***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 8 April 2024 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-2)*** *(*[*https://forms.office.com/e/bHam2sbk5s*](https://forms.office.com/e/bHam2sbk5s)*), and****(2) mandate-specific application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-3)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc56*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc56)*)*
* *Once fully completed,* ***in English or French only****, the Word application form should be saved in Word format and submitted by email to* *ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*
* *A* ***maximum of up to three optional letters of support*** *may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g., CVs, resumes or additional letters of support) 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. Please read the instructions in this form carefully and fill the form fully in accordance with such instructions.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted****.*
* *Candidates 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/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/nominations) *and* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/basic-information-selection-independent-experts)
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** MARCU        | **5. Year of birth:**     **1978** |
| **2. First (given) name:**    MARIA  | **6. Place of birth:**      **Alba Iulia** |
| **3. Other name, if any:**        | **7. Nationality (please indicate the one nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):**      **Romanian** |
| **4. Gender:**       Female  | **8. Any other nationality:**       |

**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-word limit)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights, and 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 gathered relevant international educational qualifications in Human Rights at Lucian Blaga University (Romania), Deusto University (Spain), Tilburg University

 (Netherland) and Strasbourg University (France).

 I obtained equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights as a lawyer since 2004 to present. As human rights expert, I conducted multiple cases at ECHR, Strasbourg, France for the grounds of breach of fundamental human rights in

 the nationals courts on the basis European Convention of Human Rights.

 I achieved good communication skills in one or more of the official languages of

 the United Nations as English, French, Spanish, Russian and German.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200-word limit)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles (please indicate how this was acquired). Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the work of the United Nations or other international or regional organizations in the area of human rights, and particularly in the area of the mandate (please indicate how this was acquired).**

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

     I achieved knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles during the European Master in Transnational Trade Law & Finance (EMTTLF), when I studied on intensive way the approach of human rights at the United Nations level on the basis of European Convention on Human Rights and at the European level on the basis of EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

I obtained knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations ’work in the area of human rights during Global Diplomacy Initiative at UNITAR, New York, 2020 when I learnt about work and functioning of the United Nations Human Rights Council in the course United Nations 101 or in the course A Practical Look at the United Nations and in the course International Criminal Justice. During UNITAR program, Global Diplomacy Initiative, I achieved deep knowledge on Charter of the United Nations and on The Universal Declaration of Human Rights or others human rights instruments to which a State is party.

As a lawyer sice 2004, during 20 years of experience, I conducted multiple cases at ECHR, Strasbourg, France and I acchieved proven work experience in the field of human rights.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200-word limit)

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

     I obtained nationally competence in Human Rights during activity as lawyer since 2004 to present when I conducted multiple cases at ECHR, Strasbourg, France for violation of human rights. As a lawyer, after I followed preliminary steps at nationals courts, when I found one or more breach of human rights, I brought the claims at European Court of Human Rights which applies and protects the rights and guarantees set out in the European Convention on Human Rights.

I improved my expertise in human rights in Romania during programs in human rights field organised by nonguvernamental organization APADOR CH in December 2009.

I continued to achieve regionally or internationally recognised competence related to human rights and I obtained better understanding of human rights issues, of the way in which these rights are guaranteed in member countries of the UN, OSCE, the Council of Europe and the European Union during studies of the European Master in Transnational Trade Law & Finance (EMTTLF) when I researched multiple analyses of human rights at the european level on the base of the E.U. Charter of Fundamental Rights or at the United Nation level on the grounds of the European Convention of Human Rights and on the grounds of the The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. I kept developing my expertise in human rights at

Institut International des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg (France) in the programs Droit de hommes et finances or at the ECHR, Strasbourg, France or during Conferences ''The European Convention of Human Rights and General International Law'' or at the United Nations Training and Research Institute in the program Global Diplomacy Initiative, New York, 2020.

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 in which the candidate has 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:**      (DECIZIE nr. 79 din 2 februarie 2012) Decision number 79 from 2 February 2012;

**Journal/Publisher:**      (MONITORUL OFICIAL nr. 190 ) Official Monitor of Romania number 190;

**Date of publication:**      (23 martie 2012) 23 March 2013;

**Web link, if available:**      http://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocument/136480

**2. Title of publication:**      (DECIZIE nr. 484 din 30 iunie 2016) Decision number 484 from 30 June 2016;

**Journal/Publisher:**      (MONITORUL OFICIAL nr. 842) Oficial Monitor of Romania number 842;

**Date of publication:**      (24 octombrie 2016) 24 October 2016;

**Web link, if available:**      http://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocument/182882

**3. Title of publication:**      **(**Decizia nr. 4/2016 ) Decision nmber 4/2016 ;

**Journal/Publisher:**      (Monitorul Oficial, Partea I nr. 139); Official Monitor of Romania, Section I , number 139;

**Date of publication:**      (23 februarie 2016); 23 February 2026;

**Web link, if available:**      https://lege5.ro/Gratuit/he3dcmjwge/decizia-nr-4- 2016-referitoare-la-respingerea-exceptiei-de-neconstitutionalitate-a-art-324-alin-1- pct-1-teza-a-doua-si-a-treia-din-codul-de-procedura-civila-din-1865

**If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):

I raised in multiple cases as lawyer the pleas of unconstitutionality referred to the Romanian Constitutionally Court by lawyer Maria Marcu regarding breach of Article 14 of ECHR which established prohibition of discrimination as enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention which established that these rights shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status in conjunction with Article 16 of Constituition which establish equal rights for citizens.

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

**1. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**      **In support of the United Nations Human Rights Council FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW**

**Event organizer:**      TheInternationalDevelopmentLawOrganization(IDLO),in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and with the co-sponsorship of the Council’s Core Group on the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law - Morocco, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Romania, and Tunisia

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**      Date Time, 25 March 2021, 03:00 PM Rome Time

**Web link, if available:**      https://zoom.us/w/97446889509?tk=rCnciAJvLIbJg58t\_RG3txa- BzyFTj5BToLc- sfVqJ4.DQIAAAAWsEmIJRZ0bjBNTkc0MFFEdUt5RVVLWEVxY1ZnAAA AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=N2hnalBOcDUrOHBhazdYW ThIMk1adz09&uuid=WN\_eD\_af\_mTQdW-r5dSLGpPnQ

**2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**      The Human Rights Council in 2020 Event organizer: The Permanent Mission of Norway with the support of the Universal Rights Group;

**Event organizer:**      **The Human Rights Council in 2020 Event organizer: The Permanent Mission of Norway with the support of the Universal Rights Group;**

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**      **Date Time: Dec 9, 2020 03:00 PM Zurich**

**Web link, if available:**      https://zoom.us/w/96020866899?tk=vlQ3lnfNT6XpuQrnVzQWmWUji4H5eFmk6uz xctSIVt8.DQIAAAAWW0onUxZocEVJTnVFQlQ5cTBYd01WWUNYYnR3AAAA AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=U2pZbXRDUmtNTVpMT3VBeH d5MHZuUT09&uuid=WN\_7-aGvOCmR6-hVu3OsQQ6Pg

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**      EU-NGO Human Rights Forum on The Impact of New Technologies on Human Rights

**Event organizer:**      European Commission, DG CONECT, International Cooperation and Development

People and Peace

Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance,

UNESCO

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**      9 and 10 December 2020

**Web link, if available:**      https://zoom.us/j/92920749574

**If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):

I raised in multiple cases as lawyer the pleas of unconstitutionality referred to the Romanian Constitutionally Court by lawyer Maria Marcu regarding breach of Article 14 of ECHR which established prohibition of discrimination as enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention which established that these rights shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status in conjunction with Article 16 of Constituition which establish equal rights for citizens.

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

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, such as participating in Human Rights Council 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 the 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 capacity. 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 a salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have flexibility and availability of time to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including attending Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year. I welcome the willingness to support the spirit of renewed political will and commitment to universal equality, justice and dignity for all victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance all over the world. I achieved high expertise for 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 the mandate, engaging with a variety of stakeholders or providing recommendations, information on best practices and innovations.

I can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload. As a mandate holder I am able to contribute at the Working Group to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council on all activities relating to mandate, and to the General Assembly.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

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

 **Individual nominations (select this option if the candidate is self-nominating):** Yes; In reality, after I followed Global Diplomacy Initiative at UNITAR online organised in New York, USA, I was delighted to received an email for United Nation Secretariat about the open application as rapporteur in diferent fields and for diferent groups as this for human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States.

 **Governments**

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

 **International organizations or their offices**

 **Non-governmental organizations**

 **National human rights institutions**

 **Other human rights bodies**

**For third-party nominations, please provide the name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination** (200-word limit)**:**

I pursued individual nomination in response to a call for candidatures issued by the Secretariat the Human Rights Council.

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION FOR THE MANDATE**600-word limit. Must be typed in the space below. Cannot be sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be written by the candidates themselves, even if nominated by an other stakeholder. Please include your vision for the mandate.

I graduated in law in July 2002 from the University of Lucian Blaga, Faculty of Law Simion Barnutiu and Sibiu, Romania. My degree focuses on interpretation and application national law. I took several courses in European and International law, which provoked my strong interest in future of application international law all over the world. I was enrolled in E.M.T.T.L.F (The European Master in Transnational Trade Law and Finance). International Interdisciplinary Program from 01.09.2012 to 01.09.2014 (Deusto/Tilburg/Strasbourg Universities), specialisation Droit bancaire et financier. I would like to apply for the mandate holders of the Human Rights Council to be appointed at the session 56th of the Council as Special Rapporteur for human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, member from Eastern European States. This interdisciplinary program EMTTLF, opened new opportunities to study and practice in a intensive way about European and International Law, about legal cases in human rights field issued by ECHR and CJEU. This international program gave me the necessary knowledge to be a very good candidate for legal expert in top one International Organisation. The application for this mandate is interesting to works because I want to improve expertise in Human Rights and practice in United Nations Organization. I want to build on the knowledge which I acquired during my international interdisciplinary studies, to practice with various aspects of the European and International Human Rights Law System, gain experience of working in a United Nations Organisations. In the age of European unification, economic globalization, multimedia communication and transnational migration, these legal areas are increasingly changing. On another level, this phenomena influence people's lifestyles and as a result their dwelling practices are changing. I am interested in practice the mandate program because I want obtain a new legal, political, economic and social opinion and experienced for the World. The mandate position, to which I am interested to apply, is program focusing on the human rights at the level of United Nations. I am very excited by my decision to pursue the mandate program. The mandate gives me the possibility to continue my activities in the United Nations. I have successfully participated in human rights programs organised by: NGO-APADOR CH, 2009; UNCTAD, Geneve, in program Intensive Course in International Trade Law; ECHR, Strasbourg (France) in The Conference ''The European Convention of Human Rights and General International Law''; Institut International des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg (France) in Droit de hommes et finances; Bucharest Bar Association, in European and International legal framework for refugees; UNITAR in Global Diplomacy Initiative, New York. I successfully contribute with my international legal expertise as volunteer lawyer Romania’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union. I have a passion for research and am especially interested in further developing my skills in European and international level. I have learnt to work towards and achieve my aims with great commitment and perseverance. Through my previous work experiences in a legal field in Romania and abroad during 18 years I have gathered good communication skills, I am able to present my ideas in a fluent and confident manner, I relate with people easily, I am able to adapt quickly to new situations. I have learnt to prepare or produce legislations, to prepare draft, update new existing or amended legislation, including preparatory studies in open and internal consultations. I am able to provide advice on the quality, consistency and coherence of draft proposals for legal acts, to monitor or control existing legislation. I work with independence, impartiality, personal integrity and objectivity as highly qualified candidate who possess established competence, relevant expertise and extensive professional experience in the field of human rights for Human Rights Council sessions.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:**      Romanian

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

**Arabic:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily ornot easily:
**Write:** Easily or not easily:      **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily:       **Write:** Easily or not easily:      **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily:      Easily **Write:** Easily or not easily:     Easily **Speak:** Easily or not easily:     Easily

**French:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily:      Easily **Write:** Easily or not easily:Easily      **Speak:** Easily or not easily:     Easily

 **Russian:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily:      Easily **Write:** Easily or not easily:     Easily **Speak:** Easily or not easily:     Easily

**Spanish:** Yes or no:   If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily:      Easily **Write:** Easily or not easily:     Easily **Speak:** Easily or not easily:Easily

**V. EDUCATION**

**Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, academic institution and whether full- or part-time). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in the additional 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): | **Degree obtained** (please indicate YES or NO): | **Place and country:** |
| Name of degree:      Global Diplomacy Initiative, United Nation Institute for Training and Research, Field of study:      international lawAcademic institution:      UNITARFull or part-time:       Full time |      2 October 2020- 11 December 2020 | **Yes**      |     New York in USA -Bucharest in Romania  |
| Name of degree:      Seminar in European and International legal framework for refugees; Bucharest Bar AssociationField of study:      Refugee lawAcademic institution:      Bucharest BarFull or part-time:       Full time  | 1Nov 2017 – 1 Nov 2017       |      Yes |      Bucharest, Romania |
| Name of degree:      Conference: ''Public Order in International Arbitration'', International Chambre of Commerce, Young Arbitration Forum,Field of study:      humar rights lawAcademic institution:ICC      Full or part-time:       Full time |  17Octombrie 2017 | Yes      |      Bucharest, Romania; |
| Name of degree:      The Conference ''The European Convention of Human Rights and General International Law'', European Court of Human Rights,Field of study:      human rights lawAcademic institution:      ECHR, StrasbourgFull or part-time:       Full | June 2015      | Yes      |      Strasbourg, France  |
| Name of degree:      Negotiation and Institutional architecture-École nationale d'administration(l ́ÉNA) –Romanian Foreign Affaires,Field of study:      international and european lawAcademic institution:      L’ENA and Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affaires;Full or part-time:       Full |      2018 December |      Yes |      Bucharest in Romania and remote Strasbourg in France |
| Additional:       The European Master in Transnational Trade Law and Finance (**EMTTLF**) at Deusto/Tilburg/Strasbourg Universities; Full time;Institut International des Droits de l'Homme -Droit de hommes et finances; Full time; | September 2012 October 2014 | Yes | Bilbao in Spain / Tilburg in Netherland/Strasbourg in France |

**VI. EMPLOYMENT**

**Please list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (or most recent) occupation. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in the additional cell below, separating them by a blank line. Please be as precise as possible since this section will be used for assessing the eligibility of candidates in terms of professional experience in the field of human rights.**

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| **Name of employer,****functional title,****main functions of position (brief description), full- or part-time** (please complete ALL fields): | **Years of work**(provide a range from-to, e.g., 05/1999-10/2005; for ongoing activities, please put, e.g., 08/2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Name of employer:      Romanian Foreign Affairs, Volunteer Lawyer for Romania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, full time;Functional title:       volunteer lawyer;Main functions of position:      international and european law advices;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      01 April 2018-1 January 2019 |      Bucharest, Romania |
| Name of employer:      Lawyer, Young ICSID Membership, ICSID, Functional title:       lawyerMain functions of position:      international ICSID ConventionFull- or part-time:      part time |      21 Sep 2017 – Current | Paris in France -Washington in USA      |
| Name of employer:      Trainee, European Commission, Financial Stability, 1 Mar 2016 – 31 Brussels, Belgium; Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (FISMA) FISMA, full time;Functional title:       trainee;Main functions of position:      financial banking legislation;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      1March-1August |      Brussels, Belgium |
| Name of employer: UNCITRAL( The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ) New York (United States) Working Group I MSMEs( Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) 32nd Session Colloquium; Functional title: lawyer ;Main functions of position:      international law for SME;Full- or part-time:      part time; |      March 2019 |      United Nation, New York, USA |
| Name of employer:      Lawyer, Law Office Marcu Maria;Functional title:       lawyer;Main functions of position:      legal activities;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      1 February 2004 to present | Bucharest, Romania      |
| Name of employer:      Insolvency practitioner, Insolvency Office Marcu 01 January to Bucharest, Maria, Functional title:       insolvency lawyer;Main functions of position:      legal sctivity for insolvency;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      1 January 2019 to present |      Bucharest, Romania |
| Name of employer:      Arbitrator, The Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. 27th Vis Moot-31 th, WIEN;Functional title:       arbitrator;Main functions of position:      CISG(United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods) and relevant law;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      2020-topresent |      Viena, Austria |
| Name of employer:      Arbitrator in Moot ICSID Convention;Functional title:       arbitrator;Main functions of position:      ICSID ( UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES AND NATIONALS OF OTHER STATES and other relevant Conventions and law;Full- or part-time:      full time; |      2021-to present |      Online |
| Additional:       |  |  |

**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. **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, I haven’t any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause me to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way.

Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, will be completed by the mandate holder which will discharge her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto.

**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, there are not any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect my ability to act independently in discharging

the mandate.

**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, there are not any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility and the candidate does not hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate.

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraphs 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, and provide 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, I comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. I comply with principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. There are not grounds of conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate for Maria Marcu.

**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 a 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 that the candidate will take in this regard.**

Undersigned Maria Marcu should be appointed as mandate holder.

I will have to take all measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

I will be delight to contribute with my expertise at the process of globalization which constitutes a powerful and dynamic force and which should be harnessed for the benefit, development and prosperity of world.

**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.***

 **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 (**ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org**).**

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and 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.**

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

**Name:**      **Maria MARCU**

**Date:**      18 March 2024

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1. The **online survey** is used to collect information for administrative 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-2)
2. The **mandate-specific 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-3)