25 January 2022

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 24 January 2022, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following five vacancies, out of the total of eleven vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council.

1. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (Human Rights Council resolution 48/14)**
2. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (Human Rights Council resolution 48/1)**
3. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi (Human Rights Council resolution 48/16)**
4. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/2A and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)**
5. **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Western European and other States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/22)**

I have been informed that the Consultative Group will send an addendum to the present report that will include the recommendations of candidates for the remaining vacancies.

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.

Federico Villegas

President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva