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The Human Rights Council Secretariat has the honor to recall, further to its information Note of 23 October 2007, all Permanent Missions to the United Nations, Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights system, international organizations or their offices, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, that information concerning the submission of candidates for inclusion on the public list with respect to special procedures mandate-holders may be found on the internet site of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

(http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm).

The Consultative Group established to propose to the President, at least one month before the beginning of the session in which the Council would consider the selection of mandate-holders, a list of candidates, who possess the highest qualifications for the mandates in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements, has informed the Secretariat that for organizational and logistical reasons it shall be able to consider for appointment at the 7th Session of the Human Rights Council (3 to 28 March 2008) those candidates received by the Secretariat as at 28 January 2008. All other candidates will continue to be considered for inclusion in the public list and their inclusion for consideration for appointment during subsequent sessions. The Consultative Group also noted that nominating entities are encouraged to particularly take into account gender balance.

As indicated in the Information Note of 23 October, candidatures to special procedures mandates may reach the Secretariat at the following address: hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org or HRC Secretariat, c/o Orest Nowosad (Mailing address: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Room 4-093, Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10; Tel: +41(0)22 917 9223; Fax: +41(0)22 917 9011).

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