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Subject: Applications for vacancies of special procedures mandate holders and a member of the Expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that three vacancies, included in the attached list, are to be filled at the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council (27 February – 23 March 2012). An updated information note on selection and appointment of mandate holders and web-based application procedure, along with a new application form are available online at the following web page link;
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/nominations.htm>

The Consultative Group established in accordance with paragraph 47 of Annex to Council resolution 5/1 is mandated to propose a list of candidates to the President of the Council one month prior to the Council's nineteenth session. In order for the Consultative Group to implement this mandate, applications to the vacancies should be submitted by **30 November 2011 (midnight, GMT)** through the new on-line application procedure as indicated above. If encountering technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted by email: hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or by fax: + 41 22 917 9011.

Attention is drawn to paragraph 42 of Annex to Council resolution 5/1, which indicates that the following entities may nominate candidates: (a) Governments, (b) Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights system, (c) international organizations or their offices, (d) non-governmental organizations, (e) other human rights bodies, and (f) individual nominations. Attention is also drawn to paragraph 22 (a) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011 which provides that national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles may also nominate candidates.

Furthermore, paragraph 22 (b) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21, stipulates that individual candidates and candidates nominated by entities shall submit an application for each specific mandate, together with personal data. A motivation letter, which should be no longer than 600 words, must also be submitted by candidates. In accordance with the new procedure the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall prepare a public list of candidates who will apply for each specific vacancy.

For further information, reference documents on the appointment and selection process (Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21), as well as on the specific mandates (Council resolutions 6/36, 15/7, 18/6 and 18/7) are available on-line at the Council's webpage through the following link; <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/>

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to present to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

20 October 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. K.', is written over the date.

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (27 FEBRUARY – 23 MARCH 2012)*

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES

DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER, MIDNIGHT (GMT)

MANDATE/DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	CURRENT MANDATE HOLDER
Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples (member from African region) <i>Established by Council resolution 6/36 of 14 December 2007 [OP4: "Strongly recommends that, in the selection and appointment process, the Council give due regard to experts of indigenous origin"]</i>	Mr. Vital BAMBANZE (Burundi) Tenure expires in March 2012
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order <i>Established by Council resolution 18/6 of 29 September 2011</i>	NEW MANDATE
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence <i>Established by Council resolution 18/7 of 29 September 2011</i>	NEW MANDATE

*The newly appointed mandate holders will assume their functions on 1 May 2012.