***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 APRIL 2023 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/838551*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/838551)*)   
  and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc53*](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc53)*)*
* *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)
* *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.* ***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:** Bailliet | **5. Year of birth:** 1969 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Cecilia | **6. Place of birth:** Buenos Aires |
| **3. Other name, if any:** Marcela | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Argentina |
| **4. Gender:** Female | **8. Any other nationality:** Norway, United 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-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 am a Professor of International Law at the University of Oslo in Norway and Director of the Masters program in Public International Law. I have a doctorate in law from the University of Oslo, Norway that was received for my thesis assesing the rights of internally displaced persons in Guatemala and the use of concilation in land conflicts after the civil war. I have widely publshed and taught extensively Masters level courses on human rights, counter-terrorism and human rights, women's human rights, refugee law, constitutional law, the international law of peace, and public international law. I have served as the Chair of the Expert Advisory Group to the UN Independent Expert on the Right to International Solidarity. I have given several lectures on solidarity and am currently editing a Research Handbook on International Law and Solidarity. I am bilingual English and Spanish (native languages) and understand and read French, as well as read, writek and speak Norwegian.

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 have a doctorate in international law and have researched and taught human rights for twenty years. I was the Chair of the Expert Advisory Group that supported the Independent Expert on the Right to International Solidarity. I made a presentation to the UN Ad hoc committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Stadards to the CERD. I helped draft UNHCR guidelines on military service and asylum. I led a series of interviews of international judges. I have written books and articles on the Inter American Court of Human Rights, on refugee law, on women's rights, and on Peace and Solidarity.

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

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

I have given lectures for the UN Audio Visual Library of International Law on a human rights approach to Refugee Law, including Women's Rights. Lecture Series - Ms. Cecilia M. Bailliet (un.org) I edited the Research Handbook on International Law and Peace and am currently editing the Research Handbook on International Law and Solidarity, I have organized many conferences bringing together academics and policymakers to analyse topics relating to human rights and international law, including one on solidarity in 2021: Right to Solidarity Zoom Webinar 20-21 May 2021 - The Faculty of Law (uio.no) I serve as reviewer to several academic journals and am on academic committees evaluating doctoral candidates.

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:** Research Handbook on International Law and Solidarity

**Journal/Publisher:** Edward Elgar

**Date of publication:** forcoming 2023-24

**Web link, if available:** Forthcoming

**2. Title of publication:** Research Handbook on International Law and Peace

**Journal/Publisher:** Edward Elgar

**Date of publication:** 2019

**Web link, if available:** https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/research-handbook-on-international-law-and-peace-9781788117463.html

**3. Title of publication:** Constructing the Customary Law of Peace: Latin America and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

**Journal/Publisher:** Edward Elgar

**Date of publication:** 2021

**Web link, if available:** https://www.elgaronline.com/display/9781800371866.xml

**If more than three publications, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):Cecilia M. Bailliet, "National Case Law as a Generator of International Refugee Law: Rectifiying an Imbalance within UNHCR Guidelines on International Protection", Emory International Law Review in 29 (3) Emory International Law Review 2015.

Cecilia Bailliet, "Assessing Jus ad Bellum and Jus in Bello within the Refugee Status Determination Process: Contemplations on Conscientious Objectors Seeking Asylum", Georgetown Immigration Law Journal Vol. 20 No. 3 Spring 2006.Cecilia M. Bailliet "Reinterpreting Human Rights through Global Media: A Case Study of Al Jazeera English" in 2(1) Canadian Journal of Human Rights (2013) Cecilia M. Bailliet, "Persecution in the Home: Applying the Due Diligence Standard to Harmful Traditional Practices within Human Rights and Refugee Law.", in 30 (1) Nordic Journal of Human Rights 36 (2012)

* 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:** North South University Webinar

**Event organizer:** North South University

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 7 October 2022

**Web link, if available:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2PKZRY3elo

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

**Event organizer:** ASIL

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** ASIL Conference 2022

**Web link, if available:** Realizing Solidarity through International Law - YouTube

**3. Platform/occasion/event of public statement/pronouncement:** UN Audio Visual Library of International Law

**Event organizer:** UN

**Date of public statement/pronouncement:** 2022

**Web link, if available:** Lecture Series - Ms. Cecilia M. Bailliet (un.org)

**If more than three, kindly provide a summary of the rest** (200-word limit):Lecture on International Law of Peace at Kings College: The evolving international law of peace - YouTube

Book Discussion ASIL on the Customary Law of Peace: The Construction of the Customary Law of Peace Book Talk - YouTube

Interviews with international judges: Exploring the Evolution of International Law: Conversations with Leading Judges - The Faculty of Law (uio.no)

Lecture on Puzzle of Promoting Solidarity 14 April 2023 NYU

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 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 University of Oslo is supportive of my engagement in the UN and will grant me flexibility to perform my mandate fully in terms of participation and engagement in all capacities listed above. As Chair of the Expert Advisory Group to the Independent Expert on the Right to International Solidarity, I was able to meet the deadlines for provision of report and drafted materials on time. I would continue to aim to perform effectively while in service to the UN.

