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Subject: Call for applications for special procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the 29th session of the Human Rights Council (15 June - 3 July 2015)

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 honour to inform them that the following four special procedures mandate holders are to be appointed at the twenty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council (scheduled to take place from 15 June to 3 July 2015):

1. *Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers [HRC res. 26/7]*
2. *Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences [HRC res. 23/25]*
3. *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, member from Western European and other States [HRC res. 24/7]*
4. *Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from Asia-Pacific States [HRC res. 27/1]*

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, for any of the above vacancies should be submitted by **30 April 2015 (12 noon GMT)**, through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) a web-based survey and (2) an application form in Word. Updated information on the selection and appointment of special procedures mandate holders and the on-line application procedure is available at the following web page: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew 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.

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