



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

8 August 2024

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 8 August 2024, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following two, out of four, vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council:

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)

I have been informed that the Consultative Group will send an addendum to the enclosed report, which will include the recommendations of candidates for the 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 arose due to the resignation of the mandate holders.

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

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

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

Omar ZNIBER
President of the Human Rights Council

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Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva