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Subject: Call for applications for the mandate of 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, member from Latin American and Caribbean States, to be appointed at the forty-ninth 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 the mandate of 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, member from Latin American and Caribbean States** (Human Rights Council resolution 42/9) has to be filled following the resignation of the current mandate holder received on 18 October 2021.

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **7 December 2021 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, as well as the call for applications in the six United Nations official languages, are available at the following web page:
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