One candidate applied for two mandates and another candidate applied for three mandates in this selection round.

on the designated OHCHR web page² of special procedures as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I of this report).

7. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would individually rank and propose a list of candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration. As a result of this ranking exercise, a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed was established for each mandate.

8. The Consultative Group held 8 formal meetings on 9, 11 and 14-16 May 2018, to consider and interview candidates for the five aforementioned vacancies. H.E. Mr. Victor Arturo Cabrera Hidalgo (Ecuador) participated neither in the shortlisting nor in the interviews for this selection round.

9. In its organizational meeting of 2 May, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process of the 10 mandate holder positions currently scheduled for appointment during the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, would be equally shared among its members, that is each member would chair the interview of selection process for two vacancies to be drawn by lot. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates are noted below in each corresponding section.

10. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102 and paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration.

11. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by stakeholders including current or outgoing mandate holders in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for the mandates in question.³

12. On gender balance, the Consultative Group duly took note of the Guidelines on Gender Parity⁴ adopted by the 2015 Consultative Group, whereby a quota was established so as to list no more than three candidates out of five of the same sex. The current Consultative Group decided not to adopt these Guidelines formally but to take them into consideration during the interview process.

13. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under considerations, that the process of selection is objective, transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21.

² <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC38.aspx>

³ As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. Letter from the Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders (dated 8 May 2018, see <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/LetterCG8May2018.pdf>). Joint letter to the Consultative Group from Amnesty International and Alkarama Foundation; Asian Legal Resource Centre (ALRC); Conectas Direitos Humanos; DefendDefenders (the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project); Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights; GQual Campaign; Human Rights Watch; International Commission of Jurists (ICJ); International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH); International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association; International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR); International Service of Human Rights (ISHR); Southern African Human Rights Defenders Network; and West African Human Rights Defenders Network (dated 8 May 2018).

⁴ Annex to the letter from the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council (dated 23 December 2015).

14. The Consultative Group decided that regarding the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, or knows personally an eligible candidate, concerned members would recuse themselves completely from participating in the process of recommendation (i.e. shortlisting, interview and evaluation), but could be present and observing the whole process.

15. The Consultative Group discussed the issue of the impact of candidates lobbying members directly and decided to follow a self-disclosure procedure in situations where any member has been approached with regard to the applications of candidates. The Consultative Group decided to strongly discourage meetings of individual candidates with members of the Group, and inform candidates that this is the practice of the current Group. However, the Group decided that – if a meeting takes place – the candidate would be informed that its taking place and its contents would be shared with the other members of the Group. This principled position has been included in the frequently asked questions section on the OHCHR nomination and selection of special procedures website.⁵

16. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity as well as the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest.

17. The Consultative Group was informed about previous situations when current mandate holders were applying to new mandates, including the situation that arose at the 32nd session of the Council in June 2016. At the time of the adoption of his list, the President referred to the difficulties that arose by proposing a candidate for a new mandate who was still serving his term as a current mandate holder on a different mandate. The President noted in particular that the appointment of a current mandate holder for another mandate entails a possible protection gap or an extension of service of an outgoing mandate holder, and this should be discouraged. More importantly, he emphasized the clear understanding that this should not serve as a precedent and not be repeated in future circumstances.

18. The Group held a total of 19 interviews with 19 shortlisted candidates for the five aforementioned vacancies (see annex II of this report). These interviews occurred from 11 to 16 May 2018, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration.

19. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

20. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia. There were 18 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

⁵ See <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>

1. David BOYD (M) (Canada)

2. Rebecca BRATSPIES (F) (United States of America)

3. Patricia MADRIGAL-CORDERO (F) (Costa Rica)

21. **David Boyd** is Professor of Environmental Law and Policy at the University of British Columbia in Canada. He has been an environmental lawyer for twenty-five years. He has contributed to the United Nations Environmental Rights Initiative and is an expert advisor to the United Nations Harmony with Nature initiative. He has studied the impact of constitutional recognition of the right to a healthy environment in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, and published books and articles on environment law and policy, aboriginal peoples' rights, human rights, international law and constitutional law. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast knowledge and experience, both in academia and in advising different governments in different regions, on environment and human rights. The Consultative Group also noted that, while the candidate wanted to build on the work done by the previous mandate holder, he was able to identify the challenges that the mandate currently presents and to understand the transnational impact of the issue and the intersectionality of environment with other human rights and development-related issues. The candidate showed an interest in sharing good practices and in including a gender perspective in the mandate and would consider preparing a thematic report about it.

22. **Rebecca Bratspies** is Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Urban Environmental Reform at the City University of New York in the United States of America. She is a member of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and a member of the International Environmental Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association. Her teaching and scholarly research focus on environmental and public international law, with a particular emphasis on how legal systems govern the global commons and how law can further sustainable development. She has also trained judges in New York and Belize on environmental protection. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's strong academic background and practical experience working both nationally and internationally. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's ability to present a clear vision for the mandate, based on the work of the previous mandate holder, to recognize the challenges of the mandate and to envisage ways to practically tackle them. The candidate affirmed the intergenerational importance of the mandate and the need for the mandate holder to include consideration for the impact on women and girls from the beginning of any task performed. The candidate presented interesting ideas on how to develop cooperation both within and outside the United Nations system, including civil society and victims. The candidate mentioned the need to start a conversation with States about the transboundary effects in the environment.

23. **Patricia Madrigal-Cordero** is a lawyer specialized in international law in Costa Rica. She was the Vice-Minister of Environment of Costa Rica. She was also a Professor of Environmental Law and International Environmental Law at the University of Costa Rica. As an advisor to the Legislative Assembly, she worked on the reform of article 50 of the Political Constitution of Costa Rica, which recognizes the right to a healthy and ecologically balanced environment. She was a member of the Environmental Law Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's good knowledge of environmental issues. The Consultative Group further noted the candidate's ability to understand the perspective of governments as well as highlight the importance of promoting dialogue and listening to different stakeholders in order to promote cooperation. The candidate demonstrated knowledge of the transboundary impact of the issue.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

24. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan. There were 14 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Javaid REHMAN (M) (Pakistan)

2. Miloon KOTHARI (M) (India)

3. Antonio STANGO (M) (Italy)

25. **Javaid Rehman** is Professor of International Human Rights Law and Muslim Constitutionalism at Brunel University in London. He has advised international human rights bodies, tribunals and courts on human rights issues, including the prohibition of torture, counter-terrorism and minority rights issues. As a human rights advocate, he has engaged with a range of stakeholders at the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation. He has also advised non-governmental organizations in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in Pakistan on substantive legal issues as well as on implementation mechanisms, appeal procedures and advocacy campaigns. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast knowledge, experience and determination. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's clear vision for the mandate, focusing on the compliance with international obligations. The candidate showed an acceptable approach regarding cooperation between the mandate and other stakeholders. The candidate recognized the importance of gender mainstreaming within the mandate and presented priorities in this regard.

26. **Miloon Kothari** is an independent human rights and social policy expert. He is currently the President of UPR Info, a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting the Universal Periodic Review. He served as the first Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, from 2000 to 2008. He was Dr. Martin Luther King Visiting Scholar and Lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was also the Coordinator of the Habitat International Coalition's Housing and Land Rights Network, the Coordinator of the International NGO Committee on Human Rights in Trade and Investment, and the Convener of the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the United Nations. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's very vast academic expertise and knowledge of the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's knowledge of the country and its context. The candidate affirmed his readiness to listen to different stakeholders, understanding the challenges of the mandate. In this regard, the candidate has indicated his willingness to collaborate holistically with the State and other stakeholders.

