***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 29 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/741841)*)   
  and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc52)*)*
* *Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org*](mailto:ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org)
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* *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.* ***No incomplete or late applications will be accepted****.*
* *Candidates eligible for the EMRTD mandate 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.*
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** BEDİR | **5. Year of birth:**    1977 |
| **2. First (given) name:** ÖMER | **6. Place of birth:**    MİDYAT |
| **3. Other name, if any:**    - | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):**   TURKISH |
| **4. Gender:**    M | **8. Any other nationality:**    N/A |
| **9.**  **Please indicate for which region you are applying (please tick one box):**  **Member from African States**  **Member from Asia-Pacific States**  **Member from Eastern European States**  **X** **Member from Western European and other States** | |

**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 words 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).**

The candidate is graduated from the renowned french school of ENA and holds a Ph.D degree. He speaks English and French fluently.

He drafted his master’s thesis on human rights in Turkey at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg. He represented Marmara University at “Concours Jean Pictet”, International Humanitarian Law competition organized by the International Red Cross. As an independent researcher, he drafted academic articles on human rights issues and migration.

As a former career diplomat, the candidate received comprehensive communication and negotiation skills trainings within the framework of the Diplomacy Academy of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words limit)

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

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

The candidate is a former career diplomat. He worked as a diplomat for more than a decade. He was admitted to the prestigious UN Disarmament Fellowship Program which took place in Geneva and New York.

As a former diplomat and current academic, he has a sound knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms, principles, and also of the relevant regional and international institutions.

He received comprehensive courses and seminars on human rights, and on relevant international treaties and organisations at the Diplomacy Academy of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at Ecole Nationale d’Administration and at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg.

He drafted academic dissertations and articles on human rights and the relevant mechanisms. In this regard, his master’s thesis and his recent article on state of emergency practices study in detail the European Convention on Human Rights and its Court based in Strasbourg. His article on the flotilla incident treats the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court based in the Hague.

**ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words limit)

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

The candidate drafted his master’s thesis on human rights. He attended the seminars and the case studies organized by the International Red Cross on the Geneva Convention. He received certificates on Human Rights Responsibilities and on Millenium Development Goals from the UN Volunteer program. He received also the UN Disarmement Fellowship certificate.

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:** "Les Pratiques de l'Etat d'Urgence et les Droits de l'Homme: Le cas d'Expulsions Massives des Fonctionnaires Publiques en Turquie".

**Journal/Publisher:** Universidade Autonoma de Lisboa-Portugal, Janus Journal of International Relations, Vol. 12, Nº. 1, pp. 206-233.

**Date of publication:** May-October 2021.

**Web link, if available:** DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26619/1647-7251.12.1.12>

**2. Title of publication:** "The Flotilla Incident from the Perspective of International Law and the Judicial Rights of the Victims".

**Journal/Publisher:** Universidad de Jaén-Spain, The Age of Human Rights Journal, Vol. 15, pp. 51-72.

**Date of publication:** December 2020

**Web link, if available:** DOI:  <https://doi.org/10.17561/tahrj.v15>

**3. Title of publication:** "A Critical Essay on the Making of Social Sciences in the Occident and the Illustrative Case of the Migration Studies".

**Journal/Publisher:** International Review of Migration and Refugee Studies, Vol. 3 (1), pp. 7-13.

**Date of publication:** October 2022

**Web link, if available:** <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/irmrs/issue/73124/1159160>

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

**Articles**

- "Efforts during the Early Republican Era for the Migration of Gagauzs to Turkey". Iğdır University-Turkey, Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. 20, October 2019, pp. 239-252. Available at <http://sosbilder.igdir.edu.tr/DergiPdfDetay.aspx?ID=888>

and <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/igdirsosbilder/issue/66826>

**Doctoral Dissertation**

**-** "Turkish Press in Romania: Türk Birliği Newspaper (1930-1939)". Hacettepe University, History of Modern Turkey Program, Ph.D Dissertation, Ankara, 2018. Available at [http://www.openaccess.hacettepe.edu.tr:8080/xmlui/handle/11655/4423](http://www.openaccess.hacettepe.edu.tr:8080/xmlui/handle/11655/4423%20) and <https://acikbilim.yok.gov.tr/handle/20.500.12812/436099>

**Master's Thesis**

- "Le Respect des Droits de l’Homme dans le Processus d’Adhésion de la Turquie à l’UE: Un Indice pour l’Evaluation de la Volonté Politique Turque à l’Adhésion". Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg, Université Robert Schuman, Master's Thesis, Strasbourg, 2001. See. <http://tuisp.online.fr/2001/i.html>

**Reports**

- "Disarmament: Contradiction between Discourse and Practices". United Nations, Department for Disarmament Affairs, Program of Fellowships on Disarmament, Geneva and New York, November 2006.

