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Agenda item 1

Organizational and procedural matters

Election of a member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, composed of 18 experts serving in their personal capacity and nominated by States Members of the United Nations following States' consultations with national human rights institutions and civil society organizations, are to be elected by the Council by secret ballot from the list of candidates whose names have been submitted in accordance with the agreed requirements.
2. The geographic distribution of members is as follows:
 - (a) Five from African States;
 - (b) Five from Asia-Pacific States;
 - (c) Two from Eastern European States;
 - (d) Three from Latin American and Caribbean States;
 - (e) Three from Western European and other States.
3. At its sixth session, the Council adopted decision 6/102 on follow-up to Council resolution 5/1, in which it described the technical and objective requirements for the submission of candidatures, which include:
 - (a) Recognized competence and experience in the field of human rights;
 - (b) High moral standing;
 - (c) Independence and impartiality.
4. When selecting their candidates, States are requested to apply the following guidelines on technical and objective requirements for the submission of their candidates:
 - (a) Competence and experience:

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- (i) Academic studies in the field of human rights or related areas, and/or experience and exposure to leadership roles in the human rights field at the national, regional or international levels;
 - (ii) Substantial experience (at least five years) and personal contributions in the field of human rights;
 - (iii) Knowledge of the United Nations system and of institutional mandates and policies related to the work in the area of human rights, as well as knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and disciplines; familiarity with different legal systems and civilizations will be preferable;
 - (iv) Proficiency in at least one official language of the United Nations;
 - (v) Availability of time to fulfil the work of the Advisory Committee in an effective manner, both to attend its sessions and to carry out mandated activities between sessions.
- (b) High moral standing;
- (c) Independence and impartiality: individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or any other organization or entity which might give rise to a conflict of interest with responsibilities inherent to the mandate will be excluded; elected members of the Advisory Committee will act in their personal capacity;
- (d) Other considerations: the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at the same time is to be respected.
5. In electing members of the Advisory Committee, the Council should give due consideration to gender balance and appropriate representation of different civilizations and legal systems.
6. At its seventh session, the Council conducted the first elections of the 18 members of the Advisory Committee. Four members were elected for a one-year term, seven for a two-year term and seven for a three-year term.
7. At its thirty-third session, the Council elected, in accordance with its annual programme of work, Advisory Committee members for seven vacant seats: two for African States, two for Asia-Pacific States, one for Eastern European States, one for Latin American and Caribbean States and one for Western European and other States.
8. Following the resignation of Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu, who had been elected for a three-year term to the Advisory Committee on 26 September 2014 at the twenty-seventh session of the Council, the Council will hold, at its thirty-fourth session, elections for the vacant seat of a member of the Advisory Committee from the Group of Eastern European States. The new member will be elected for the remainder of the term of Ms. Crăciunean-Tatu.
9. Pursuant to paragraph 71 of Council resolution 5/1, the list of candidates is to be closed two months prior to the election date, and the secretariat is to make available the list of candidates and relevant information to Member States and the public at least one month prior to the election.
10. On 18 October 2016, the secretariat of the Council addressed a note verbale to the regional coordinator concerned to encourage proposals of candidates, informing them that the deadline for submission of nominations was 21 November 2016, which was later extended to 15 December 2016.
11. Further to this, the secretariat received from the Government of Romania the nomination of one candidate.

12. The nomination received is listed below; biographical data relating to the candidate are contained in the annex.*

Eastern European States

<i>Nominating State</i>	<i>Expert nominated</i>
Romania	Ion Diaconu

* The annex to the present document is circulated as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex*

Ian Diaconu (Romania)

Date of birth: 23 October 1938

Nationality: Romanian

Civil status: Married, two children

Studies:

1956-1960 Bachelor of Law — Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania

1965-1968 PhD studies — University of Geneva, Switzerland

1971 PhD in International Law — University of Geneva, Switzerland

Professional activities:

October 2013 to present

University Spiru Haret, Bucharest

Professor Associate main topics — “The right of fundamental freedoms” and “Public international law” University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law;

Professor Associate coordinator for master studies in “International Responsibility of States”;

2010-2013 University Spiru Haret, Bucharest

Professor Associate main topics — “Juridical protection of human rights”, “Diplomatic and consular relations”, “European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations”;

2008-2010 University Spiru Haret, Bucharest

Professor-Lecturer, main topics — “Juridical protection of human rights”, “Diplomatic and Consular Law” and “International Relations in Modern and Contemporary Times”, “European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations”;

2006-2008 Spiru Haret University, Bucharest

Professor-Lecturer main topics — “Juridical Protection of Human Rights” and “European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations”;

2005-2008 Commission on Foreign Policy;

Chamber of Deputies — Parliament of Romania;

Chief Adviser;

1960-2005 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Ambassador of Romania to Denmark;

Ambassador of Romania to the Russian Federation;

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Director General, Legal Department;
 Director General Consular Affairs Department;
 Director General, Department for Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 Deputy Director, International Organizations and Legal Department;
 Diplomatic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York;
 Diplomatic Counsellor, Embassy of Romania in Brussels.

Academic activities:

1990-1993 National School of Political and Administrative Studies
 Professor International Law Studies;
 2001-2006 National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Romanian Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 Faculty of History - University of Bucharest;
 Faculty of Law and Administrative Studies — “Dimitrie Cantemir” University;
 Professor-Lecturer of International Law;
 1993-2001 Miscellaneous lectures on human rights issues in Copenhagen, Oslo, Lund, Stockholm and Moscow.

Participation in major international conferences:

1963 Vienna, Conference for the codification of consular law;
 1972-1975 Helsinki and Geneva, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 2009 Geneva Review Conference on the implementation of Durban documents;
 2001 Durban, World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
 1999 Sankt Petersburg, United Nations meeting, Decade of International Law;
 1996 Copenhagen, World Conference on Social Development;
 1988 United Nations Commission on Human Rights;
 1986 Vienna, General Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation;
 1985 Ottawa, Meeting on Human Rights, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1980 Madrid, General meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1978 Belgrade, General meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1964, 1981-1985, sessions of the General Assembly of the U.N. and other U.N. bodies in New York;

Membership of international legal bodies:

2013-2016 Member of the Committee for Regional or Minority Languages, Council of Europe;

2012-2016	Member Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, of the United Nation Economic Commission for Europe – UNECE;
2012-2015	Member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
2008-2011	Member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Rapporteur of the Committee;
2002-2003	Chairman of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
1991-2002	Member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
1988-2002	Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
1988-1991	Member of the U.N. Sub commission for the Protection of Minorities and the Prevention of Discrimination;

Scientific activities and publications:

- Imperative Norms of International Law (Jus Cogens), 1971 (in French language), 1977 (in Romanian language);
- Handbook on Public International Law, 1993 (in Romanian language), 1995 — second edition, 2010 - third edition;
- Human Rights (in Romanian language), 1993;
- Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law (2001 — in Romanian language);
- Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law, theory and practice (in Romanian language — 2010);
- Juridical Protection of Human Rights, 2007 and 2010 — in Romanian language;
- Minorities — Status and Prospects, 1996 — in Romanian language;
- Minorities — Identity and Equality, 1998 — in Romanian language;
- Minorities in the Third Millennium, 1999 — in Romanian language;
- Minorities in International Law, 2001 — in English language;
- Minorities from Non-Discrimination to Identity, 2004 — in English, published with financial support of UNESCO;
- Minorities in the Contemporary International Law, 2009 — in Romanian language;
- European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations, 2009, second edition 2011 — in Romanian language;
- International Relations in Modern and Contemporary Times, 2008 — in Romanian language;
- Treaties of international law, vol. I (Introduction and Sources), 2002 — in Romanian language;
- Treaties of international law, vol. II (Representation, Spaces and Population), 2003 — in Romanian language;
- Treaties of international law, vol. III (Economic Relations and Ways and Means of International Cooperation, 2005-in Romanian language;
- The International Criminal Court — a new stage, 2002 — in English language;

- Racial Discrimination, 2005 — in Romanian language;
- Racial Discrimination, 2007 — in English, published by the UNDP Office of Bucharest;
- Racial Discrimination, 2011 — in English, published by Eleven Publishers, The Hague;
- Culture and Human Rights, 2012, in Romanian language, Ed. Pro Universitaria;
- International Responsibility in International Law, 2013, in Romanian language, Ed. Pro Universitaria;
- Introduction to public international law, 2014, in Romanian language, Ed. Pro Universitaria;
- Speaking Different, Living Together; Linguistic Rights, Ed. Al Ata, 2015;
- La Culture et les Droits de L'homme, 2015, Le Harmattan, Edilivre, Paris;
- More than 100 studies and articles on different issues of international law and human rights in Romanian language and foreign publications and books, in Romanian language, English and French.

Languages:

Romanian — native;

English, French and Russian — Full professional proficiency.
