**How to apply:**

The entire application process consists of two parts: **1. online survey** and **2. application form in Word format**. Both parts and all sections of the application form need to be completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.

**First part:** **Online survey** (<http://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/891483?lang=en>) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity.

**Second part:** **Application form in Word** can be downloaded from <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC32.aspx> by clicking on the mandate. It should be fully completed and saved in Word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words. The application form should be completed in English only. It will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public website.

Once fully completed (including Section VII), the application form in Word should be submitted to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org (by email). A maximum of up to three reference letters (optional) can be attached in Word or pdf format to the email prior to the expiration of the deadline. No additional documents, such as CVs, resumes, or supplementary reference letters beyond the first three received will be accepted.

**Please note that for Working Group appointments, only citizens of States belonging to the specific regional group are eligible. Please refer to the list of United Nations regional groups of Member States at** [**http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml**](http://www.un.org/depts/DGACM/RegionalGroups.shtml)

* **Application deadline: 14 april 2016 (12 noon GMT)**
* **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
* **Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.**

General description of the selection process is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

In case of technical difficulties, or if encountering problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email at hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or fax at + 41 22 917 9008.

**You will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by email.**

**Thank you for your interest in the work of the Human Rights Council.**

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family name:** BOUMEDRA  | **6. Year of birth:** 1952 |
| **2. First name:** Tahar  | **7. Place of birth:** Settara, Algeria |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):**        | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Algeria |
| **4. Middle name:**        | **9. Any other nationality:** UK |
| **5. Sex:** **[x]  Male** **[ ]  Female** |  |

**II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

LLM from University of London in International law, Human Rights and Armed Conflicts (1979);

Diploma in International Law, University of London (1978)

Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle d'Avocat, Algeria (1990);

Good communication skills orally and in writing in Arabic, French and English.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience.)**

Through a career extending for more than 30 years in the promotion of the rule of law and human rights, I acquired wide knowledge of the UN and the regional institutional mandates and mechanisms.

I worked for the UN as Chief of UNAMI Human Rights Office in Iraq. In this capacity, I represented the HCHR and run the UNAMI Human Rights Office. I trained Iraqi officials and NGOs on how to implement and uphold Iraq’s international obligations in the field of human rights and how to account for them in the Universal Periodic Review process. While performing my tasks, I took part in a number of courses and trainings.

Before that, I worked for Penal Reform International as regional director for MENA. In this capacity I worked intensively on penal and prison reform and implemented a number of prison reform programmes.

In the early years of my career I lectured Human Rights Law at the University for 10 years, and worked for the African Society of International Law to promote the rule of law in Africa. I assisted the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights by supporting its secretariat, giving advice to its members and editing its publications.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

My competencies were acquired not only through academic works, they were the result of training and practice.

After training and qualifying for the law practice, I went to work for NGOs where I received and gave a number of training sessions on the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy and civil liberties in Africa, in conjunction with the mandate of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, I edited and published the Review of the ACmHPR.

My work for PRI consisted of, among other activities, training prison officers in the MENA region on human rights based management of detention and penitentiary establishments. PRI gave me the opportunity to lead a campaign in the MENA region against the death penalty and to develop the region’s strategy for its abolition in association with the Swedish Institute in Alexandira (Egypt).

While working for UNAMI, taking the lead of the UN integrated human rights programmes in Iraq, I benefited from a number of training courses and attended a number of high level brainstorming sessions on how to effectively implement those programmes and achieve results. My e-pass records show that I have consistently exceeded expectations.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please listsignificant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that you have written or public statements, or pronouncements that you have made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Studies on Death Penalty and the Right to Life in the Arab World (in Arabic)

**Journal/Publisher:**  PRI/ACHRS, Amman Jordan

**Date of publication:** Sept 2007

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** UNAMI Human Rights Report

**Journal/Publisher:** UNAMI

**Date of publication:** 2009-2011

**Web link, if available:** http://www.uniraq.org

**3. Title of publication:** The Review of African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights

**Journal/Publisher:** ASICL

**Date of publication:** 1994-1999

**Web link, if available:**

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):I also have a number of publications and talks related to human rights but not directly related to the mandate for which I am applying

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that you may have participated in relation to the mandate for which you are applying in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Arab Colition against Death Penalty "Arab Legislations go far Beyond Islamic Law"

