



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

9 September 2022

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for three, out of the total of four, vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-first session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;**
2. **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;**
3. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Eastern European States**
(appointment to be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council).

In follow-up to my letter of 23 August 2022, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report, dated 22 August 2022, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for the three vacancies.

As to the **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Paula GAVIRIA (Colombia)**.

In relation to the **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Margaret SATTERTHWAITE (United States of America)**.

For the position of the **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Eastern European States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Ganna YUDKIVSKA (Ukraine)**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy. I look forward to receiving the addendum to their report with recommendations for the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which I will transmit to you once received.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Federico Villegas', written over a white background.

Federico Villegas
President of the Human Rights Council

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva