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

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://forms.office.com/e/bHam2sbk5s*](https://forms.office.com/e/bHam2sbk5s)*), and****(2) mandate-specific application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(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*](mailto: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)
* *In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (*[*ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)*) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).*

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** DERIU | **5. Year of birth:** 1994 |
| **2. First (given) name:** BELEN | **6. Place of birth:** BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA |
| **3. Other name, if any:** GERALDINE | **7. Nationality (please indicate the one nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** ITALIAN |
| **4. Gender:** FEMALE | **8. Any other nationality:** ARGENTINE |

**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).**

As a lawyer with a diverse educational background and a deep understanding of international relations, I bring a unique perspective to the issue of the use of mercenaries and its impact on human rights and the right to self-determination.

My journey began with a Juris Doctor degree from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina, where I gained a solid foundation in legal principles. Building upon this, I pursued specialized studies, including an LL.M in International Law from Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium and a Master's in Political Science with a focus on comparative and international politics from Université de Genève in Switzerland.

Additionally, I completed a Master's in National Strategic Intelligence from Universidad Nacional de La Plata in Argentina which provides me with a comprehensive understanding of security dynamics and their intersection with human rights concerns.

My academic pursuits have culminated in a curren PhD in National Defense, where I focus on the privatization of violence and the involvement of non-state actors in armed conflicts. This research delves deeply into the very issues central to the mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries.

Moreover, my proficiency in English, French, and Spanish, along with a basic knowledge of Arabic and Russian, ensures effective communication within the diverse linguistic landscape of the United Nations.

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).**

Throughout my career, I've gained robust expertise in international human rights instruments, norms, and principles. Beginning at the National Criminal and Correctional Court in Argentina, I handled cases involving human rights violations and organized crime, laying the groundwork for my understanding of legal frameworks.

Advocacy work as Vice President of Business and Professional Women reinforced my commitment to gender equality and human rights. Subsequent roles at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime broadened my perspective on global human rights issues.

Field assignments with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and Verification Mission in Colombia provided hands-on experience in conflict zones, sharpening my ability to monitor and address human rights violations.

These experiences have deepened my understanding of institutional mandates related to human rights, particularly in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. I'm dedicated to leveraging this expertise to advance the mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries, contributing meaningful insights and solutions to address human rights challenges effectively.

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

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

My competence in the field of human rights has been established through a diverse array of experiences, both nationally and internationally. Working within Argentina's legal system, I managed complex criminal cases involving human rights violations, corruption, and organized crime. This provided me with a deep understanding of legal frameworks and investigative procedures.

Furthermore, my advocacy work as Vice President of Business and Professional Women in Australia showcased my commitment to promoting gender equality and human rights at both grassroots and policy levels.

Transitioning to international roles, such as my positions with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and Verification Mission in Colombia , I gained firsthand experience in monitoring, analyzing, and addressing human rights issues within conflict zones.

In addition, my selection for the Roster of Counsel to Assist Convicted Persons in Proceedings at the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals further underscores my expertise and dedication to upholding human rights standars.

Through a combination of practical experience, academic study, and active engagement with international organizations, I have acquired a recognized competence in the field of human rights, positioning me as a qualified candidate for the Working Group on the use of mercenaries.

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:** The Palermo Protocol's Effectiveness in Armed Conflict Contexts.

**Journal/Publisher:** Faculty of Law and Criminology, Catholic University of Louvain.

**Date of publication:** 2022

**Web link, if available:** http://hdl.handle.net/2078.1/thesis:34110

**2. Title of publication:** Caribbean overseas territories’ role as drugs transshipment points

**Journal/Publisher:** Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Geneva.

**Date of publication:** 2022

**Web link, if available:** https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:164853

**3. Title of publication:** COVID-19 crisis: implications for global peace and security

**Journal/Publisher:** United Nations' Graduate Study Programme Report - United Nations Office at Geneva

**Date of publication:** 2021

**Web link, if available:** https://www.ungeneva.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/2021-GSP-Report.pdf

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

DERIU, Belén. Volume 16, Argentine Journal of Legal Theory, Torcuato Di Tella University, 2015. Available at: https://revistajuridica.utdt.edu/ojs/index.php/ratj/equipos\_editoriales\_anteriores.

DERIU, Belén. The Relationship between Terrorism and the Return of Refugees in Afghanistan. Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva, 2021.

* 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:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Web link, if available:**

**2. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Web link, if available:**

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Event organizer:**

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:**

**Web link, if available:**

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

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.**

I affirm my flexibility, readiness, and availability of time to effectively carry out the functions of the mandate and respond to its requirements. This includes active participation in pivotal sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the General Assembly in New York, as well as undertaking two country visits annually. I am committed to meeting established deadlines for drafting reports, organizing and engaging in consultations and meetings, and promptly addressing allegations of human rights violations with all involved parties. Furthermore, I am dedicated to providing valuable advice to States and other stakeholders on matters pertaining to the mandate, and I am eager to engage with a diverse range of stakeholders to ensure comprehensive and inclusive dialogue.

Regarding availability, I can allocate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of the mandate, understanding the potential variability in workload. My unwavering commitment to human rights advocacy and my readiness to prioritize this vital work make me confident in my ability to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the mandate.

**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”.**

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)**

**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)**:**

**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.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my keen interest in serving as a member of the 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.

I am a lawyer with a Juris Doctor, an LL.M in International Public Law and a Master in Political Science. I also completed a Master's in National Strategic Intelligence and I am pursuing a PhD in National Defense focusing on the privatization of violence and the involvement of non-state actors in armed conflicts.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to advancing human rights and promoting justice. My experiences at the National Criminal and Correctional Court, Buenos Aires' Ministry of Security and Justice, and the Argentine Nation's Ministry of Security have provided me with invaluable insights into criminal justice systems, criminal investigations, and legal advocacy.

Additionally, my tenure at BPW International allowed me to actively engage in human rights advocacy and women's rights initiatives, further solidifying my dedication to protecting vulnerable populations.

My work at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and my involvement in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, have deepened my understanding of international humanitarian law, human rights law, and the complexities of conflict resolution. I have directly witnessed the detrimental impact of mercenaries on communities affected by armed conflict and have been involved in efforts to document human rights violations, support peacebuilding, and foster international cooperation.

Furthermore, as a member of the Pro Bono Counsel Roster, I assist convicted individuals in proceedings before the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

I envision the Working Group as a driving force for change, leading global efforts to combat the use of mercenaries and uphold the rights of affected individuals and communities. Through comprehensive research, engagement with affected populations, and collaboration with governments and international organizations, is possible to develop targeted strategies to address the root causes of mercenary activities and promote accountability and justice.

My personal motivation to join the Working Group stems from a profound fusion of my professional experiences and academic pursuits. Through firsthand experiences in Mali and Colombia, I have witnessed the impact of mercenaries anda paramilitarism, highlighting the urgent need to comprehend the operations of private military and security companies in armed conflicts. This drove me to pursue a Ph.D. focusing on this crucial area. My ongoing PhD research focuses on the privatization of violence and the involvement of non-state actors in armed conflicts, reflecting my deep-seated commitment to understanding and addressing the challenges posed by mercenaries.

I am confident that my diverse skill set, experience, and unwavering dedication make me a valuable asset to the Working Group. I am eager to contribute my expertise to furthering its mission and supporting its vital work in promoting human rights and self-determination for all.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the Working Group.

Yours faithfully,

Belén Deriú

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

1. **Mother tongue:**    SPANISH

**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: **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:If yes,

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

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **YES** 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: PhD  Field of study: National Defense  Academic institution: Universidad de la Defensa Nacional  Full or part-time: Part time | 2024-presente | NO | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Name of degree: LLM  Field of study: International Law  Academic institution: Université Catholique de Louvain  Full or part-time: Full time | 2021-2022 | YES | Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium |
| Name of degree: Master  Field of study: Political Science- Comparative and International  Academic institution: Université de Genève  Full or part-time: Fullt time | 2020-2022 | YES | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Name of degree: Master  Field of study: National Strategic Intelligence  Academic institution: Universidad Nacional de la Plata  Full or part-time: Part time | 2017-2018 | NO | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Name of degree: Law Degree - Lawyer  Field of study: Law Degree  Academic institution: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella  Full or part-time: Full time | 2012-2016 | YES | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Additional: |  |  |  |

**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: International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals  Functional title: Counsel to Assist Convicted Persons in Proceedings Roster  Main functions of position:  ● Provide legal representation and assistance to convicted individuals before the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT).  ● Conduct legal research and analysis to prepare for hearings and appeals.  ● Draft legal documents, including motions, briefs, and petitions, on behalf of clients.  ● Develop case strategies and present arguments in court proceedings.  ● Participate in case conferences, hearings, and meetings with judges and tribunal officials.  ● Monitor developments in international criminal law and procedural rules relevant to IRMCT proceedings.  ● Maintain accurate records and documentation of case activities and communications.  Full- or part-time: Part time | 2024-present | The Hague, The Netherlands |
| Name of employer: United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia  Functional title: Field Officer  Main functions of position:  ● Monitor the implementation of the Peace Agreement between the Colombian Government and ex-guerrilla groups.  ● Lead for Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) affairs, ensuring compliance and facilitating sanction implementation.  ● Monitor security guarantees for ex-FARC soldiers, affected communities, social leaders, and human rights defenders.  ● Monitor ceasefires with the Estado Mayor Central (EMC) and National Liberation Army (ELN).  ● Analyze contextual dynamics, including illegal armed groups, organized crime, kidnappings, attacks, torture, homicides, terrorist acts, disappearances, threats, forced displacements, and human rights violations. Collect, verify, and analyze information for daily situation reports to the UNVMC divisions and Joint Operations Centre (JOC) and prepare monthly reports.  ● Liaise with local communities, government, NGOs, ex-combatants, security forces, and religious authorities.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2023-presente | San José del Guaviare, Colombia |
| Name of employer: United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali  Functional title: Analysis and Reporting Officer  Main functions of position:  ● Develop reports on security, conflict resolution, social cohesion, restoration of state authority, civil society, civilian protection, and relevant developments and activities related to the mandate.  ● Monitor local social, political, economic, and security contexts, as well as the concerns and perceptions of local populations, to assess their impact on activities and identify beneficiary needs.  ● Compile information from field offices to produce daily, weekly, and analytical reports, promoting coordination and information flow, for the Joint Operation Center (JOC) and the Joint Mission Analysis Centre (JMAC).  ● Identify information on potential and imminent conflicts for effective information sharing and prevention.  ● Contribute to mission monitoring and planning tools, including the Result Based Budget.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2023-2023 | Bamako, Mali |
| Name of employer: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  Functional title: Program Support Officer  Main functions of position:  ● Assisted in the development of program work plans, ensuring that activities were aligned with program goals and objectives, and monitored project progress against targets and timelines.  ● Monitored and assessed political developments, maintaining up-to-date knowledge of events relating to international security, and conducted research on international security, organized crime, and related criminal activities.  ● Drafted project proposals, reports, briefings, background papers, speeches, opening remarks, web stories, newsletters, media highlights, and communication materials.  ● Developed and implemented communication strategies to increase the program's visibility and engagement.    ● Supported the development of capacity-building activities, meetings, investigative case forums, workshops.  ● Liaised with project partners, law enforcement forces, judicial authorities, UN programs, donors, field offices.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2021-2023 | Vienna, Austria |
| Name of employer: Business and Professional Women  Functional title: Vice President  Main functions of position:  ● Coordinated and managed various programs and events aimed at promoting women's rights and gender equality and contributed to the development of the organization's strategic plans and initiatives.  ● Assisted in grant proposals and fundraising activities to secure financial support for the organization's initiatives.  ●Supported awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts for human rights and gender equity issues.  ● Conducted research and analysis of human rights and women's rights, and shared this knowledge with other members of the organization to inform program and policy development.  ● Advocated for policy changes and reforms at the local and national level to promote human rights, and gender equity.  Full- or part-time: Part time | 2019-2020 | Sydney, Australia |
| Name of employer: Concert ICT  Functional title: Legal Counsel  Main functions of position:  ●Provided comprehensive legal services and conducted legal research to support the company's operations.  ●Reviewed a variety of legal documents, such as memoranda, affidavits, and subpoenas.  ●Assisted with pending legal processes, such as negotiating settlements, drafting contracts, etc.  ●Developed a comprehensive collection of facts related to the case to present in legal proceedings.  ●Drafted legal documents and correspondence to lawyers, clients, and external parties, ensuring accuracy and compliance with legal standards.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2019-2020 | Sydney, Australia |
| Name of employer: Ministry of Security of the Nation  Functional title: Lawyer  Main functions of position:  ●Managed a diverse portfolio of complex criminal cases.  ● Conducted a wide range of investigative duties that required comprehensive law enforcement knowledge and expertise, including interviewing witnesses, analyzing evidence.  ● Gathered, compiled, summarized, and analyzed information and evidence related to the cases.  ● Prepared a diverse range of reports, legal documents, analytical reports, background papers, and briefings.  ● Conducted in-depth analysis of national and international norms, legal frameworks, and policies.  ● Maintained effective communication and cooperation with law enforcement and judicial authorities.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2018-2019 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Name of employer: Buenos Aires´ Ministry of Justice and Security  Functional title: Lawyer  Main functions of position:  ● Managed a diverse portfolio of complex criminal cases.  ● Conducted comprehensive criminal investigations into various cases.  ● Conducted extensive legal research and analysis, reviewing and analyzing legal documents and legislation.  ● Gathered, compiled, summarized, and analyzed information and evidence related to the cases, utilizing advanced research methods and analytical tools, and prepared analytical reports.  ● Prepared detailed legal documents, decisions, and reports that clearly outlined the findings and conclusions.  ● Interviewed witnesses and suspects to gather evidence and corroborate allegations.  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2016-2018 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Additional:  Name of employer: Maximis  Functional title: Legal Assistant  Main functions of position:  ● Conducted extensive legal research on a range of complex topics, producing comprehensive reports.  ● Drafted a variety of legal documents, including contracts, agreements, and legal briefs and assisted with the preparation of presentations, reports, and other materials.  ● Reviewed and analyzed legal documents.  ● Participated in client meetings and calls, providing updates on legal issues and strategy.  ● Monitored changes in legal regulations and case law, reviewing legislation and summarizing relevant updates.  Full- or part-time: Full time  2016-2016  Paris, France  Name of employer: Embassy of Argentina in France  Functional title: Political Assistant  Main functions of position:  ● Conducted research on key political section priorities, producing comprehensive reports and analysis.  ● Monitored and assessed political developments in France and throughout the region.  ● Drafted diplomatic documents, reports, notes, background papers, talking points, code cables, speeches.  ● Supported the 2015 Argentine primary and presidential elections, coordinating logistics, preparing briefing materials, and engaging with stakeholders.  ● Supported the development and execution of diplomatic events, including the coordination of logistics, preparation of briefing materials, and engagement with key stakeholders.  Full- or part-time: Part time  2015-2015  Paris, France  Name of employer: Embassy of Qatar in Argentina  Functional title: Political Assistant  Main functions of position:  ● Conducted research and analysis on key political section priorities.  ● Monitored and assessed political developments in Argentina and the wider region, maintaining up-to-date knowledge of events and trends, and contributing to the development of situational awareness reports.  ● Drafted diplomatic documents, reports, background papers, talking points, code cables, speeches.  ● Established and maintained effective communication channels with foreign embassies and local government officials.  ● Supported the development of diplomatic events, including the coordination of logistics, the preparation of briefing materials and the management of event-day activities.  ● Assisted in the drafting and translation of official documents, such as speeches, reports, and correspondence.  Full- or part-time: Part time  2015-2015  Buenos Aires, Argentina  Name of employer: National Criminal and Correctional Court No. 8  Functional title: Legal Assistant  Main functions of position:  ● Assisted in the management of cases involving human rights violations, corruption, drug trafficking, human trafficking.  ● Conducted legal research using various databases and resources to assist attorneys in building strong cases, and provided summaries of legal findings to assist attorneys in developing case strategy.  ● Assisted in preparing legal documents and exhibits, such as briefs, motions, and evidence lists, for court proceedings.  ● Monitored changes in criminal case law and jurisprudence, reviewed legislation, and summarized relevant updates.  ● Summarized depositions, analyzed records, and performed other case-related work to support attorneys in trial preparation, such as organizing exhibits and evidence and preparing witnesses for testimony.  ● Assisted in conducting interviews with witnesses and defendants in cases of federal crimes.  Full- or part-time: Part time  2011-2011  Buenos Aires, Argentina |  |  |

**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

**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 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

**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.**

N/A

**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**](mailto: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:** Belén Geraldine Deriú

**Date:** 07.04.2024

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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-1)
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-2)