HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Wednesday 28 of May at 9h30 a.m. (at a venue of your convenience).

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Doru Romulus Costea
President of the Human Rights Council

Annex: ment.

To the regional coordinator of the African group:
H.E. Mr. Sameh Choukry
PR of the Egypt to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva

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To the regional coordinator of the Asian group:
H.E. Mr. Li Baodong
PR of China to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva

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To the regional coordinator of the EEG:
H.E. Mr. Anton Pinter,
PR of the Slovak republic to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva

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Thursday 29 of May at 3 p.m. (at a venue of your convenience)

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Doru Rafulus Costea
President of the Human Rights Council

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To the regional coordinator of the GRULAC:
H.E. Mr. Carlos Portales,
PR of Chile
to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva

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To the regional coordinator of the WEOG:
H.E. Mr. Peter Gooderham
PR of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva

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CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT RELATING TO SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS TO BE APPOINTED AT THE 8TH 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. Ambassador Carlos Portales.

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 four formal meetings, the group reviewed 207 candidates who were included on the public list: 74 women and 133 men. 42 were from African States, 52 from Asian States, 34 from Latin America and the Caribbean States, 15 from the Eastern European States and 64 from Western European and other States.

In this regard, the following list is proposed to the President of the Council:

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Concerning the mandate Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Frank William La Rue Lewy (Guatemala).

Some members supported Mr. Alfred-Maurice de Zayas (Cuba/United States of America).

It was also suggested that Ms. Judy McGregor (New Zealand) be considered.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Concerning the mandate Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque (Portugal).

Some members supported Mr. Charles Ngwena (Zimbabwe).

It was also suggested that Mr. Anand Grover (India) be considered.

22/05/2008
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance* the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. Githu Muigai (Kenya).

Some members supported Mr. Gudmundur Alfredsson (Iceland).

It was also suggested that Mr. Ömür Orhun (Turkey) and Mr. Winston Nagan (South Africa/United States of America) be considered.

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children

Concerning the mandate *Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children* the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea).

Some members supported Ms. Mirjana Najcevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

It was also suggested that Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo Emekewue (Nigeria) be considered.

**Working Group on people of African descent**

*(representative from African Group region)*

Concerning the candidate for the *Working Group on people of African descent* from the African States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Maya Sahli (Algeria).

**Working Group on Arbitrary Detention**

*(representative from the Asian Group region)*

Concerning the candidate for the *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention* from the Asian States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Shaheen Sardar Ali (Pakistan).

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22/05/2008
CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANDATES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL

Independent Expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti

Concerning the mandate Independent Expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti the consultative group recommended Mr. Michel Forst (France).

Some members of the consultative group supported Ms. Catherine Duhamel (Canada) and Mr. Francesc Vendrell (Spain).

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CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO BE APPOINTED AT THE 8th SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Further to Human Rights Council resolution 6/36, paragraph 3, the expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples "shall consist of five independent experts, the selection of which shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007".

The Members of the consultative group established further to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 are H.E. Ambassador Blaise Godet, H.E. Ambassador Idriss Jazaïry, H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan, H.E. Ambassador Valery Loshchinin, and H.E. Ambassador Carlos Portales.

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, decision 6/102 and resolution 6/36. During the formal meeting, the group reviewed 66 candidates included in the public list: 20 women and 46 men.

In this regard, the following list is proposed to the President of the Council:

**African Group**

Concerning the candidates from the African States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Catherine Odimba Kombe (Congo).

Some members supported Mr. Melakou Tegegn (Ethiopia).

**Asian Group**

Concerning the candidates from the Asian States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Evelyn S. Dunuan (Philippines).

Some members supported Mr. José Mencio Molintas (Philippines).

It was also suggested that Ms. Jannie Lasimbang (Malaysia) be considered.
Group for Latin American and the Caribbean

Concerning the candidates from the Latin American and the Caribbean States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Maria Carneiro Da Cunha (Brazil/Portugal).

Some members supported Mr. Jose Carlos Morales Morales (Costa Rica).

It was also suggested that Mr. Tomas Alarcon Eyzaguirre (Peru) be considered.

Western Europe and other States Group

Concerning the candidates from the Western Europe and other States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. John Henrikson (Norway).

Some members supported Ms. Erica Daes (Greece) and Mr. Jacob Wilton Littlechild (Canada).

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