**Event organizer:** Swedish Institute in Alexandria, published by IPS

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** May 29 2008

**Web link, if available:** http://www.ipsnews.net/2008/05/qa-39arab-legislations-go-far-beyond-islamic-law39/

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Visit of the Iranian President to Paris "Faison Pression sur Hassan Rouhani en matière de défence des droits de l'homme en Iran

**Event organizer:** L'Assemblée nationale française

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 25.01.2016

**Web link, if available:** www.lemonde.fr

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** contribution to a WCADP monograph titled "Fighting against the death penalty in the Arab World"

**Event organizer:** WCADP

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** June 2008

**Web link, if available:** http://www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/WCADP-ArabWorldReport2010-en.pdf

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate.)**

I am currently doing advocacy work which gives me time and a large flexibility in planning. I confirm that if selected I will dedicate all necessary time to effectively perform the functions of the mandate and will timely respond to all its requirements including participating in Human Rights Council sessions and procedures visits and all other requirements of the mandate.

My current situation allows me to dedicate more than three months per year to the mandate.

**III. Motivation Letter** (600 word limit)

Forty years ago, I went to the faculty of law of the University College of London (UCL) to study international law. From the comprehensive curriculum provided at this University, I opted for international institutions, human rights, international humanitarian law and armed conflicts, and the law of treaties. After graduation, I started teaching human rights in Algeria. It was then that I realized that the condition sine qua non for the development of any society is the respect of the rule of law and human rights.

While working for the African Society of International and Comparative Law I came to interact with the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and assisted in recruiting and training its secretarial staff, provided advice to the Commissioners and published its Human Rights Review. I attended most of the early sessions of the ACmHPR and monitored its work and the communications brought before it including those related to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. This experience had deepened my conviction that peace and stability cannot be maintained without respect for the rule of law.

I then had the opportunity to join the leadership of Penal Reform International, an organization that advocates penal and prison reform worldwide. I was in charge of the MENA chapter where I monitored the judicial dysfunctions and human rights abuses. To remedy to the situation, I provided penal and prison reform programmes to assist governments to fight human rights abuses and impunity. My responsibility covered the Arab world from Morocco through to Yemen and I was encouraged by the EU which, together with the concerned governments, had financed my training and advocacy programmes.

Motivated by a mature experience in the field, I took up the position of Chief of the UNAMI Human Rights Office mandated by the UN Security Council to monitor and promote human rights in Iraq. In this position, I monitored human rights and humanitarian situations particularly in detention centres and reported though the UN reporting mechanism and through briefings to the diplomatic community in Baghdad. I learnt that integrety and impartiality in reporting are essential requisites for efficiency, credibility and respect .

UNAMI, being an integrated mission, placed me in the position to coordinate the human rights components of the other UN agencies present in Iraq. Such experience had given me an in-depth understanding of the complexities and challenges faced in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly in post-conflict situations, with security driven governments and dysfunctional judicial systems.

It is clear from this summary that I cannot remain indifferent towards issues of human rights and humanitarian concerns for which I had devoted my whole career. This explains my interest in the position of Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Arabic**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily: **easily**
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **easily
Speak:** Easily or Not easily: **easily**

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **easily
Write:** Easily or not easily: **easily
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **easily**

 **Russian:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **no** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher).**

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| **Name of degree and name of academic institution:** | **Years of attendance**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003): | **Place and country:** |
| Licence en droit | 1972-76 | University of Constantine Algeria |
| Diploma in international Law | 1977-78 | University of London-UK |
| LLM | 1978-79 | University of London-UK |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position:** | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005): | **Place and country:** |
| UNAMI, Chief of Human Rights Office, manages the human rights integrated programmes of the UN in Iraq  | 2009-2012 | Baghdad, Iraq |
| Penal Reform International (PRI). Regional Director. Plans, manages and implement programmes of penal and prison reforms in MENA Region | 2004-2008 | London, UKAmman, Jordan |
| African Society of International and Comparative Law (ASICL). Assistant Editor & Secretary. Edit and publish the African Journal of International and Comparative Law (AJICL) and coordinate a scheme of legal assistance in Africa | 2004-2008 | London |
| Law Lecturer. Teaches and supervises law students at graduate and post graduate levels.  | 1980-1991 | Constantine, Algeria |

**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on his/her behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

no

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

yes

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

Not applicable

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