27. **Antonio Stango** is President of the Italian Federation for Human Rights - Italian Helsinki Committee - and member of the Board of Hands Off Cain. Previously, he was the President of the Italian League of Human Rights. As a human rights expert, he has worked with the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Italian Senate and several non-governmental organizations. He has organized seminars, workshops and international events, including the World Congress against the Death Penalty. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's considerable professional experience, including with civil society, United Nations mechanisms and other stakeholders. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's very clear awareness of the challenges of the mandate and vision of the focus that the mandate should be given, as well as how to carry it out. The candidate recognized the importance of gender mainstreaming within the mandate.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States

28. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by the Permanent Representative of Israel. There were 10 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below, bearing in mind the principled consideration regarding a current mandate holder applying for another mandate as outlined in paragraph 17 above.

1. Githu MUIGAI (M) (Kenya)

2. Danwood CHIRWA (M) (Malawi)

3. Beedwantee Sheila KEETHARUTH (F) (Mauritius)

29. **Githu Muigai** is a lawyer and Associate Professor of Public Law at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He was Attorney General of Kenya. He served as the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance from 2008 to 2011. He was a judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and a member of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission. He has researched and published in the areas of international law, constitutional law and human rights, and has previously worked as a consultant to various international organizations, including the African Union, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast knowledge regarding the interaction of business and human rights, based on his strong background in terms of both, academy and practical experience. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's awareness of the problems regarding emerging economies and the gaps where international business is focusing. The candidate highlighted the need to sensitize companies to the importance of taking good care of the workers, while making profits, and respecting human rights. The candidate proposed a collaborative approach to implement the mandate and recognized the importance of including gender mainstreaming in it.

30. **Danwood Chirwa** is Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Public Law at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery since 2017. He is the former Secretary-General of the African Network of Constitutional Lawyers and has served as a member of the board of directors for different organizations, including the Open Democracy Advice Centre, the Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa. He has published extensively on the issue of business and human rights. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's varied work experience, including with civil society, States and international organizations, complemented by his vast academic experience. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's clear vision of the subject matter of the mandate and considerable awareness of the development of issues related and relevant to the mandate. The candidate provided a clear vision regarding the gaps in the topic, emphasizing the need to focus on legal reforms in order to promote the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The candidate also highlighted that the rights of women and their access to equal opportunities should be at the core of the work of the mandate. The candidate further proposed an improved interaction with States and other stakeholders in order to promote a better integration of business and human rights within the Sustainable Development Goals.

31. **Beedwantee Sheila Keetharuth** is a human rights advocate and the current Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (she was appointed in 2012 and her term will expire on 31

October 2018). She also served as a member of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea from 2014 to 2016. She led the Institute of Human Rights and Development in Africa, a pan-African non-governmental organization based in the Gambia. As a human rights defender, she has extensive experience in research, advocacy, litigation and training in Africa. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's good knowledge of the human rights system, of the African region and of the subject matter. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's experience in intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States

32. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by the Permanent Representative of Singapore. There were eight eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

- 1. Elzbieta KARSKA (F) (Poland)**
- 2. Beata FARACIK (F) (Poland)**
- 3. Klara SKRIVANKOVA (F) (Czechia)**

33. **Elzbieta Karska** is Professor of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. She was a member of the 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 from 2011 to April 2018. She was a judge ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights, a member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance and a member of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's strong academic background and her current work on research projects related to the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's experience in the United Nations system and understanding of the European perspective. The candidate demonstrated awareness of the challenges posed by the changing nature of the business enterprises and how these affect human rights. The candidate highlighted the need to bring the gender perspective to the Working Group and proposed some topics as possible tracks of action. The candidate underscored the need to reconcile the different interests of various stakeholders to properly realize human rights in the context of business.

