***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11 JUNE 2021 AT 12 noon GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/717995*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/717995)*)   
  and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC48.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC48.aspx)*)*
* *Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)
* *A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.*
* *Applicants 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 the Secretariat.*
* *Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted****.*
* *Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the* [*regional groups*](https://www.un.org/dgacm/content/regional-groups) *for which specific vacancies have been advertised.*
* *General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx)
* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (*[*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)*) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Cusimano | **5. Year of birth:** 1976 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Maurizio | **6. Place of birth:** Napoli |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** ITALY |
| **4. Gender:** M | **8. Any other nationality:** NO |

**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 limit)

**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 have been a Consultant of the Italian Criminal Justice by profession since 2010. In recent years I have been involved in guaranteeing the human rights of people subjected to trials and defending innocent people. I am an expert in cultural and forensic anthropology. I am Professor of Criminology. I am completing a Higher Education Course in International Diplomacy with the University of London. I am director of the non-profit NGO "United Nations Diplomatic Committee International Organization Ltd" based in London. This NGO is concerned with promoting international peace, human rights, justice and fighting and taking action against all war crimes.

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

**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 and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

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

I have gained significant experience in the field of human rights since I was a boy, when I was a member of Amnesty International. In my work as a Criminal Justice Consultant and Criminologist I have gained a great deal of experience in the treatment of human rights in Italian prisons. In a few weeks I will finish a higher education course in International Diplomacy at the University of London.

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

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

In the field of international human rights, I have been a civil society activist with Amnesty International since I was a boy. In my profession as a Criminal Justice Consultant and Criminologist and Professor of Criminology, I have known and gained many experiences on human rights in prisons.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** Il Sorriso di Sasha

**Journal/Publisher:** Boopen

**Date of publication:** 2009

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Title of publication:** Textbook of Anthropology

**Journal/Publisher:** Med.C

**Date of publication:** 2016

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Title of publication:** Testimoni Oculari Digitali

**Journal/Publisher:** Med.C

**Date of publication:** 2009

**Web link, if available:**

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

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Conference: Nullità del matrimonio canonico e social network

**Event organizer:** Università degli studi della Campania L. Vanvitelli

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 20 April 2018

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Conference: Social Network

**Event organizer:** Order of Lawyer of Benevento (IT)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 19 february 2019

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Conference: risk of social network

**Event organizer:** Lions Club "Valle del Vomano"

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** 16/03/2019

**Web link, if available:**

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDEED

03 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: UN

World Press Freedom Day 2021 Civil Society Virtual Event: "Information as a Public Good"

10 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: CHATAM HOUSE

A seat at the table – Why inclusivity matters in global governance

17 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: CHATAM HOUSE

US-China tensions: Implications for the Asia-Pacific

20 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: UN

United Nations Orientation Programme

26-28 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: OSAA

Africa Dialogue 2021

30 MAY 2021

ORGANIZATION: UN

My contribution “UNDC International Diplomatic Organization” is accepted for “UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION” 2-4 JUNE 2021

https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/en/contributionsStakeholders.html

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

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words limit)**:**

I represent the ONG UNDCC Diplomatic International Organization, under the Vienna Conventions, an association that promotes peace between nations, respect for human rights, the fight against war crimes and promotes international justice. The organization is registered at UN-DESA. Since its formation it has been very present as a civil society at the numerous conferences and initiatives of the UN, actively participating as an NGO in the presentation of questions and projects.

In agreement with other members of the organization, they asked me to apply for this position, also in consideration of my experience in the field of human rights and the judicial defense of innocents.

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

My name is Maurizio Cusimano, and I would like to express my interest in applying for this Vacancies Position of Special Rapporteur or other positions there are compatible with my curriculum.

My passion for human rights and vulnerable groups was born as a boy, when I was an activist of Amnesty International, taking part in numerous campaigns and petitions. Then I continued my activities as a volunteer and activist with numerous Christian organizations, always to protect the vulnerable. Even during my studies I organized numerous events to offer medical assistance to the needy, the homeless, immigrants. In 2007 I was appointed president and CEO of the Italian NGO "La luce dell'est", until 2012. Numerous projects have been carried out for the protection of immigrants and for the protection of their human rights. Since 2010 I have been collaborating as a consultant with numerous Italian courts and in particular I defend people unjustly accused. My passion as a volunteer and human rights activist led me in 2021 to a London-based NGO, the UNDCC International Diplomatic Organizations of which I am director. With this organization, inspired by the Vienna Conventions, we intend to pursue peace between nations, the fight against war crimes and international justice. As an anthropologist I know well all the cultural differences between peoples, the problems they can give and the strategies to solve them. Often it is precisely the unresolved cultural differences that lead to war conflicts and give rise to extreme forms of revolt.

I am ready to be selected and nominated for some term and will be honored to put my experience, determination and profession at the service of the United Nations and the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Italian**

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

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

**Read:** Easily orNot easily: **not easily**  
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **not easily  
Speak:** Easily or Not easily: **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, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003;  for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| London University  Global Diplomacy  Hertfordshire International College  1 livello-Laurea L.Applied Engineering technology First-Class Honours.  Medical Library AssociatioCBRNE advanced training course (Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Explosive) | 2021  2014/2017  2020 | UK  UK  USA |
| Национальный Исследовательский Ядерный Университет "МИФИ"  advanced course-nuclear reactor engineering.  MLA - The center of Academic Studies Disaster Healta Information Sources | 2020  2020 | Moscow  USA |
| College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity  training course-Emergency Management.  University of Reading archeology from excavation to laboratory and beyond | 2020  2016 | USA  Berkshire |
| College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity  introduction to the national accident management system  Massachusetts Institute of Technology Comparative Grand Strategy e Military Doctrine | 2020  2016 | USA  USA |
| University of Adelaide cyber warfare and cyber security  University of London:Global Diplomacy-Diplomacy in the Modern World- International Law And Diplomacy  University of Maryland Understanding Terrorism andterrorist threat | 2015  2021  2015 |  |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (most recent) occupation.** **Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005;  for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| Director of UNDC International Diplomatic Organization Ltd no profit  President and CEO of Italian ONG "La luce dell'Est"  ONG For Human Right and Immigrations Right  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Vasto (Italy) | 2021  2007-2012  09/20 - Present | London  Caserta  Vasto (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Santa Maria Capua Vetere  (Italy) | 01/2010  Present | Santa MAria CApua Vetere (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Bari (Italy) | 02/2017  Present | Bari (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Brescia (Italy) | 02/2016  Present | Brescia (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Salerno (Italy) | 01/2016  Present | Salerno (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Nola (Italy) | 09/2015  Present | Nola (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Salerno (Italy) | 10/2015  Present | Salento (IT) |
| Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Vasto (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Aversa(Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Teramo (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Milano (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Livorno (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Foggia (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Foggia (Italy)  Consultant for Criminal Justice  Criminal High Court of Napoli (Italy) | 05/2018  Present  01/2018  Present  05/2017  Present  05/2017  Present  05/2015  Present  01/2015  Present  12/2014  Present  02/2018  Present | Vasto (IT)  Aversa (IT)  Teramo (IT)  Milano(IT)  Livorno (IT)  Foggia (IT)  Foggia (IT)  Napoli (IT) |

**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 the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of 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 the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

no

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the 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 the candidate discharges the 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? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***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, the candidate 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.**

I have no other human rights positions and I have no conflicts of interest with the government

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
email (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

**Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Maurizio Cusimano

**Date:** 31 May 2021

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1. The short **online survey** 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. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)