

Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council

3 June 2020

I. Background

1. In paragraph 47 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Group comprised of Permanent Representatives identified by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandate in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.

2. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council are: His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Makaila (Chad), Her Excellency Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia), His Excellency Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain), Mr. Jiang Duan (China) and Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico). The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2020 and will end on 31 March 2021, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115. The group held its initial organizational meeting on 23 April 2020.

3. A total of four vacancies of special procedure mandate holders are to be filled at the Council's forty-fourth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):

1. **Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes** (HRC resolution 36/15)
2. **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression** (HRC resolution 34/18 and HRC decision 43/115)¹
3. **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** (HRC resolution 42/16)
4. **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children** (HRC resolution 35/5)¹

4. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for these four mandates. In its letter dated 20 May 2020, the Group informed the President of the Human Rights Council of the delayed submission of its report in view of the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Process

5. The application period for the submission of applications for the four mandates opened on 3 March, initially until 15 April 2020.

¹ The selection process for two of the four mandates is being conducted with the understanding that the appointment of these special procedure mandate holders will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.

6. In view of the unprecedented situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the application period was extended until 22 April 2020.
7. The Consultative Group considered 129 individual applications from 118 eligible candidates submitted for the aforementioned four vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21.² The applications of the eligible candidates were made public on the designated OHCHR web page³ as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I of this report).
8. The Consultative Group held 13 formal virtual meetings on 23 and 27 April and 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 27 May 2020 to organize its work and to consider and interview candidates for the aforementioned four vacancies. This included one meeting with interpretation.
9. In addition, the Consultative Group held two courtesy virtual meetings which have now become customary at the beginning of each new term of the Consultative Group: with the President of the Human Rights Council on 4 May and with the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures on 14 May 2020.
10. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would individually rank and propose a list of candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration. As a result of this ranking exercise, the Group established a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for the mandate.
11. In its organizational meeting of 23 April 2020, the Consultative Group decided that the chairing function for the interview and selection process for the entire period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 would be equally shared among its five members and would be determined by a drawing of lots. Consequently, the chairs for all the mandates foreseen to be filled during this cycle were drawn by lot on 27 April 2020. The chairing arrangements for the specific mandates under consideration are noted below under each respective mandate.
12. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102 and paragraph 22 of resolution 16/21, and also Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.
13. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by stakeholders including current or outgoing mandate holders in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for the mandates in question.⁴
14. On gender balance, the Consultative Group duly took note of the Guidelines on Gender Parity⁵ adopted by the 2015 Consultative Group, whereby a quota was established so as to list no more than three candidates out of five of the same sex. The current Consultative Group decided not to adopt

² Several candidates submitted applications for more than one mandate in this selection round.

³ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC44.aspx>

⁴ As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. Letter from the Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures to the Consultative Group on the selection process of special procedure mandate holders (dated 26 April 2020, see <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Welcomepage.aspx>).

⁵ Annex to the letter from the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council (dated 23 December 2015).

these Guidelines formally but committed to uphold the principle of gender parity and to strictly follow the spirit and recommendation of the guidelines to the extent possible.

15. The Consultative Group took note of the concern by Member States on equitable geographic representation and representation of different legal systems. The Consultative Group stressed that due consideration should be given to equitable geographic representation, as well as representation of different legal systems as stipulated in paragraph 40 of Council resolution 5/1.

16. The Consultative Group explored and discussed ways in which, during the selection process, language diversity, as part of the equitable geographical representation mentioned in paragraph 40 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, could be promoted. Fluency in more than one of the official United Nations languages was positively considered.

17. In connection with the aforementioned, the Consultative Group affirmed its commitment to ensuring that the most qualified candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration, that the process of selection is objective and transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and that the recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21.

18. The Consultative Group decided that regarding the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, or knows personally an eligible candidate, concerned members would recuse themselves completely from participating in any stage of the process of recommendation (shortlisting and/or interview and/or evaluation) at least while the said candidate was still under consideration in the subsequent stages of the selection process. However, the members concerned could be present and observe the whole process.