34. **Beata Faracik** is President of the Board and co-founder of the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business, an independent think tank based in Poland. Previously she was the Head of Human Rights and Business Research Section and the Managing Director of the Allerhand Institute, an independent research centre based in Kraków. She worked as Human Rights and Democratization Adviser for the Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union in Brussels, and as Senior Expert on Human Rights for the Ministry of Justice of Poland in Warsaw. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's vast academic and professional experience, including in very specific topics related to the mandate, as well as her deep knowledge of the United Nations system. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's very clear vision of the mandate and of the focus that the mandate should be given. In this regard the candidate mentioned the enhancement of a gender perspective aiming at empowering women, and of the cooperation with different stakeholders, as well as of the efforts of the Working Group in reaching out other mandate holders. The candidate demonstrated the ability of bringing a practical and objective perspective to the Working Group.

35. **Klara Skrivankova** is Senior Private Sector Advisor at Anti-Slavery International, an international non-governmental organization based in London. She earned an MA in Public and Social Policy, and a BA in Humanities from Charles University in Prague. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, from 2009 to 2013, and a member of the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings of the European Commission. She worked as Specialist Advisor to the Ethical Trading Initiative and as Programme Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's strong general knowledge of the subject. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's flexibility to stimulate cooperation within and outside the United Nations system. The candidate stressed the importance of a balanced cooperation with all stakeholders and regional institutions and presented previous experiences in this regard. The candidate highlighted the importance of gender mainstreaming within the mandate and proposed different ways to implement it.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the 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

36. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by the Permanent Representative of Israel. There were six eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the four candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

- 1. SORCHA MACLEOD (F) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**
- 2. CHRISTOPHER KINSEY (M) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**
- 3. OLIVIER BEAUVALLET (M) (France)**

37. **SORCHA MacLeod** is International Guest Lecturer in Human Rights Law at the Free University of Berlin and in Security and Human Rights Law at the Berlin School of Economics and Law. She is the leader of the Working Group on Private Military and Security Companies at the Network on Business, Conflict and Human Rights. Previously, she spent fifteen years teaching and researching human rights in the School of Law at the University of Sheffield. She specializes in researching the human rights regulation of private military and security companies and mercenaries in armed conflicts and post-conflict environments, and the role of business actors in the conflict cycle. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's very strong legal background, vast experience related to the mandate and practical approach. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's ability to identify clearly the challenges of the mandate and the most affected groups by the activities carried out by mercenaries. The candidate proposed innovative approaches to carry out the mandate. The candidate proposed a multi-stakeholder approach to the issue by promotion dialogue among them and by understanding how the United Nations system works. The candidate believed that being an "honest broker" would help her execute this mandate effectively.

38. **CHRISTOPHER Kinsey** is Reader in Business and International Security and Lecturer on Conflict and Security at King's College in London. His PhD focused on private military and security companies. He has researched various aspects of the phenomenon of private military and security companies and mercenaries, including the areas of human rights and corporate social responsibility. He took part in the early development stages of the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's good knowledge regarding the topic and the changing nature of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his awareness of the latest

developments regarding the mandate and of the thematic challenges that the mandate presents. The candidate highlighted the importance of engaging with different actors in order to move forward and his ability to bring a wide network of stakeholders to the Working Group.

39. **Olivier Beauvallet** is Judge in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. He was a prosecutor with the Special Investigative Task Force and the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, and dealt with cases related to organized crime, war crimes or terrorism. He participated in various international projects in the Balkans, Africa and Central Asia. The Consultative Group noted the candidate's strong legal background and considerable research on the topic. The Consultative Group also noted the candidate's ability to clearly identify priorities and challenges for the mandate, including ways on how to enhance its effectiveness, such as reaching consensus on the definition of mercenaries, revitalize legal instruments, improving monitoring and anticipating challenges. The candidate affirmed his commitment to incorporate gender issues in the mandate and to focus on giving voice to those more affected. The candidate proposed innovative ideas on the cooperation with other mandate-holders.

