

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 fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council

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I. Background

1. In paragraphs 47 and 49 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of Permanent Representatives appointed 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 the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council are: Ms. Juhara Al-Suwaidi (Qatar), Mr. Abdellah Boutadghart (Morocco), His Excellency Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli (El Salvador) and Mr. Tom Neijens (Belgium). The member of the Group from Eastern European States is yet to be nominated. The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2022 and will end on 31 March 2023, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The Group held its initial organizational meeting on 7 April 2022.

3. A total of ten vacancies of mandate holders, i.e. six expert mechanism and four special procedure mandates, are to be filled at the Council's fifty-second session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from African States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/23)**
- 2. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Asia-Pacific States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/23)**
- 3. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/23)**
- 4. Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Western European and other States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/23)**
- 5. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)**
- 6. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic (Human Rights Council resolution 33/25)**
- 7. Special Rapporteur on the right to development (Human Rights Council resolution 51/7)**
- 8. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation (Human Rights Council resolution 51/25)**
- 9. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States (Human Rights Council resolution 45/24)**
- 10. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (Human Rights Council resolution 45/3)**

4. The vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation is for a new mandate which the Human Rights Council decided to establish through resolution 51/25 adopted at its fifty-first session. The vacancy of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States, was not initially foreseen and arose due to the resignation of the mandate holder, Mr. Sushil Raj (India), communicated by letter dated 11 November 2022 and effective as of 6 January 2023.

5. Vacancies for members in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have been included in the present selection process also in the cases where the current incumbents have served only one three-year term thus far, pursuant to Council resolution 33/25 in which the Council decided that members of the Expert Mechanism shall serve for a three-year term, and may be reappointed for one additional term. Similarly, vacancies in the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development have been included in the present selection process also in the cases where the current incumbents have served only one three-year term thus far, pursuant to Council resolution 42/23 in which the Council decided that the members of the Expert Mechanism shall serve for a three-year period, and may be re-elected for one additional period.

6. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for these ten mandates.

7. In its second organizational meeting of 26 April 2022, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 would be equally shared among its members through a rotation. The Group decided to divide equally the chairing of the interviews for the mandates among the current four Consultative Group members, by alphabetical order of the mandates and of the members' last names. It is understood that such an arrangement would be subject to adjustment upon the future nomination of the Consultative Group member from the Group of Eastern European States and upon the possibility of recusal of members of the Group, in accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 on the methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.

II. Process

8. The application period for the submission of applications opened on 18 October for the nine initially foreseen mandates. The call for applications closed on 29 November 2022 (12 noon Geneva time) for the following four mandates: Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from African States and member from Asia-Pacific States; Special Rapporteur on the right to development; and Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States. Due to the initially limited number of eligible applications received, the application period was extended until 6 December 2022 (12 noon Geneva time) for the following five mandates: Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Eastern European States and member from Western European and other States; Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia and member from the Arctic; and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation. Due to the timing of the unforeseen resignation, the call for applications for the unforeseen vacancy of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States, opened on 18 November 2022 and closed on 3 January 2023 (12 noon Geneva time).

9. The Consultative Group considered 76 individual applications from 69 eligible candidates¹ submitted for the aforementioned ten mandates in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated web page² of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and paragraph 26 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 (see also annex I of this report).

10. The Consultative Group held a total of 15 formal meetings on 21 December 2022 and on 12, 13, 16 to 20 and 27 January 2023 to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned ten vacancies. These included two fully virtual meetings and two meetings with interpretation.

11. In accordance with paragraph 34 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, each member of the Consultative Group individually ranked the most qualified 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, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. On the basis of the list of ranked candidates and after consideration of all aforementioned elements, the Group had a discussion and established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for each mandate.

12. 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, paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, paragraph 31 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. In addition, for the vacancies in the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Group took into consideration the recommendation made in paragraph 6 of Council resolution 33/25 that, in the selection and appointment process, due regard be given to recognized competence and experience in the rights of Indigenous Peoples, experts of indigenous origin and gender balance, in addition to the criteria for nominating, selecting and appointing mandate holders established by the Human Rights Council in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to its resolution 5/1. Accordingly, the Group gave due regard, inter alia, to the indigenous origin of the candidates as per their self-identification in their application forms.

13. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 33 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, 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

14. The Consultative Group gave due consideration to gender balance, equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1 and in paragraphs 31 and 48 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

15. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and 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 and President's statement PRST OS/14/2.

¹ Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

² See <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52>

³ Letter from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders dated 16 January 2023 is available on <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures-human-rights-council/coordination-committee-special-procedures>

16. In accordance with paragraph 13 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, Mr. Tom Neijens (Belgium) recused himself from participating in the deliberation and decision-making process for the mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Western European and other States, in view of the fact that two candidates from Belgium were under consideration.

17. The Consultative Group adhered to paragraph 14 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2 which provides that the members of the Consultative Group, in the event that they have been approached by any Member State, organization or individual with regard to the application of a candidate, shall inform the other members in order to ensure maximum transparency.

18. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraphs 35 to 38 of President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the observance of the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions and the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity. 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. When necessary, further clarifications were requested in writing.

19. The Group held a total of 31 interviews with 31 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned ten mandates (see annex II of this report for the alphabetical list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews occurred on 12, 13 and 16 to 20 January 2023, 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, President's statement PRST OS/14/2 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

20. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's statements PRST 29/1 and PRST OS/14/2. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates.

21. The Consultative Group carried out interviews by video calls through the platform Webex, and through the platform Zoom when the interviewees requested interpretation.

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

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from African States

23. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Tom Neijens (Belgium). There were initially 11 eligible candidates for this vacancy, with one candidate subsequently withdrawing his application after he was interviewed. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Bonny IBHAWOH (M) (Nigeria)

2. Omogboyega ABE (M) (Nigeria)

24. **Bonny Ibhawoh** is currently serving his first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. He is also Full Professor and Senator William McMaster Chair in Global Human Rights at McMaster University in Canada and has an extraordinary professorship at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He serves on the board of Inclusive

Development International. He has taught human rights in universities in Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Canada. He has also worked as Human Rights Fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, as Research Fellow at the Danish Institute for Human Rights and as research consultant with both governmental and non-governmental organizations. Mr. Ibhawoh has published extensively on human rights issues. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History and Strategic Studies from Bendel State University in Nigeria, a Master's degree in History and International Studies from the University of Ibadan, also in Nigeria and a PhD in International Human Rights and Legal History from Dalhousie University in Canada. Mr. Ibhawoh indicated that, if a conflict of interest were to arise with respect to his position in the board of Inclusive Development International, he would be willing to relinquish such position if appointed mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Ibhawoh's in-depth knowledge and expertise in the field of the right to development as well as his understanding of the mandate and its challenges. The Consultative Group also noted his inclusive approach towards building consensus on the right to development.

25. **Omogboyega Abe** is a lecturer in law at the University of Huddersfield in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Previously, he worked as Lecturer in Law at Afe Babalola University in Nigeria, Academic Director at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, Residence Fellow at McGill University in Canada, Expert Consultant for the African Union and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung projects on the African Union Draft Policy Framework on Business and Human Rights, and Expert Consultant (Co-Investigator) for the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Rights of the Child. He has published scholarly research, convened courses, and acted as a solicitor, advocate and consultant on the right to development with particular focus on Africa. Mr. Abe holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English Language from the University of Ado-Ekiti in Nigeria, a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Benin in Nigeria, a Master of Laws (LLM) from the Central European University in Hungary, a Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of California in the United States of America, and a PhD in Commercial Law from the University of Cape Town in South Africa. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Abe's legal expertise and experience with issues relating to the right to development and how to operationalize it. The Consultative Group also noted his vision for the mandate.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Asia-Pacific States

26. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Abdellah Boutadghart (Morocco). There were eight eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Mihir KANADE (M) (India)

2. Xiaohui LIANG (M) (China)

27. **Mihir Kanade** is currently serving his first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. He is also the Academic Director, Head of the Department of International Law and Director of the Human Rights Centre of the University for Peace (UPEACE) in Costa Rica. In addition, he is the chair of the drafting group of international experts appointed by OHCHR to prepare the draft of a legally binding instrument on the right to development to support the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development as well as the lead designer, editor and instructor of the e-learning module "Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals" offered jointly by OHCHR, UPEACE and the

United Nations University - International Institute for Global Health. Previously, he worked as a legal practitioner before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Mr. Kanade has published extensively on the right to development and related areas. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Nagpur University in India as well as a Master's in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes and a Doctorate in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University for Peace. The Consultative Group noted his expertise in the field of the right to development, his vast knowledge of the mandate and his cooperative approach. The Consultative Group also noted his work on the operationalization of the right to development in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals as well as his engagement in several activities relating to the mandate.

28. **Xiaohui Liang** is the Chief Researcher at the Office for Social Responsibility of the China National Textile and Apparel Council and researcher at the Research Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Peking University in China. He is also Adjunct Professor of Supply Chain Management and Human Rights at the Business School of Nanjing University and guest professor at the China University of Political Science and Law and the China University of Labor Relations. He serves as a member in numerous human rights-related working groups, advisory groups and boards, such as the Human Rights and Labour Rights Working Group of the United Nations Global Compact and the Advisory Group on Responsible Business Conduct of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Previously, he was Adjunct Professor at the Law School of the Peking University. He has published extensively on business and human rights issues. He holds a Bachelor of Law from Nankai University in China, a Master of Arts in Theory and Practice of International Human Rights from the University of Oslo in Norway, a Master's in Law from Peking University, a Master's in Law from Harvard Law School in the United States of America and a PhD in Law, International Human Rights from Peking University. He indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would relinquish any roles or activities that give rise to concerns of a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Liang's experience in areas related to the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted his understanding of the mandate and of its current challenges.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Eastern European States

29. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Juhara Al-Suwaidi (Qatar). There were three eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the two candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Klentiana MAHMUTAJ (F) (Albania)

2. Ramona BIHOLAR (F) (Romania)

30. **Klentiana Mahmutaj** is currently serving her first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. She is also a Barrister at Red Lion Chambers, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and a visiting lecturer in human rights law at the National School of Judges in Tirana, Albania. Previously, she worked as lecturer in law at De Montfort University and as a project worker and interpreter at the British Red Cross. Ms. Mahmutaj has published several articles on sustainable development, human rights and investment in academic platforms and mainstream media. She holds a Bachelor of Law (LLB) in English Law from De Montfort University and a Master of Laws (LLM) in Public International Law from the University of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She also completed the Bar Vocational Course (Bar Exams) at the Inns of Court School of Law in London. The Consultative

Group noted Ms. Mahmutaj's substantial and practical knowledge of the mandate as well as her vision for it and pragmatic approach. The Consultative Group also noted her extensive practical experience as a barrister.

31. **Ramona Biholar** is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law (Mona Campus) of the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. She worked as a consultant and/or trainer for the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at the University of the West Indies, the Institute for Gender and Development (St. Augustine Campus) at the University of the West Indies, the non-governmental organization Stand Up for Jamaica, as well as for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and OHCHR. She has also published on the right to development. Ms. Biholar holds a Bachelor of Law (LLB) from the Faculty of Law of the Babes-Bolyai University in Romania as well as a Master of Laws (LLM) in International and European Law and a PhD in International Human Rights Law from the Utrecht University in the Netherlands. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Biholar's academic background, her experience in capacity-building training on women's rights, as well as her experience working as a consultant for United Nations bodies.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (EMRTD), member from Western European and other States

32. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by His Excellency Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli (El Salvador). There were four eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three 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. Isabelle DURANT (F) (Belgium)

2. Koenraad DE FEYTER (M) (Belgium)

3. Cristiana CARLETTI (F) (Italy)

33. **Isabelle Durant** served as Secretary-General ad interim and Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Previously, she worked as expert for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Algeria, Vice-President of the European Union Parliament, Senator at the Belgian Parliament, and Vice-Prime Minister of Belgium in charge of mobility and transport, general coordination of Belgium's federal policy, and of supervising two State Secretaries: development cooperation, and energy and sustainable development. Ms. Durant holds a Master's in Political and Social Sciences from the Open Faculty of Economic and Social Policy of the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Durant's long and diversified experience in areas related to development at both the international and regional levels, including in high-level decision-making positions, as well as her substantial knowledge of the mandate. The Consultative Group also noted her clear understanding of the current geopolitical context and her practical experience with the United Nations system. In addition, the Consultative Group appreciated her consensus-building approach and her capacity to engage with all relevant stakeholders.

34. **Koenraad De Feyter** is currently serving his first three-year term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. He is also a Professor of Public International Law and a Spokesperson of the Research Group on Law and Development at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He is also a member of the drafting committee for the legally binding instrument on the

right to development at the invitation of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development as well as Chair of the Steering Committee of the Law and Development Research Network. Previously, he worked as Academic Coordinator of the European Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation at the Global Campus on Human Rights in Italy and as lecturer at the Centre for Human Rights of Maastricht University in the Netherlands. He also worked as a post-doctoral researcher and subsequently as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Development Policy and Management and the Political Science Faculty of the University of Antwerp. Mr. De Feyter has published extensively on the right to development. He holds a Master of Laws, an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law and a PhD in Law from the University of Antwerp. The Consultative Group noted Mr. De Feyter's expertise on the right to development as well as his practical experience with and excellent understanding of the mandate and its challenges. The Consultative Group also noted his contribution and commitment to the mandate and to the right to development.

35. **Cristiana Carletti** is Associate Professor of International Law at the Roma Tre University in Italy, Technical Adviser at the Department for Family Policies of Italy's Prime Minister's Office and Deputy National Liaison Officer of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency. Previously, she worked as legal expert-adviser for the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, member of the Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality, Chair of the Civil Society Advisory Group at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and member of the Board of Advisers of the International Development Law Organization. She has published on issues relating to development. Ms. Carletti holds a Degree in Political Science, International Public Law; a Training Certificate Specialization Course on International Protection of Fundamental Human Rights; and has completed a Post High Degree Course in International Order and Fundamental Human Rights from Sapienza University of Rome in Italy. Mr. Carletti indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she could ask to resign from the position of Deputy National Liaison Officer of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency. In addition, she indicated that her advisory role at the Department for Family Policies of Italy's Prime Minister's Office will end in May 2023. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Carletti's extensive and varied experience in the field of human rights, including in areas relating to the mandate.

VII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Asia

36. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Juhara Al-Suwaidi (Qatar). There were five eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the three candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Binota Moy DHAMAI (M) (Bangladesh)

Indigenous origin: Tripura

2. Brijlal CHAUDHARI (M) (Nepal)

Indigenous origin: Tharu

37. **Binota Moy Dhamai** is currently serving his first term as a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He is also the International Affairs Secretary of the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum in Australia and a Board member of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Previously, he worked as Assistant General Secretary of the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum in Bangladesh, Member of the Executive Council and Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Program Coordinator of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact,

and National Consultant for Charapa Consult in Bangladesh. He also served as member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (2015-2020) and was an Indigenous Fellow at OHCHR. Mr. Dhamai holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, and a Master's in Environmental Management and Development from the Australian National University. He is currently a doctoral candidate focusing his research on advancing Indigenous Peoples' human rights and the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council. Mr. Dhamai indicated that, if appointed, he would step down from his positions in the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum and the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights if there is any conflict of interest with those organizations as a mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Dhamai's skills relevant for the mandate as well as his vast knowledge, expertise and experience in the in the field of Indigenous Peoples' rights. The Consultative Group also noted his commitment, his in-depth knowledge of the mandate and his experience working with the United Nations system.

38. **Brijlal Chaudhari** is the President of the Global Home for Indigenous Peoples, member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition on Indigenous People's Food System of the Food and Agriculture Organization, and Manager of Impact Development and Granting of the Counselling Centre of East Algoma. Previously, he worked, inter alia, as Director of PEER Programme at Canadian Roots Exchange, Evaluation Analyst for Universal Management Group, Manager of Immersive Learning Programs at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in the United States of America, Chief Operations Officer at Sano Paila in Nepal, and Founder and Board Member of Paurakhi Savings and Credit Society Cooperative Society Limited. He also worked as the policy, diplomacy and international affairs advisor to Mr. Phoolman Chaudary, Asia representative and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Mr. Chaudhari holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Public Administration from Middlebury Institute of International Studies in the United States of America. Mr. Chaudhari indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, to avoid any kind of conflict of interest, he would hand over his responsibilities at the Global Home for Indigenous Peoples to other members of the organization and could relinquish his position in the Steering Committee of the Coalition on Indigenous People's Food System. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Chaudhari's extensive knowledge of issues relating to Indigenous Peoples. The Consultative Group also appreciated his commitment as well as his cooperative and consensual approach.

VIII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Arctic

39. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Abdellah Boutadghart (Morocco). There were three eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the two candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Dalee SAMBO DOROUGH (F) (United States of America)

Indigenous origin: Inuit

2. Grigory DYUKAREV (M) (Russian Federation)

Indigenous origin: Nenets

40. **Dalee Sambo Dorough** is a Senior Scholar and Special Adviser on Arctic Indigenous Peoples at the University of Alaska Anchorage in the United States of America. Previously, she worked, inter alia, as International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Associate Professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Executive Director of the Indian Law Resource Center - Alaska Office, Executive

Director of the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, Executive Director of the International Union for Circumpolar Health, and Executive Director of the Inuit Circumpolar Council - Alaska Office. She also served as Co-Chair of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, Ms. Sambo Dorough was the Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2014-2015) and its expert member for two consecutive terms (2011-2013 and 2014-2016), and a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (2009-2014). She published extensively on issues related to Indigenous Peoples and was engaged in drafting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Ms. Sambo Dorough holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Laws and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the United States of America, and a PhD in Law from the University of British Columbia in Canada. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Sambo Dorough's solid substantive expertise on the rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as her long-standing history of engagement on issues relating to mandate, including within the United Nations system. It also noted her excellent understanding of the mandate as well as her clear vision for it.

41. **Grigory Dyukarev** is the Director-General of the Project and Resource Office of Indigenous Small-Numbered Peoples of the North in Dudinka, Russian Federation, and lecturer at the Taimyr branch of the Leningrad State University. He also represents the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East in the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council. Previously, he worked, inter alia, as President of the Local Association of Indigenous Small-Numbered Peoples of the North of Taimyr; Chief Specialist at the Office of the Commissioner for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Krasnoyarsk region; and Head of the Regional National Policy and Development of Indigenous Peoples at the Administration of Taimyr Dolgan-Nenets autonomous region. He was also a fellow at the OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme. Mr. Dyukarev holds a Master's from the Russian State Pedagogical Institute A.I. Herzen and a Bachelor's from the St. Petersburg State University. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Dyukarev's extensive knowledge of issues relating to Indigenous Peoples and the challenges they face. It also noted the important work he has carried out for the protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and his knowledge of the mandate.

IX. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the right to development

42. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by His Excellency Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli (El Salvador). There were 14 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. Surya DEVA (M) (India)**
- 2. Mihir KANADE (M) (India)**
- 3. Teresa ANJINHO (F) (Portugal)**

43. **Surya Deva** is a Professor at the Macquarie Law School and Director of the Center for Environmental Law at Macquarie University in Australia. Previously, he worked, inter alia, as Associate and Assistant Professor at the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong in China, Associate Director at the Public Law and Human Rights Forum of the City University of Hong Kong, Assistant Professor at the National Law Institute University in India and Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Delhi in India. He also served on the Working Group on the issue of human

rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (2016-2022). He has published extensively in relation to diverse areas of human rights law, such as sustainable development and business and human rights. Mr. Deva has conducted numerous training workshops on human rights, climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. He is a founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Business and Human Rights Journal* and sits on the boards of the *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, the *Vienna Journal on International Constitutional Law*, the *Indian Law Review*, and the *Australian Journal of Human Rights*. In addition, he served for two terms on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law (2014-2022). Mr. Deva holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science, a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Master of Laws (LLM) from University of Delhi, and a PhD from Sydney University in Australia. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Deva's vast experience in the field of human rights, including in relation to the right to development, his experience with the United Nations system and his consultative and evidence-based approach to building consensus about the relevance of the right to development. The Consultative Group also noted his understanding of the mandate and its challenges as well as of his approach to address them.

44. **Mihir Kanade** is currently a member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development. He is also the Academic Director, Head of the Department of International Law and Director of the Human Rights Centre of the University for Peace (UPEACE) in Costa Rica. In addition, he is the chair of the drafting group of international experts appointed by OHCHR to prepare the draft of a legally binding instrument on the right to development to support the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development as well as the lead designer, editor and instructor of the e-learning module "Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals" offered jointly by OHCHR, UPEACE and the United Nations University - International Institute for Global Health. Previously, he worked as a legal practitioner before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Mr. Kanade has published extensively on the right to development and related areas. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Nagpur University in India as well as a Master's in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes and a Doctorate in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University for Peace. The Consultative Group noted his expertise in the field of the mandate, his experience with the United Nations system and his cooperative approach. The Consultative Group also noted his work on the operationalization of the right to development in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals as well as his engagement with several activities relating to mandate.

45. **Teresa Anjinho** is a Researcher at the Investigation Center and Development about Law and Society of the Faculty of Law of the New University of Lisbon in Portugal. She is also a Member of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Agency. Previously, she worked, inter alia, as Deputy Ombudsperson at the Portuguese Ombudsman Office, Portugal's Secretary of State for Justice, member of the Portuguese Parliament, Guest Lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra in Portugal, Lecturer at the Lisbon Bar Association in Portugal, Guest Lecturer at Nova Law School In Portugal, electoral supervisor and observer for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and Technical Superior Officer at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Portugal. Ms. Anjinho holds a Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra in Portugal and a European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization from the University of Padova in Italy. Ms. Anjinho affirmed that if considered to hold multiple human rights functions or as holding a post that gives rise to a conflict of interest, she undertakes to consider resigning from incompatible appointments in order to take up the post as a mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Anjinho's extensive experience in the field of human rights.

X. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

46. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Tom Neijens (Belgium). There were 10 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. Mariana KATZAROVA (F) (Bulgaria)

2. Kanstantsin DZEHTSIAROU (M) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

3. Miklós HARASZTI (M) (Hungary)

47. **Mariana Katzarova** is the founder and Chair of the Board of the non-governmental organization Reach All Women in War. She is also the founder of the Anna Politkovskaya Award for women human rights defenders. Previously, she worked as Coordinator of the OHCHR examination team on the human rights situation in Belarus, Head of the Regional Office in Eastern Ukraine of the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, Senior Adviser on Anti-Trafficking Issues for the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Adviser on Human Trafficking to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Adviser on Civil Society Engagement at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Researcher on the Russian Federation for Amnesty International, Coordinator at Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, and Consultant for Freedom House. Ms. Katzarova holds a Master of Arts in Journalism and Communications from the Sofia National University in Bulgaria, a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communications from Park University and a Master of Science in Journalism from Columbia University, both in the United States of America. Ms. Katzarova indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would be willing to recuse herself and/or resign from any current activities or posts if they were to give rise to a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Katzarova's extensive human rights experience, including in the United Nations system, and understanding of the mandate and of the current dynamics in the region. The Consultative Group also noted Ms. Katzarova's clear and holistic vision for the implementation of the mandate and appreciated her cooperative approach.

48. **Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou** is a Professor in Human Rights Law at the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, where he is also Associate Dean for Research of the School of Law and Social Justice. Previously, he was Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Liverpool, Lecturer in Law at the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom, Legal Advisor of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Poland, and Assistant Lecturer with the Chair of Criminal Law and Process at Gomel State University in Belarus. He has also acted as consultant, participated in missions and provided expert support to various international actors, including non-governmental organizations and international organizations such as the United Nations Development Programme, the OSCE, the European Union and the Council of Europe. Mr. Dzehtsiarou has published extensively in the areas of human rights law and human rights education. He holds a Diploma in Law from Gomel State University, a Master's Degree in European Studies from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom and a PhD in Law from University College Dublin in Ireland. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education from the University of Surrey. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Dzehtsiarou's expertise in the field of human rights as well as his understanding of the region. The Consultative Group also noted the priorities and approach that Mr. Dzehtsiarou proposed for the mandate and appreciated his enthusiasm and motivation.

49. **Miklós Haraszti** is a Fellow at the Center for Media, Data and Society at the Central European University in Hungary. Previously, he worked as Head of several election observation missions for

the OSCE, Director of Research on Human Rights at the Center for European Neighbourhood Studies of the Central European University, Visiting Professor in Political Science at Columbia University in the United States of America, Representative on Freedom of the Media of the OSCE, Democracy Professor at the New School for Social Research in the United States, Visiting Professor in Political Science at Northwestern University in the United States and member of the Hungarian Parliament. He also served as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus (2012-2018). Mr. Haraszti holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Budapest University in Hungary and a Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Northwestern University. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Haraszti's skills relevant for the mandate, his vast experience in the field of human rights, including in the United Nations system, and his knowledge of the region.

XI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Asia-Pacific States

50. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Ms. Juhara Al-Suwaidi (Qatar). There were 11 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the two candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Bina D'COSTA (F) (Bangladesh)

2. Sriprapha PETCHARAMESREE (F) (Thailand)

51. **Bina D'Acosta** is a Professor at the Department of International Relations and Co-Chair of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee, at the Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs at the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University (ANU). Previously, she worked, inter alia, as Associate Dean of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific; Deputy Director (Education) at the ANU Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs; Reader and Associate Professor at the ANU Department of International Relations; and Senior Research and Evaluation Specialist for UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti in Italy. Ms. D'Acosta holds a Bachelor's and a Master's in International Relations from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, a Master's in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Notre Dame in the United States, and a PhD in International Relations from the Australian National University. The Consultative Group noted Ms. D'Acosta's expertise in the field of human rights, including in the areas of racism, forced migration and women and children's rights. The Consultative Groups also noted her enthusiasm as well as her knowledge of and vision for the mandate.

52. **Sriprapha Petcharamesree** is a guest lecturer at the Vietnam National University in Hanoi and serves as co-chair of the Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism. Previously, she worked, inter alia, as senior lecturer in human rights at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies of Mahidol University in Thailand; Senior Research Advisor on refugees and stateless persons to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Thailand; adjunct professorial lecturer at the American University in Washington, D.C.; guest lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science of the Thammasat University in Thailand; senior programme officer at the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation of Thailand; and social worker at UNICEF's Emergency Operations for Cambodian Refugees in Thailand. In addition, she served as a representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. Ms. Petcharamesree holds a Bachelor's in Political Science from Thammasat University in Thailand as well as a Degree of in-Depth Studies (DEA) in Comparative Politics and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Paris X-Nanterre. She indicated that, if she were to be appointed, she would relinquish her activities with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, in compliance with the

principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. The Consultative Group noted her expertise in the field of human rights as well as her vast experience at the regional level.

XII. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Latin American and Caribbean States

53. The meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Abdellah Boutadghart (Morocco). There were seven 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. Ana Lorena DELGADILLO PEREZ (F) (Mexico)

2. Maria Clara GALVIS-PATIÑO (F) (Colombia)

3. Juan Carlos GUTIÉRREZ CONTRERAS (M) (Mexico)

54. **Ana Delgadillo Pérez** is the Founder and Executive Director of Foundation for Justice and the Rule of Law in Mexico, with offices also in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Previously, she worked inter alia as representative in Mexico of the Argentinian Forensic Anthropology Team, Head of the Deputy Attorney General's Office for Attention to Victims of Crime and Community Service in Mexico, Deputy Director of the Truth and Justice Area of the Commission to Prevent and Eradicate Violence Against Women in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua of Mexico's Ministry of Interior, and Deputy Investigator of Mexico City Human Rights Commission. Ms. Delgadillo Pérez holds a Law degree from the Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico. As a human rights defender, she has accompanied over 200 cases of disappearances. She indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, she would immediately take all the necessary actions and measures to avoid any possible conflict of interest, including not representing the Foundation for Justice and the Rule of Law or participating in litigation or advocacy tasks in any geographical or thematic responsibilities related to the mandate. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Delgadillo Pérez' skills for the mandate as well as her diverse and extensive experience in the field of human rights, including with victims of enforced disappearance. The Consultative Group also noted her in-depth knowledge of and clear vision for the mandate, as well as her understanding of the problematics around enforced disappearances.

55. **Maria Galvis-Patiño** is a Teacher and Researcher at the Externado de Colombia University. Previously, she worked as National Director for the Promotion and Dissemination of Human Rights at the Colombian National Human Rights Institution (Defensoría del Pueblo), Clerk at the Jurisdictional Disciplinary Chamber of the High Council of the Judiciary in Colombia, Senior Legal Advisor at Due Process of Law Foundation, Senior Lawyer at the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Advisor at Colombia's Prosecutor General's Office, Advisor to Colombia's Delegate Prosecutor for Human Rights and Advisor at Colombia's Attorney General's Office. She was also a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (2015-2019) and represented victims of human rights violations, including enforced disappearance, before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Ms. Galvis-Patiño has several publications concerning enforced disappearances. She holds a Law Degree from the Externado de Colombia University as well as a Researcher Certificate in international institutions for the protection of human rights from the University of Genova in Italy. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Galvis-Patiño's expertise in the field of enforced disappearances, in particular the experience she acquired as a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. It also noted her strong vision for the mandate as well as her enthusiasm and motivation.

56. **Juan Carlos Gutiérrez Contreras** is Legal Coordinator at I(dh)eas Strategic Litigation in Human Rights, which he formerly directed. He also teaches a course on the Universal System for the Protection of Human Rights at the Intercultural University of Chiapas in Mexico. Previously, he worked as expert consultant for OHCHR offices in Honduras and Mexico, the Organization of American States and the European Commission. He also worked, inter alia, as Head of the Human Rights Unit and Executive Coordinator of the National Protection Mechanism for Journalists and Human Rights Defenders of Mexico's Ministry of Interior, Director of the Mexican Commission for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights, Director of the Cooperation Programme on Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Director of the Cooperation Programme on Human Rights of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) and Prosecutor Specialized in Human Rights at Colombia's Attorney General's Office. He has published on human rights related issues, including on enforced disappearances, gender perspective and gender violence. Mr. Gutiérrez Contreras holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the National University of Colombia and a Master's Degree in Adversarial Criminal System from the Novo Hispana University in Mexico. He also pursued a Specialization in Legal-Criminal Institutions at the National University of Colombia. Mr. Gutiérrez Contreras indicated that, if appointed mandate holder, he would be willing to give up his position within I(dh)eas Strategic Litigation in Human Rights in order to avoid any conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Gutiérrez Contreras' vast and diverse experience in the field of human rights, in particular his work with victims of enforced disappearance, as well as his solid knowledge of the subject matter. It also noted his substantial knowledge of the universal system for the protection of human rights, including in the field of enforced disappearances.

Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁴

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Omogboyega	ABE	Nigeria	M
Abdi	ALI ⁵	Ethiopia	M
Danwood	CHIRWA	Malawi	M
Fathi	EGAL	Somalia	F
Yaovi Mawuli	FIAWONOU	Togo	M
Sabelo	GUMEDZE	South Africa	M
Bonny	IBHAWOH	Nigeria	M
Rhoda Asikia	KARIBI-WHYTE	Nigeria	F
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Germain	NTAWUYAMARA	Burundi	M
Gervais	NZOA	Cameroon	M

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Asia-Pacific States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ruijun	DAI	China	F
Bibhu	DASH	India	M
Zhuoma	GESANG	China	F
Mihir	KANADE	India	M
Xiaohui	LIANG	China	M
Ricardo A.	SUNGA III	Philippines	M
Xiuli	XU	China	F
Kun	YAO	China	F

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Eastern European States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ramona	BIHOLAR	Romania	F
Cosmin	CORENDEA	Romania	M
Klentiana	MAHMUTAJ	Albania	F

⁴ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

⁵ On 27 January 2023, the candidate informed the Secretariat of his decision to withdraw his candidacy for this post.

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Western European and other States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ömer	BEDIR	Türkiye	M
Cristiana	CARLETTI	Italy	F
Koenraad	DE FEYTER	Belgium	M
Isabelle	DURANT	Belgium	F

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Asia

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Brijlal	CHAUDHARI	Nepal	M
Binota Moy	DHAMAI	Bangladesh	M
V N	JHA	India	M
Zhongcai	MA	China	M
Yaguang	WANG	China	F

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from the Arctic

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Andrey	AGEYEV	Russian Federation	M
Grigory	DYUKAREV	Russian Federation	M
Dalee	SAMBO DOROUGH	United States of America	F

Special Rapporteur on the right to development

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Omogboyega	ABE	Nigeria	M
Teresa	ANJINHO	Portugal	F
Musavengana Winston Theodore	CHIBWANA	Zimbabwe	M
Bibhu	DASH	India	M
Surya	DEVA	India	M
Anthony Chima	DIALA	Nigeria	M
Rosa	FREEDMAN	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Kin Chung Henry	HO	China	M
Mihir	KANADE	India	M
Aristide	NONONSI	Benin	M
Gervais	NZOA	Cameroon	M

Daniela	REYES TORRES	Mexico	F
Viyana	SIDO	Germany	F
Ricardo A.	SUNGA III	Philippines	M

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Sergii	BERVENO	Ukraine	M
François	CROQUETTE	France	M
Ognan	DOGO	Togo	M
Kanstantsin	DZEHTSIAROU	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Miklós	HARASZTI	Hungary	M
Krassimir	KANEV	Bulgaria	M
Mariana	KATZAROVA	Bulgaria	F
Ryszard	KOMENDA	Poland	M
Philip	LEACH	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Marie	MENDRAS	France	F

**Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent,
member from Asia-Pacific States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
John Phillip	BINONDO	Philippines	M
Bina	D'COSTA	Bangladesh	F
Vidya Nath	JHA	India	M
Chen	LIU	China	F
Yanhua	LUO	China	F
Mahmoud	MASAEI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Aswini Kumar	PATI	India	M
Sriprapha	PETCHARAMESREE	Thailand	F
Nid	SATJIPANON	Thailand	M
Ranjit	SINGH	India	M
Junyong	XIAO	China	M

**Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances,
member from Latin American and Caribbean States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Miriam	COHEN	Brazil	F
Ana	DELGADILLO PEREZ	Mexico	F
Maria	GALVIS-PATIÑO	Colombia	F
Juan Carlos	GUTIERREZ CONTRERAS	Mexico	M
Carlos Mauricio	LÓPEZ CÁRDENAS	Colombia	M
Mariana	MOTA	Uruguay	F
Fabián	RAIMONDO	Argentina	M

Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁶

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from African States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Omogboyega	ABE	Nigeria	M
Abdi	ALI ⁷	Ethiopia	M
Bonny	IBHAWOH	Nigeria	M

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Asia-Pacific States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Bibhu	DASH	India	M
Mihir	KANADE	India	M
Xiaohui	LIANG	China	M

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Eastern European States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Ramona	BIHOLAR	Romania	F
Klentiana	MAHMUTAJ	Albania	F

**Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development,
member from Western European and other States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Cristiana	CARLETTI	Italy	F
Koenraad	DE FEYTER	Belgium	M
Isabelle	DURANT	Belgium	F

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from Asia

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Brijlal	CHAUDHARI	Nepal	M
Binota Moy	DHAMAI	Bangladesh	M
Zhongcai	MA	China	M

⁶ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

⁷ On 27 January 2023, the candidate informed the Secretariat of his decision to withdraw his candidacy for this post.

**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
member from the Arctic**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Grigory	DYUKAREV	Russian Federation	M
Dalee	SAMBO DOROUGH	United States of America	F

Special Rapporteur on the right to development

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Teresa	ANJINHO	Portugal	F
Surya	DEVA	India	M
Rosa	FREEDMAN	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Mihir	KANADE	India	M

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Kanstantsin	DZEHTSIAROU	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M
Miklós	HARASZTI	Hungary	M
Krassimir	KANEV	Bulgaria	M
Mariana	KATZAROVA	Bulgaria	F
Ryszard	KOMENDA	Poland	M
Marie	MENDRAS	France	F

**Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent,
member from Asia-Pacific States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Bina	D'COSTA	Bangladesh	F
Sriprapha	PETCHARAMESREE	Thailand	F

**Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances,
member from Latin American and Caribbean States**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Miriam	COHEN	Brazil	F
Ana	DELGADILLO PEREZ	Mexico	F
Maria	GALVIS-PATIÑO	Colombia	F
Juan Carlos	GUTIERREZ CONTRERAS	Mexico	M
