



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

26 August 2024

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 two out of the four vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus** (Human Rights Council resolution 55/27)
2. **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States** (Human Rights Council resolution 54/26)

In follow-up to my letter of 8 August 2024, 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 8 August 2024, 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 recommendation of the Consultative Group for the two vacancies.

For the mandate of **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Nils MUIŽNIEKS (Latvia)**.

Concerning the **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Isabel MAMADOU (Spain)**.

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.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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I look forward to receiving the addendum to the Consultative Group's report with recommendations of candidates for the unforeseen vacancies of member from Asia-Pacific States in the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and of member from Latin American and Caribbean States in 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, which I will transmit to you once received.

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

Omar ZNIBER
President of the Human Rights Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Omar ZNIBER', is positioned below the printed name and title.