**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](mailto: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>

* **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](mailto: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:** HEYDT | **6. Year of birth:** 1956 |
| **2. First name:** Jean-Marie | **7. Place of birth:** Strasbourg |
| **3. Maiden name (if any):** | **8. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Switzerland |
| **4. Middle name:** | **9. Any other nationality:** French |
| **5. Sex: 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.)**

I am used to speaking in public, in French or English. My professional experience has facilitated the acquisition and development of these practices. My experience from teaching social issues and human rights at the university has helped me to acquire good pedagogical communication skills - for example, being able to hear a point of view, decrypt the key elements and analyze them in their context and be able to provide an elaborate answer. I regularly receive invitations to deliver lectures on the theme of education and I have written numerous reports on the subject.

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.)**

Since 1990, I have been the representative of an international NGO’s in the field of social studies in the universities and higher education at the Council of Europe. I was President of the Committee "European Social Charter" for 6 years before becoming Vice-President (5 year), then President (6 years) of the INGOs Conference of the Council of Europe. I was able to work actively in those organizations and I know the principal instruments, rules and standards. I participated in the work related to the European Social Charter and the future of the European Courts of Human Rights. I can confidently say that i am very familiar with the operation and international practices.

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

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

The most significant example of my competence is about the texts of laws and the practices of the European Court : it was at the occasion of the Reform of the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe. I had to develop a strong argument to convince member states of the Council of Europe that it was unacceptable to add an article to the existing legal framework that compelled the applicants to be represented by a lawyer. Should this have happened, it would have created discrimination between citizens - those who could paid a lawyer and those who could not afford to do so. States have understood and accepted the position I defended and they decided that the applicants would be under no obligation to be represented by a lawyer.

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:** Education for democratic citizenship and social cohesion

**Journal/Publisher:** Studies and reports of Council of Europe

**Date of publication:** June 2001 - ISBN 92-871-4505-9

**Web link, if available:** HTTP://book.coe.int

**2. Title of publication:** HUMAN DIGNITY

**Journal/Publisher:** Crossroads The Macedonian Foreign Policy Journal

**Date of publication:** November 2010

**Web link, if available:** www.mfa.gov.mk

**3. Title of publication:** HUMAN RIGHTS & RELIGIONS

**Journal/Publisher:** INGO's Conference of the Council of Europe - REF. 128515GBR.

**Date of publication:** 2015

**Web link, if available:** https://edoc.coe.int/en/conference-of-ingos/6701-human-rights-and-religions.html

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

* 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:**  "Intercultural dialogue : interaction between culture and religion", Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue

**Event organizer:** Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 1 - 2 September 2014, in Baku, Azerbaijan

**Web link, if available:** http://www.coe.int/fr/web/deputy-secretary-general/speeches/-/asset\_publisher/Gt0K7o1XnY6l/content/-intercultural-dialogue-interaction-between-culture-and-religion-2014-council-of-europe-exchange

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 4th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

**Event organizer:** United Nation.

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 9 to 13 may 2011, in Istanbul, Turkey

**Web link, if available:** https://www.un.org/development/desa/fr/news/policy/la-conference-de-lonu-sur-les-pays-les-moins-avances-adopte-un-plan-daction.html.

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** The role of religions in fighting extremism. Council of Europe Exchange on building inclusive societies.

**Event organizer:** Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 2 - 3 november 2015, in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

**Web link, if available:** http://www.coe.int/en/web/cm

**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.)**

My professional activities and time are now under my control. This allows me to make a commitment to devote a minimum of three months (and more if necessary) each year to do the work of the mandate. In addition, I have reached the number of years needed to qualify for my retirement in France (also in Switzerland) and therefore - if necessary - I can reduce my working time at the end of 2016.

I am used to traveling extensively for the requirements of my role in the Council of Europe so I will be able to effectively perform the duties of office.

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

My professional career and my concomitant university experience allowed me to multiply the areas of knowledge and skills in professional practice, but also analysis, conceptualization and responsiveness for new projects. Taken together, all these strands of experience offer me the advantage of being a leader with the ability to respond independently to situations and sensitive files and manage, while leading a staff with authority.

My international profile is illustrated by my dual experience, first as President of the of INGO’s Conference (permanent organization of 400 international NGO's) of the Council of Europe (2009-2015); and second, as president of the North-South Centre (NSC) in Lisbon (since 2013). The NSC is a quadripartite organization whose legal basis is an international treaty managed by four partners from both political institutions and civil society: Governments, Parliaments, Regional and Local Authorities, International NGO’s. This will result in closer ties and a better synergy between these four actors who have different approaches, perspectives and priorities. All members of the "quadrilogue" are involved in the functioning of the decision-making bodies of the North-South Centre. The North-South Centre has a twofold mandate:

• provide a framework for the European cooperation in order to increase public awareness of global interdependence issues; and

• promote solidarity policies in conformity with the objectives and principles of the Council of Europe, namely with respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion.

In this capacity, I have come to represent these two instances in front of the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly, including in the context of discussions on human rights and democracy and the rule of law. I have also led support work for democratic transitions in the Mediterranean countries and Central Europe. This commitment, although voluntary, is conducted in an international context that demands to link the strategic thinking and diplomatic sensitivity in relation to both state and intergovernmental level.

That is why I am convinced they can effectively contribute to the work conducted under a mandate of the Special Rapporteur of rights in education.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue: French**

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

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

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:        
**Write:** Easily or Not easily:       
**Speak:** Easily or Not 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:** |
| PhD degree University of Education sciences | 2002 | Lyon 2 - France |
| Diploma of advanced European studies-DEA (Master) - mutations of societies and cultures in Europe University of Humanities and social sciences - Institute of European studies (IEE) | 1996 | Paris 8 - France |
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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:** |
| AGF67 - General Director - Organisation of 400 salaried workers | 2007 - today | Strasbourg - France |
| ESTES - Deputy General Director - High school for social workers | 1994 - 2007 | Strasbourg - France |
| Council of Europe - President OING's Conference and - Chair of the North-South Center | 2009 - 2015  2013 - today | France/Europe  Lisbon/Portugal |
| University Haute Alsace - lecturer to Master's students of Education sciences | 2002 - today | Mulhouse - France |

**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.**

If I were to be confronted with a situation that could give rise to a conflict of interest, I would relinquish the relevant activity immediately after the appointment as Special Rapporteur.

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