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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the President of the Human Rights Council and has the pleasure to transmit on behalf of the Consultative Group, the report of the Consultative Group to the President relating to the special procedures mandate holder to be appointed at the resumed 21st session of the Human Rights Council.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

31 October 2012

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**Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the
Special Procedures mandate holders to be appointed
at the resumed 21st session of the Human Rights Council**

I. Background

1. Following the resignation on 17 September 2012 of Ms. Mercedes Barquet, member for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), from the position of Member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice and further to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group established 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, has considered eligible candidates who applied for this vacancy. The current Members of the Consultative Group, who serve in their personal capacity pursuant to paragraph 49 of Annex to Council resolution 5/1, are H.E. Mohamed Ali Alhakim, Permanent Representative of Iraq; Ms. Harriet Elisabeth Berg, Minister-Councillor of the Permanent Mission of Norway; H.E. Umunna H. Orijako, Permanent Representative of Nigeria; H.E. Rodolfo Ryes Rodriguez, Permanent Representative of Cuba and H.E. Fedor Rosocha, Permanent Representative of Slovakia.

II. Process

2. The Consultative Group held 2 formal meetings on 25 and 29 October 2012 to consider candidates for the vacancy of the GRULAC Member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice to be appointed at the resumed twenty-first session of the Council. Based on a decision of the Consultative Group, H.E. Mohamed Ali Alhakim chaired the first meeting and H.E. Umunna H. Orijako chaired the second meeting of the Consultative Group.

3. The Consultative Group reviewed the applications of five candidates who submitted applications for the aforementioned vacancy in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Council resolution 16/21. The applications were made public on the designated web page of Special Procedures as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I).

4. The members of the Consultative Group took into consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in the Annex to Council resolution 5/1, in paragraphs 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 48 and 50, as well as in Council decision 6/102.

5. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would suggest a number of candidates based on the candidates' qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1 and decision 6/102.

6. The Group shortlisted a total of three candidates to interview. One of the three candidates, Ms. Ana AMUCHASTEGUI, informed the Consultative Group through the Secretariat that she wished to withdraw from the selection process. The Consultative Group interviewed the remaining two shortlisted candidates, as provided for in paragraph 22 (c) of Annex to Council resolution 16/21. The list is attached for information (see annex II). All the candidates were interviewed by telephone, and were asked identical questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolutions 5/1, 16/21 and decision 6/102 as outlined above.

III. Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President

1. Member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in practice

7. The Consultative Group considered that there were two candidates best qualified to fulfil the mandate. In light of the Group's assessment, it decided to recommend the following candidates, in order of preference:

1. Ms. Susana CHIAROTTI

2. Ms. Patricia OLAMENDI

8. Ms. Chiarotti is a professor teaching a post-graduate degree course on gender and the law at the National University of Rosario in Argentina. She has a strong human rights background with several decades of experience at the international, regional and national levels in women's rights and gender issues. She collaborated on the drafting of several treaty monitoring bodies' General Comments, including CEDAW, and she participated in the Vienna and Beijing world conferences and their follow-up. Regionally, she is a member of the Organisation of American States' Committee of Experts on Violence against Women, and as the regional coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM) she supported communications to the Human Rights Committee and the Inter American Commission on Human Rights on behalf of women from countries in the region. She is the Founder and Director of the Institute of Gender, Law and Development (INSGENAR) which focuses on human rights education from a gender-sensitive perspective and she organised numerous training activities at national and regional levels, and engaged directly with the Human Rights Committee and the CEDAW Committee. She was a member of the Secretary General's Advisory Group for the UN Women report "Progress of the world's women: in pursuit of justice (2011)" and the Secretary-General's 2006 in-depth study "Ending violence against women: from words to action".

9. Ms. Olamendi is a lawyer and independent human rights and gender consultant providing legal advice to Government, non-governmental organisations and international agencies on the right to justice, women's rights and discrimination based on gender. She is also a university lecturer at the Universidad Iberoamericana and the National University of Mexico. She has some 25 years of experience on trying to change legislation and promote equality in Mexico, and countries in the region, such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica. She was the Legal Coordinator of the Citizen Commission against Discrimination in Mexico, participating in the elaboration of the Federal Act to prevent and punish discrimination. She was the Coordinator of the follow-up mechanism of the Inter-American Convention to Prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women "Convention of Belen Do Para" of the Organization of American States. In addition, she is actively involved in organizing trainings and workshops with civil society on women's human rights.

Annex I List of candidates who submitted application

Member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice

<u>Candidates</u>			<u>Nationality</u>
Ms.	Ana	AMUCHASTEGUI	Mexico
Ms.	Ketleine	CHARLES	Haiti
Ms.	Susana	CHIAROTTI	Argentina
Mr.	Rishi	DASS	Trinidad and Tobago
Ms.	Patricia	OLAMENDI	Mexico

Annex II List of candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group

Member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice

Candidates

Nationality

Ms.	Susana	CHIAROTTI	Argentina
Ms.	Patricia	OLAMENDI	Mexico