**Call for applications for the mandate of 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 Latin American and Caribbean States, to be appointed at the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council**

Following the resignation of the current mandate holder, the secretariat of the Human Rights Council is currently accepting applications for the following independent United Nations expert of the Council, to be appointed at the forty-ninth session of the Council (28 February - 25 March 2022):

**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 Latin American and Caribbean States** ([HRC resolution 42/9](https://undocs.org/en/A/HRC/RES/42/9)).

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **7 December 2021 at 12 noon Geneva time** through an online application procedure that 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

[www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx).

General information about the application and selection process is available at [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx).

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