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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellency,

I have the honor to submit to your attention the recommendations of the Consultative Group established to consider the selection of mandate-holders as presented to me today.

I take this opportunity to recall OP52 of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 entitled *Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council*:

On the basis of the recommendations of the consultative group and following broad consultations, in particular through the regional coordinators, the President of the Council will identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy. The President will present to member States and observers a list of candidates to be proposed at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the session in which the Council will consider the appointments.

In the implementation of this paragraph I intend to hold such broad consultations and identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doru Romulus Costea".

Doru Romulus Costea
President of the Human Rights Council

All Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations in Geneva

Annex: Recommendations of the Consultative Group

**CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT
RELATING TO SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS TO BE
APPOINTED AT THE 7th SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

Further to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, a consultative group was established to propose to the President, at least one month before the beginning of the session in which the Council would consider the selection of mandate-holders, a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandates in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. The Members of the consultative group are H.E. Ambassador Blaise Godet, H.E. Ambassador Idriss Jazaïry, H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan, H.E. Ambassador Valery Loshchinin, and H.E. Juan Martabit.

In determining the proposed list, the Members of the consultative group took into consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and decision 6/102. During nine formal meetings, the group reviewed 163 candidates who were included on the public list; 52 women and 111 men. In this regard, the following list is proposed to the President of the Council:

Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Selman Erguden (Turkey).

Some members supported Ms. Raquel Rolnik (Brazil).

It was also suggested that Ms. Leilani Farha (Canada) be considered.

Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the right to food* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Olivier de Schutter (Belgium).

Some members supported Ms. Clara Jusidman Rapoport (Mexico).

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Gudmundur Alfredsson (Iceland).

Some members supported Mr. James Anaya (United States of America).

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Sibnath Deb (India).

Some members supported Ms. Najat M'jid Maala (Morocco).

Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

Concerning the mandate *Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Cephas Lumina (Zambia).

Some members supported Mr. Alain Didier Olinga (Cameroon).

It was also suggested that Mr. Stephen Marks (United States of America) be considered.

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana (Argentina).

Some members supported Mr. Thomas Carl Koenigs (Germany).

It was also suggested that Mr. Christopher Sidoti (Australia) be considered.

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Richard Falk (United States of America).

Some members supported Ms. Christine Chinkin (Australia/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty

Concerning the mandate of the *Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty* some members of the consultative group supported Ms. Annelise Oeschger (Switzerland).

In addition, some members of the consultative group supported Ms. Maria Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona (Chile).

It was suggested that further consultations be held regarding the recommendation for the appointment of this mandate holder.

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences* the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Shaheen Ali Sardar (Pakistan).

Some members supported Mr. Osman El-Hajjé (Lebanon).

It was also suggested that Ms. Gulnara Shahinian (Armenia) be considered.

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

(Vacancies for candidatures from the African States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States)

Concerning the candidate for the *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention*, from the African States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Margaret Sekaggya (Uganda).

Concerning the candidate for the *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention*, from the Eastern European States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation).

Concerning the candidate for the *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention*, from the Latin American and Caribbean States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Roberto Garreton (Chile).

Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

(Vacancy for candidature from the African States)

Concerning the mandate *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances* the consultative group recommended Mr. Jeremy Sarkin (South Africa).

Some members supported Mr. Malick El Hadji Sow (Senegal).

Working Group on African Descent

(Vacancy for candidature from the Latin American and Caribbean States)

Concerning the mandate *Working Group on African Descent* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Milton Nettleford (Jamaica).