19. Based on the decision of the Consultative Group on the actual or perceived conflict of interest that may arise when a member of the Group has the same nationality as an eligible candidate, H.E. Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain) did not participate in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children. He also did not participate in the final evaluation of candidates for the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes. Mr. Jiang Duan (China) did not participate in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children. Ms. Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano did not participate in the initial shortlisting of the candidates to be interviewed for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

20. The Consultative Group discussed the issue of the impact of candidates lobbying members directly and decided to follow a self-disclosure procedure in situations where any member has been approached with regard to the applications of candidates. The Consultative Group decided to strongly discourage meetings of individual candidates with members of the Group, and inform candidates that this is the practice of the current Group. However, the Group decided that – if a meeting takes place – the candidate would be informed that its taking place and its contents would be shared with the

other members of the Group. This principled position is included in the frequently asked questions section on the OHCHR nomination and selection of special procedures website.⁶

21. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity as well as the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. These issues were clarified during interviews to ensure, inter alia, that if appointed, the candidate should state what steps he or she would be prepared to take with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest.

22. The Group held a total of 25 interviews with 25 shortlisted candidates for the aforementioned mandates (see annex II of this report for the list of interviewees per mandate). These interviews occurred on 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 27 May 2020, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and Council resolutions relating to the specific mandates under consideration.

23. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their interviews, pursuant to the President's statement PRST 29/1 of 3 July 2015. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates.

24. The decisions of the Consultative Group were taken by consensus.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

25. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Ms. Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia). There were 17 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the six candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate.

1. Marcos A. ORELLANA (M) (Chile)

2. Myra HIRD (F) (Canada)

3. Vito A. BUONSANTE (M) (Italy)

26. **Marcos A. Orellana** is a Professor of International Environmental Law at the George Washington University School of Law and a Professor of International Law at the American University Washington College of Law, United States of America, as well as an independent legal adviser on international environmental law. He previously established and led the Environment and Human Rights Division at Human Rights Watch. He also worked as director of the Human Rights and Environment Program at the Center for International Environmental Law. He represented the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean in the negotiations of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. He has collaborated with United Nations agencies and programmes and with human rights treaty bodies. Mr. Orellana has published extensively on issues concerning human rights and the environment. He holds a law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and a Master of Laws and a Doctor of Juridical Science from the American University

⁶ See <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>

Washington College of Law. Mr. Orellana indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, he would relinquish any position or consultancy contracts, should they give rise to any conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Orellana's engagement, solid expertise and vision addressing the challenges of the mandate, in particular the capacity to contextualize them in the human rights framework. It also noted his experience in working with the United Nations system and with a variety of stakeholders.

27. **Myra Hird** is a Professor of Environmental Studies at Queen's University, Canada, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. She was previously a visiting professor at the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon and the Linköping University, Sweden. She has held professorships in Canada, France, New Zealand, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. She has published extensively on a range of topics, particularly waste as a global social justice issue. Ms. Hird holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Western Ontario, a Bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Windsor, a Master's degree in social work from McGill University and a DPhil in sociology from Oxford University. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Hird's knowledge of, and expertise in, the subject and her ability to identify the issue of hazardous substances and wastes as a crosscutting issue. It also noted her experience and ability to engage with a variety of stakeholders and her expertise in gender equality.

28. **Vito A. Buonsante** is an Industry Professor of Global Health at the McMaster University, Canada, and an independent law and policy consultant to public interest organizations. He worked as the manager of the plastics program at Environmental Defence Canada. He also was a legal consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). He previously worked at ClientEarth, monitoring the enforcement of chemicals legislation in the European Union. Mr. Buonsante has authored academic and non-academic publications on environmental law and policy. He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Bari, Italy, and a diploma in globalization and human rights from the Erik Castrén Institute for Human Rights of the University of Helsinki, Finland. Mr. Buonsante indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, he would relinquish any position or consultancy contracts, should they give rise to any conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Mr. Buonsante's solid legal background in, and understanding of, the issues relating to the mandate and his experience within the United Nations system.

IV. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

29. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

30. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Jiang Duan (China). There were 48 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the seven candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following four candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below, with two candidates ranked equally and listed alphabetically in the third place.

