



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

19 May 2023

Excellencies,

I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Consultative Group dated 19 May 2023, with its recommendations of candidates for consideration for the appointment to the following four vacancies of mandate holders that are to be filled at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council:

1. **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity** (Human Rights Council resolution 44/11)¹
2. **Special Rapporteur on minority issues** (Human Rights Council resolution 52/5)
3. **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants** (Human Rights Council resolution 52/20)
4. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism** (Human Rights Council resolution 49/10)

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.”

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Bálek', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Václav Bálek
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

¹ The appointment of the mandate holder will be made provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.