- Collective Report on "Formation Professionnelle et les Nouvelles Téchnologies". ENA, Paris, 2002. See. <https://pmb.cereq.fr/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=23053>

* 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 words limit):

### As a former diplomat, the candidate participated in numerous human rights events organized by international organisations or national authorities. For instance,

### -Workshop: “Roma as a political subject: between citizenship status, national minority and vulnerable group” (Bucharest, 10-11 February 2015)

### **-Plenary meeting of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest (23-26 May 2016)**

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

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) 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 capacities. 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”.**

The candidate is an independent researcher. He delivers from time to time lectures and seminars on human rights, migrant and refugee rights, Turkish foreign policy and Turkish modern history. He is also a professional translator. He has the possibility to work remotely. He has the necessary flexibility and availability to carry out the functions related to the Expert Mechanism.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

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

**X** **Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

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

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words limit)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF 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 another entity.)

Excellency, Mr. President,

I worked as a career diplomat at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for more than a decade. Currently, I am an independent researcher specialized in international relations, human rights and migration issues.

Regarding my academic background, I received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Marmara University in 2000. As I completed my major with the highest degree, I received a scholarship to study at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) de Strasbourg where I received my master’s degree in EU and Public Policies in 2001. Later, I was admitted to the renowned french school ENA (Ecole Nationale d'Administration) where I studied Public Administration between 2001 and 2003. I received my doctorate degree in 2018 from Hacettepe University, Ankara.

Concerning my professional background, I started to work for the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2005 as a candidate diplomat at the Consular and Legal Affairs Department. In 2006, I was admitted to the "UN Program of Fellowships on Disarmament" which lasted 3 months in Geneva and New York. In 2007, I was assigned to the Turkish Embassy in Abu Dhabi as diplomatic Attaché. During my office in Abu Dhabi, I was promoted respectively to the ranks of Third and Second Secretary. After serving three years in Abu Dhabi, I was assigned in 2010 to a more senior post at the Turkish Consulate General in Frankfurt. I served respectively as Vice-Consul and Consul for two years in Frankfurt. In 2012, I received the second highest degree at the "Internal Competitive Exam of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the promotion to the rank of First Secretary", the single and decisive internal career exam which paves the way for the ambassadorial position. I was assigned in 2012 as First Secretary to the Human Resources Department at the headquarters in Ankara. Later, I was promoted to the position of Head of Section at the HR Department where I was in charge of the "Contractual Staff" and "Per Diem Unit" of the Ministry. In 2014, I was assigned to the Turkish Embassy in Bucharest with the rank of Political Counselor. In September 2016, I left my diplomatic career and resumed academic research at Hacettepe University, Ankara. Since then, I have been working as an independent researcher. My research focus on international relations, human rights violations and migration issues. I have drafted articles in English, French and Turkish, which were published in national and international academic journals.

Besides my native language Turkish, I speak English and French fluently. I hold sworn translator certificates both in English and French.

With regard to my vision on the right to development, I firmly believe in the necessity to further strengthen the efforts aiming to advance the right to development at individual and collective levels. In this regard, it is of paramount importance that the UN mechanisms act resolutely and take the lead to raise awareness on the right to development through efficient promotion campaigns on social media and also stimulate national authorities to take part in this process through education activities at the level of secondary schools, high schools and universities. Keeping in mind that the right to education is closely related to the right to development, the awareness of the global youth, as a main target group, on human rights in general and on the right to development in particular shall be consolidated from early ages. The youth which will gain awareness on the right to development through education and appropriate promotion campaigns will certainly question the current course of events and will be more demanding on human rights issues. In addition to this, the right to development of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as elderly people, disabled people, prisonners, migrants and refugees shall also be further explored and brought on the agenda at national and international fora.

It would be a great honor for me to have the opportunity to contribute to the invaluable efforts of the Expert Mechanism on the right to development as a fresh member and to strive for the promotion of the right to development.

Please accept, Excellency, Mr. President,the assurances of my highest considerations.

Faithfully Yours,

Dr. Ömer BEDIR

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue: Turkish**

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

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:   
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **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: **No** If yes,

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

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **No** If yes,

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

**V. EDUCATION**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single 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:** |
| Ph.D degree in Modern Turkish History-Hacettepe University-full time | 2014-2018 | YES | Ankara-Turkey |
| Diplome d'Administration Publique-Ecole Nationale d'Administration-full time | 2001-2003 | YES | Strasbourg & Paris-France |
| Master’s degree in EU and Public Policies- IEP de Strasbourg-full time | 2000-2001 | YES | Strasbourg-France |
| Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration-University of Marmara-full time | 1995-2000 | YES | Istanbul-Turkey |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (or most recent) occupation.** **Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005;  for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| Independent Researcher-Expert in human rights, migration issues-full time | 2016-present | Ankara-Turkey |
| Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Career Diplomat-full time | 2005-2016 | Ankara-Turkey, Abu Dhabi-UAE, Frankfurt-Germany, Bucharest-Romania |
| UN Disarmament Fellowship Program-full time | August-November 2006 | Geneva, New York |
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**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 paragraph 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, together with 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 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.**

  No

**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.***

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

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

**Name:**  Ömer Bedir

**Date:**  28 November 2022

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1. The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical 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 **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)