1. Irene KHAN (F) (Bangladesh)

2. Nani JANSEN REVENTLOW (F) (Netherlands)

3. Agustina DEL CAMPO (F) (Argentina) and Fatou JAGNE SENGHORE (F) (Gambia)

31. **Irene Khan** was most recently Director General of the International Development Law Organization. Previously, she was the Secretary-General of Amnesty International and a Visiting Professor of human rights at the State University of New York. She also worked for over twenty years with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), both at headquarters and national offices. She has spoken before many United Nations bodies including the Human Rights Council, the General Assembly and in Arria-formula meetings of the Security Council. In 2019, she co-chaired the conference in preparation of the review of Sustainable Development Goal 16 and moderated the thematic panel on Sustainable Development Goal 16 at the high-level political forum on sustainable development. She has published widely on freedom of opinion and expression. Ms. Khan holds a Bachelor of Laws from Manchester University and a Master of Laws from Harvard University. She has also received eleven honorary doctorates from leading universities on four continents. The Consultative Group noted the vast knowledge and expertise of Ms. Khan in the area of the mandate, her clear vision of the challenges in its implementation and how these are linked to development. It also noted her experience as manager in different organizations in various regions and her constructive approach to cooperation.

32. **Nani Jansen Reventlow** is an Adjunct Professor at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and a Lecturer in Law at the Human Rights Institute of Columbia Law School. She is also the founding director of the non-profit organization Digital Freedom Fund, which supports strategic litigation to advance digital rights in Europe. Previously, she was a fellow at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. She was also the legal director of Media Legal Defence Initiative. She has represented clients before different regional and international courts and has engaged with the Human Rights Committee and with special procedure mandate holders. She has published extensively on freedom of expression and human rights. Ms. Jansen Reventlow holds Master's degrees in Dutch civil law and international and European law from the University of Amsterdam and a Master of Laws from Columbia Law School. Mr. Jansen Reventlow indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, she would step down from any of her current associations with non-governmental or other organizations, should they give rise to a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted her in-depth knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate as a human rights lawyer and legal adviser to a variety of stakeholders.

33. **Agustina Del Campo** is a Professor at the University of Palermo, Argentina, where she also directs the Centre for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information. She is also a guest expert at the Global Freedom of Expression project of Columbia University. Previously, she coordinated the Impact Litigation Project for Strengthening Democracy in Latin America at the American University Washington College of Law. She has provided legal advice to regional and international organizations on issues of freedom of expression and access to information. She has also collaborated with members of the Committee against Torture and special procedure mandate holders. She has authored and edited various publications on freedom of expression and access to information. She holds a law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina and a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies from the American University Washington College of Law. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate.

34. **Fatou Jagne Senghore** was the Regional Director of the Senegal and West Africa Office of the human rights organization Article 19 until 2020. She previously worked at the non-governmental organization Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa. She has litigated cases of freedom of expression before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Currently, she chairs the board of the Gambia Radio and Television Services and is a member of the steering committee of the Pan-African Human Rights Defenders Network. She is a regular media contributor on human rights issues in West Africa. Ms. Jagne Senghore holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Master's degree in international and European law and a Master of Laws in communications law from the Toulouse 1 Capitole University. Ms. Jagne Senghore indicated that, if appointed special procedure

mandate holder, she would relinquish any position or contracts, should the possibility of a conflict of interest arise. The Consultative Group noted her understanding of the challenges and practical experience in the area of the mandate.

V. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

35. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by Mr. Jiang Duan (China). There were 15 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the five candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Tlaleng MOFOKENG (F) (South Africa)

2. Aline ALBUQUERQUE (F) (Brazil)

36. **Tlaleng Mofokeng** is a Commissioner at the Commission for Gender Equality of South Africa. She worked as a medical director at the private practice DISA Clinic and as an independent medical consultant. She also worked as a senior medical officer at the Gauteng Department of Health. She was previously an adviser to the Technical Committee for the National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Framework Strategy in South Africa. She has collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) on health-related human rights matters in South Africa. She holds a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Ms. Mofokeng indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, she would relinquish any position in boards or consultancy contracts, should they give rise to a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Mofokeng's solid knowledge and expertise of the area of the mandate. It also noted her legal expertise, knowledge of the United Nations system and experience at regional level, ability to work with a variety of stakeholders, proven advocacy skills, commitment and expertise in gender equality. The candidate indicated a clear vision and focus to continue to further contribute to the development of the mandate.

37. **Aline Albuquerque** is a Professor of Human Rights Law and the coordinator of the Human Rights Clinic at the Faculty of Law of the University Centre of Brasília, a lecturer on Bioethics and Human Rights and the coordinator of the Observatory of Patients' Rights at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Brasília, as well as a guest lecturer at the Faculty of Public Health of the University of São Paulo. She also works as a legal adviser at the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights of Brazil. Previously, she worked as a legal adviser on health law and public policy at the Ministry of Health of Brazil. Ms. Albuquerque has published extensively on human rights law, especially on the right to health and patients' rights. She holds a Master of Laws from the State University of Rio de Janeiro and a Doctorate of Health Sciences from the University of Brasília. Ms. Albuquerque indicated that, if appointed special procedure mandate holder, she would withdraw from her position as legal adviser at the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights of Brazil and assume an academic position at the School of the General Attorney's Office in order to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Albuquerque's substantive and technical knowledge of the subject as well as her recognized expertise in the area of the mandate.

VI. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

38. The Consultative Group makes the below recommendations for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur with the understanding that the appointment will be made only provided that the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council.

39. Meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to this mandate were chaired by H.E. Mr. Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain). There were 49 eligible candidates for this vacancy. Of the seven candidates interviewed, the Consultative Group decided to recommend the following four candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

1. Siobhán MULLALLY (F) (Ireland)

2. Waldimeiry CORREA DA SILVA (F) (Brazil)

3. Mariana KATZAROVA (F) (Bulgaria)

4. Rhizlane BENACHIR (F) (Morocco)

40. **Siobhán Mullally** is the Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway. She is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. She was previously a Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. She also served as President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) of the Council of Europe. Ms. Mullally worked in Timor-Leste as an adviser on gender and human rights for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). She also investigated human trafficking and gender equality in Uganda on behalf of Irish Aid, Ireland's official international development aid programme, and reported on independence of the Judiciary in Pakistan on behalf of the International Bar Association. She has published widely on gender, human rights and human trafficking both in academic journals and in policy reports. She holds a Bachelor of Civil Law from University College Cork, a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a PhD in gender and international human rights law from the European University Institute, Italy. Ms. Mullally indicated that she would relinquish any position or contract if appointed special procedure mandate holder and if a conflict of interest were to arise. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge, expertise and vision addressing the challenges of the mandate. It also noted her experience in the field working with a variety of stakeholders and her expertise in gender equality.

41. **Waldimeiry Correa da Silva** is an Associate Professor and the Head of the Department of International Studies at the Loyola University Andalusia, Spain, where she teaches courses, inter alia, on Human Rights, Trafficking, Gender and Migration. She previously worked as an adviser at the National Committee against Trafficking in Persons (CONATRAP) attached to the Ministry of Justice and Public Security of Brazil. She has coordinated field research projects on trafficking in persons in Brazil, Honduras, Italy, Romania and Spain. She has conducted training courses on human rights and trafficking in persons in government and academia in El Salvador, Honduras and Spain. She has published extensively on human trafficking. She holds a Bachelor degree in International Relations from the Pontifical Catholic University of Goiás, Brazil, a Master of Laws and a PhD in International Law and Human Rights from the University of Seville. Ms. Correa da Silva indicated that she would renounce from participating in the activities of some non-governmental organizations if appointed special procedure mandate holder. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Correa da Silva's in-depth academic knowledge of trafficking and the capacity to identify the intersectionality between the mandate and other related areas.

42. **Mariana Katarova** is the founder and chair of the board of the non-governmental human rights organization RAW in WAR (Reach All Women in War). She is also a NORCAP Expert on combating human trafficking at the Norwegian Refugee Council. She was an adviser on human trafficking to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OCSE) where she developed guiding principles on human rights and trafficked persons. She previously worked as a researcher at Amnesty International. Ms. Katarova holds a Bachelor and a Master of Arts in journalism and communications from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria, a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and communications from Park University and a Master of Science in Journalism from Columbia University, United States of America. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Katarova’s engagement and expertise in the area of the mandate, experience within the United Nations system as well as ability to cooperate with a variety of stakeholders.

43. **Rhizlane Benachir** is an independent consultant at the firm Axetudes. She is also a founding member and current vice-president of the non-governmental organization Jossour Forum des Femmes Marocaines. She was previously the head of the International Cooperation Department at the Social Development Agency of Morocco. She has conducted training sessions on combating violence against women with social assistance and police agencies. Ms. Benachir holds a Bachelor and a Master in social and economic administration (AES) from the Paris Nanterre University. The Consultative Group noted Ms. Benachir’s experience and expertise in particular in the rights of women and her cooperative approach to stakeholders.

*Annex I - List of eligible candidates by mandate⁷***Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes**

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Mohamed	BEHNASSI	Morocco	M
Janet	BLAKE	Islamic Republic of Iran	F
Vito A.	BUONSANTE	Italy	M
Bertrand Francis	DOUALA	Cameroon	M
Myra	HIRD	Canada	F
José	JUSTE RUIZ	Spain	M
Daniel	MAGRAW	United States of America	M
Flaviana Charles	MAYUTTA	United Republic of Tanzania	F
Yahya Khamis	MSANGI	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Usha	NATARAJAN	Australia	F
Maria Belen	OLMOS	Argentina	F
Marcos A.	ORELLANA	Chile	M
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Nyakorema	RIOBA	United Republic of Tanzania	F
Ivana	SAVIC	Serbia	F
Gregory	ZOELLER	United States of America	M
R. Thomas	ZOELLER	United States of America	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Yaman	AKDENIZ	Turkey	M
Saer	AMMAR	Germany	M
Nabor Baltazar	ASSEY	United Republic of Tanzania	M
Renata	AVILA PINTO	Guatemala	F
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Guy	BERGER	South Africa	M
Veronika	BÍLKOVÁ	Czechia	F
Pavel	BUREŠ	Czechia	M
Justin	BUTTERFIELD	United States of America	M
John	CERONE	United States of America	M
Iveta	CHERNEVA	Bulgaria	F
Alfred	DE ZAYAS	Switzerland	M
Agustina	DEL CAMPO	Argentina	F

⁷ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Francesca	DEL MESE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Olivera	DOCEVSKA	North Macedonia	F
Elvira	DOMÍNGUEZ REDONDO	Spain	F
Ahmed	EL HAIMEUR	Morocco	M
Guillermo	ESCOBAR	Spain	M
Aaron Xavier	FELLMETH	United States of America	M
Juan	FERREIRO	Spain	M
Michelle	FERRIER	United States of America	F
Robin	GEISS	Germany	M
Joseph	GRIEBOSKI	United States of America	M
Sanjoy	HAZARIKA	India	M
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Fatou	JAGNE SENGHORE	Gambia	F
Nani	JANSEN REVENTLOW	Netherlands	F
Sarah	JOSEPH	Australia	F
Dieudonné	KALALA	Democratic Republic of the Congo	M
Irene	KHAN	Bangladesh	F
Damián	LORETI	Argentina	M
Flaviana Charles	MAYUTTA	United Republic of Tanzania	F
Guy	METTAN	Switzerland	M
Marko	MILANOVIC	Serbia	M
Kingdom Nnamdi	OKERE	Nigeria	M
Mamane	OUMARIA	Niger	M
Taylor	OWEN	Canada	M
Faiza	PATEL	Pakistan	F
Titipol	PHAKDEEWANICH	Thailand	M
Andrei	RICHTER	Russian Federation	M
Carlos	RUIZ MIGUEL	Spain	M
Susana	SANZ CABALLERO	Spain	F
Stuart	SCOTT	South Africa	M
Severin	SINDIZERA	Burundi	M
Rafael	TAMAYO-FRANCO	Colombia	M
Dire	TLADI	South Africa	M
Gayathry	VENKITESWARAN	Malaysia	F
Ralph	WILDE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Aline	ALBUQUERQUE	Brazil	F
Maria del Rocio	BARAHONA	Costa Rica	F
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M

