

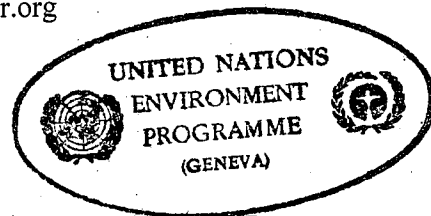
COMMUNICATION

SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENT AND DUMPING OF TOXIC AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS AND WASTES ON THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Secretariat informs Parties and signatories to the Basel Convention as well as the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights, Mr. Okechukwu Ibeanu, will come to an end in July 2010.

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention has been invited by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to inform Parties and signatories to the Basel Convention as well as of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres that the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council is soliciting various entities, including UN agencies and bodies and civil society organizations, to nominate candidates as special procedure mandate holders. The note verbale from the Human Rights Council Secretariat regarding Special Procedures appointments at the 14th session of the Human Rights Council and the list of vacancies is attached to the Communication. Please feel free to share this information with interested colleagues or organizations and kindly note that the deadline for submission of nominations is **31 March 2010**. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stefano Sensi, Human Rights Officer, Special Procedures Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Email: ssensi@ohchr.org

Thank you in advance for your kind attention.



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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies, and has the honor to inform them that, at its sixth session, the Council, by its decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007, approved technical and objective requirements for eligible candidates for special procedures mandate holders, as stipulated in paragraph 41 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

Attention is drawn to paragraph 42 of the said resolution which indicates that the following entities may nominate candidates as special procedures mandate-holders: (a) Governments, (b) Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights system, (c) international organizations or their offices (e.g. the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), (d) non-governmental organizations, (e) other human rights bodies, and (f) individual nominations.

The Secretariat will henceforth give effect to paragraph 43 of the same resolution according to which the "*Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall immediately prepare, maintain and periodically update a public list of eligible candidates in a standardized format, which shall include personal data, areas of expertise and professional experience. Upcoming vacancies shall be publicized*". The list of vacancies to be filled in June 2010 is attached to this communication.

Furthermore, by its decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007, the Human Rights Council decided that the Secretariat "*may provide a standardized form, on the basis of the technical and objective requirements stipulated below, for candidates to fill in, and shall allow for highlighting any expertise they possess in specific areas, so as to facilitate the selection of relevant candidates from the roster as soon as appointments for particular mandates are necessary*". This form is available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/nominations.htm>

Candidatures to special procedures mandates should be sent to the Secretariat at the following address: hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or HRC Secretariat, c/o Fei Xing, (*Mailing address: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Room PW 4-072, Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10; Tel: +41 (0)22 917 9604; Fax: +41 (0)22 917 90 11*).

In order for the consultative group to review all applications and to provide a list of candidates to the President of the Human Rights Council one month prior to the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council (31 May – 18 June 2010), the Secretariat would like to inform all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies, that the deadline for the submission of nominations is 31 March 2010.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to present to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 2 February 2010

SPECIAL PROCEDURES - MANDATE HOLDERS
LIST OF VACANCIES*
JUNE 2010

SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL AT HIS FORTY-THIRD SESSION IN JUNE 2010		
TITLE OF THE MANDATE/DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	NAME, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE CURRENT MANDATE HOLDER	REMARKS
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (Member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) <i>Established by resolution 20 (XXXV) of the Commission on Human Rights; last renewed by HRC resolution 7/12</i>	Santiago Corcuera Cabezan (Mexico)	Exceeding six years tenure in August 2010
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions <i>Established by resolution 1982/35 of the Commission on Human Rights; last renewed by HRC resolution 8/3</i>	Philip Alston (Australia)	Exceeding six years tenure in July 2010
Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights <i>Established by resolution 1995/81 of the Commission on Human Rights; last renewed by HRC resolution 9/1</i>	Okochukwu Ibeanu (Nigeria)	Exceeding six years tenure in July 2010

* All mandates were extended by HRC resolution 5/1. The newly appointed mandate holders will assume their functions on 1 August 2010 (in accordance with paragraphs 45 and 62 of resolution 5/1).