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**

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

Last year I served as Chair of the Expert Advisory Group to the Independent Expert on the Right to International Solidarity Obifor Okafor that revised the Draft Declaration on the Right to International Solidarity. I greatly enjoyed collaborating with other legal experts from around the world to try and produce a contemporary instrument oriented towards consensus and practical application. I also participated in the Global Consultation in January 2023. I learned very much from the commentaries given by state representatives, NGOs, and other UN actors. I was inspired to be part of the evolution of normative human rights in a time of global shift. I have organized seminars and given academic presentations on peace and solidarity in a variety of forums, including within universities in different countries. I am dedicated to supporting the normative evolution of solidarity and disseminating it among different actors within the international community. I am currently editing the Research Handbook on International Soldiarity which includes authors from different regions as well as within the UN human rights system. I have a diverse background which enables me to communicate and understand different cultures in pursuit of consensus, hence I believe that I would be effective in meetings with a range of stakeholders. Solidarity is actually recognized within national constitutions and all regions around the world and I would refer to this as a basis for constructive dialogue. I previously supported the process of the UN Declaration on the Right to Peace by inviting academics and experts to analyze an early draft and producing the Research Handbook on International Law and Peace. Moreover, I created a Masters Class that at present is the only law class in the world teaching the international law of peace. By teaching this class, I became aware of the importance of solidarity movements for peace around the world. I have been very inspired by the increase in solidarity movements around the world, including women in Iran and the United States, people responding to the flood in Pakistan, as well as the overhelming reception in different countries of refugees from Ukraine. Nonetheless, I remain concerned about the criminalization of solidarity civil society actions and am eager to underscore the importance of respecting freedom of expression and association norms at the transnational level. I would be very dedicated to speaking with state representatives, NGOs, corporations, and other actors to learn about best solidarity practices as well as challenges that require creative approaches. I believe that there is a need to further articulate the connection between Business and Human Rights initiatives with Solidarity strategies. Moreover, I wish to cooperate with other UN offices tackling disinformation and fake news which promote polarization and division in order to highlight solidarity as a reparative narrative for societies. I would like to call for renewed attention to the importance of focusing on quality legal drafting of the latest generation of human rights in a new epoch of diverisity and pluralism in international law which will emphasize the universality, interrelatedness, and interdependence of all human rights. I believe that international solidarity is needed as a narrative to conquer the challenge of decoupling and fragmentation within the world. As the UN Secretary General stated, solidarity is the core value for a 21st century multilateralism based on networking between states, IOs, companies, and civil society needed to address global problems such as climate change, inequality, natural disasters, war, and forced migration. I am enthusiastic and fully committed to the mandate of the Independent Expert and would have flexibility from my University to be able to attend to the responsibilities of the office fully.

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

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Spanish and English**

**2. Knowledge of the six 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: **Yes  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Yes  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Yes**

**French:** Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Yes  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Not easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Not 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: **Yes** If yes,

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

**V. EDUCATION**

**NOTE: 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; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, place and country)*. 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: Dr. juris (doctorate in law)  Field of study: International Law & Human Rights  Academic institution: University of Oslo Faculty of Law  Full or part-time: Full time | 1997-2002 | Yes | Oslo, Norway |
| Name of degree: Joint Masters and J.D. Law Degree  Field of study: International Affairs and Law  Academic institution: The George Washington University  Full or part-time: Full Time | 1993-1996 | Yes | Washington D.C., USA |
| Name of degree:  Field of study:  Academic institution:  Full or part-time: |  |  |  |
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| Name of degree:  Field of study:  Academic institution:  Full or part-time: |  |  |  |
| Additional: |  |  |  |

**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 the additional 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:** |
| Name of employer: University of Oslo, Norway  Functional title and main functions of position: Professor, Director of the Masters Program in Public International Law  Full- or part-time: Full-Time | 2010-present | Oslo, Norway, Sabbatical Univeristy of Peace Costa Rica, 2018-2019 |
| Name of employer: University of Oslo, Norway  Functional title and main functions of position: Associate Professor  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2007-2009 | Oslo, Norway |
| Name of employer: University of Oslo  Functional title and main functions of position: Post doc  Full- or part-time: Full time | 2003-2006 | Oslo, Norway, study abroad period in Brussels, Belgium 2004-2006 |
| Name of employer: University of Oslo  Functional title and main functions of position: Research Fellow  Full- or part-time: Full time | 1997-2002 | Oslo, Norway, field work Guatemala |
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| 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

**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 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.**

Not applicable but if it were applicable I would abide by the resolution requirements

**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:** Cecilia Bailliet

**Date:** 9 March 2023

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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)