**Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for three vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council**

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 further to its note verbale dated 23 February 2024, the deadline to apply for the following three positions of mandate holders to be appointed at the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council (18 June to 12 July 2024) has been extended to 16 April 2024 at 12 noon Geneva time:

1. **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran** ([Human Rights Council resolution 55/19](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/55/19))
2. **Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 53/3](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/53/3))
3. **Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Western European and other States** ([Human Rights Council resolution 51/13](http://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/51/13))

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by **16 April 2024 at 12 noon Geneva time** through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations>

In case of technical difficulties, the Secretariat may be contacted by email at
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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew 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.

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