24 May 2022

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 23 May 2022, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following eight vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fiftieth session of the Human Rights Council:

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, member from Latin American and Caribbean States (Human Rights Council resolution 42/23)**
2. **Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (Human Rights Council resolution 49/5)**
3. **Special Rapporteur on the right to education (Human Rights Council resolution 44/3)**
4. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (Human Rights Council resolution 49/22)**
5. **Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (Human Rights Council resolution 43/20)**
6. **Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Eastern European States (Human Rights Council resolution 45/3)**
7. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from African States (Human Rights Council resolution 44/15)**
8. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Western European and other States (Human Rights Council resolution 44/15)**

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.”

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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

Enclosed