Patrícia	DEPS	Brazil	F
Ion	DIACONU	Romania	M
Olivera	DOCEVSKA	North Macedonia	F
Guillermo	ESCOBAR	Spain	M
Aeyal	GROSS	Israel	M
Nuannuan	LIN	China	F
Cosette	MAIKY	Lebanon	F
Tlaleng	MOFOKENG	South Africa	F
June Caridad	PAGADUAN LOPEZ	Philippines	F
Danya	QATO	United States of America	F
Bernadett Mária	VARGA	Hungary	F
Raquel	VICENTE	Spain	F

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Lena	ALHUSSEINI	United States of America	F
Concepción	ANGUITA OLMEDO	Spain	F
Rhizlane	BENACHIR	Morocco	F
Loretta	BONDI'	Italy	F
Bakary	CAMARA	Mali	M
John	CERONE	United States of America	M
Iveta	CHERNEVA	Bulgaria	F
Susana	CHIAROTTI	Argentina	F
Marcelo Luis	COLOMBO	Argentina	M
Waldimeiry	CORREA DA SILVA	Brazil	F
Salima	DABBAOUI	Morocco	F
Bina	D'COSTA	Bangladesh	F
Francesca	DEL MESE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Sandhya	DREW	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
John	EDE	Nigeria	M
Nnenna	ELUWA	Nigeria	F
Saeed	FOTOHI NIA	Canada	Non-binary
Enakshi	GANGULY THUKRAL	India	F
Rachelle	GERSHUNI	Israel	F
Jonnatha Ivonne	GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ	Colombia	F
Abdelillah	HMIDOUCHE	Morocco	M
Patricia	HYNES	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Muhammad Muzahidul	ISLAM	Bangladesh	M
Mariana	KATZAROVA	Bulgaria	F
Archana	KOTECHA	Mauritius	F

Haina	LU	China	F
Helena	MALENO GARZON	Spain	F
David	MANCINI	Italy	M
Flaviana Charles	MAYUTTA	United Republic of Tanzania	F
Catherine	MBENGUE	Switzerland	F
Aidan	MCQUADE	Ireland	M
Siobhán	MULLALLY	Ireland	F
Francesca	NICODEMI	Italy	F
Tusa Bernard	NJWABA	United Republic of Tanzania	F
Justine	NOLAN	Australia	F
Kingdom Nnamdi	OKERE	Nigeria	M
Angela	OSPINA	Colombia	F
Carmen	PÉREZ GONZÁLEZ	Spain	F
Héctor	PÉREZ RIVERA	Mexico	M
Ryszard	PIOTROWICZ	Poland	M
Ruth Freedom	POJMAN	United States of America	F
Carmen	QUINTANILLA	Spain	F
Mehdia	RAISSOUNI	Morocco	F
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M
Caroline	ROBINSON	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	F
Mahya	SAFFARINIA	Islamic Republic of Iran	F
Ana	SALINAS DE FRIAS	Spain	F
Anna	SKARHED	Sweden	F
Olivia	SMITH	Barbados	F

Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group⁸

Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Vito A.	BUONSANTE	Italy	M
Myra	HIRD	Canada	F
José	JUSTE RUIZ	Spain	M
Usha	NATARAJAN	Australia	F
Marcos A.	ORELLANA	Chile	M
Seyed Hossein	REZVANI	Islamic Republic of Iran	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Iveta	CHERNEVA	Bulgaria	F
Alfred	DE ZAYAS	Switzerland	M
Agustina	DEL CAMPO	Argentina	F
Fatou	JAGNE SENGHORE	Gambia	F
Nani	JANSEN REVENTLOW	Netherlands	F
Irene	KHAN	Bangladesh	F
Marko	MILANOVIC	Serbia	M

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

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Aline	ALBUQUERQUE	Brazil	F
Kevin	BELL	Australia	M
Ion	DIACONU	Romania	M
Aeyal	GROSS	Israel	M
Tlaleng	MOFOKENG	South Africa	F

⁸ The list of mandates and of candidates is provided in alphabetical order.

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

First name	Last name	Nationality	Gender
Rhizlane	BENACHIR	Morocco	F
Marcelo Luis	COLOMBO	Argentina	M
Waldimeiry	CORREA DA SILVA	Brazil	F
Rachelle	GERSHUNI	Israel	F
Mariana	KATZAROVA	Bulgaria	F
David	MANCINI	Italy	M
Siobhán	MULLALLY	Ireland	F
