



BUREAU DU PRÉSIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

11 February 2019

Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I have the honour to submit for your attention the list of candidates proposed for the following fourth vacancies of mandate holders scheduled to be filled at the 40th session of the Human Rights Council (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa** [HRC resolution 33/25]
2. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia** [HRC resolution 33/25]
3. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean** [HRC resolution 33/25]
4. **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific** [HRC resolution 33/25]

In follow-up to my letter of 28 January 2019, and in accordance with paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, upon receipt of the Consultative Group's report, I have held broad consultations in particular through the regional coordinators and based on the recommendations of the Consultative Group, to ensure the endorsement of my proposed candidates.

Following my thorough consultations with States and other relevant stakeholders, I have decided to follow the first recommendation of the Consultative Group for all mandates.

For the position of **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Africa**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Belkacem LOUNES (Algeria)**.

In relation to the position of **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia**, I propose for appointment **Mr. Rodion SULTYANDZIGA (Russian Federation)**.

To all Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Office at Geneva



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With regard to the position of **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Erika YAMADA (Brazil)**.

As to the position of **Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), member from the Pacific**, I propose for appointment **Ms. Megan DAVIS (Australia)**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Consultative Group for their hard work and dedication, which has facilitated my efforts to identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy, and commend them for the seriousness with which they carried out their task.

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

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Coly SECK
President of the Human Rights Council

Enclosure



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List of four mandate holders

to be appointed at the 40th session of the Human Rights Council

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