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Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for two vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 55th session of the Human Rights Council

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that further to its note verbale dated 12 September 2023, the deadline to apply for the following two positions of the mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council (26 February to 5 April 2024) has been extended to 2 November 2023 at 12 noon Geneva time:

- 1. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, member from North America** ([Human Rights Council resolution 33/25](#))
- 2. 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 African States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 51/13](#))

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **2 November 2023 at 12 noon Geneva time** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

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