*Annex I - List of eligible candidates considered by mandate⁶***Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mohamed	BEHNASSI	Morocco	M
Maria de Lourdes	BELDI DE ALCANTARA	Brazil	F
Flaviano	BIANCHINI	Italy	M
David R.	BOYD	Canada	M
Rebecca	BRATSPIES	United States of America	F
Lisa	CHAMBERLAIN	South Africa	F
Philippe	CULLET	Switzerland	M
Tracy-Lynn	HUMBY	South Africa	F
Mamady	KABA	Guinea	M
Ryangok	KU	Republic of Korea	F
Patricia	MADRIGAL-CORDERO	Costa Rica	F
Daniel	MAGRAW	United States of America	M
Robert	MURATAJ	Albania	M
Kingdom Nnamdi	OKERE	Nigeria	M
Damilola S.	OLAWUYI	Nigeria	M
Harry H.G.	POST	Netherlands	M
Tarcisio Hardman	REIS	Switzerland	M
Jorge E.	VIÑUALES	Argentina	M

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First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mads	ANDENAS	Norway	M
Souhayr	BELHASSEN	Tunisia	F
Eric	DAVID	Belgium	M
Pierre	GALAND	Belgium	M
Joseph	GRIEBOSKI	United States of America	M
Anohar	JOHN	India	M
Miloon	KOTHARI	India	M
William	MORRIS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Angkhana	NEELAPAIJIT	Thailand	F
Kingdom Nnamdi	OKERE	Nigeria	M
Mohamed Saleck	OULD MOHAMED LEMINE	Mauritania	M
Javaid	REHMAN	Pakistan	M
Sima	SAMAR	Afghanistan	F
Antonio	STANGO	Italy	M

**Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Nnimmo	BASSEY	Nigeria	M
Danwood	CHIRWA	Malawi	M
Beedwantee Sheila	KEETHARUTH	Mauritius	F
Margaret Iriama	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
Bonita	MEYERSFELD	South Africa	F
Githu	MUIGAI	Kenya	M
Kingdom Nnamdi	OKERE	Nigeria	M
Damilola S.	OLAWUYI	Nigeria	M
Emmanuel	OPOKU AWUKU	Ghana	M
Ernest	TITANJI DUGA	Cameroon	M

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**Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises,
member from Eastern European States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Beata	FARACIK	Poland	F
Elzbieta	KARSKA	Poland	F
Klentina	MAHMUTAJ	Albania	F
Ucha	NANUASHVILI	Georgia	M
Maryna	SAPRYKINA	Ukraine	F
Klara	SKRIVANKOVA	Czechia	F
Ella	SKYBENKO	Ukraine	F
Alexander	SOLNTSEV	Russian Federation	M

**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**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Olivier	BEAUVALLET	France	M
Christopher	KINSEY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Hin-Yan	LIU	Canada	M
Sorcha	MACLEOD	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Helena	TORROJA	Spain	F
Carlos	VILLÁN DURÁN	Spain	M

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Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁹

Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mohamed	BEHNASSI	Morocco	M
David R.	BOYD	Canada	M
Rebecca	BRATSPIES	United States of America	F
Tracy-Lynn	HUMBY	South Africa	F
Patricia	MADRIGAL-CORDERO	Costa Rica	F

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Joseph	GRIEBOSKI	United States of America	M
Miloon	KOTHARI	India	M
Angkhana	NEELAPAIJIT	Thailand	F
Javaid	REHMAN	Pakistan	M
Sima	SAMAR	Afghanistan	F
Antonio	STANGO	Italy	M

**Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Danwood	CHIRWA	Malawi	M
Beedwantee Sheila	KEETHARUTH	Mauritius	F
Margaret Iriama	LOKAWUA	Uganda	F
Bonita	MEYERSFELD	South Africa	F
Githu	MUIGAI	Kenya	M

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**Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises,
member from Eastern European States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Beata	FARACIK	Poland	F
Elzbieta	KARSKA	Poland	F
Klara	SKRIVANKOVA	Czechia	F
Ella	SKYBENKO	Ukraine	F

**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,
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