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Subject: Extension of the deadline for applications for four vacancies of mandate holders to be appointed at the 44th session of the Human Rights Council

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to inform them that, further to its note verbale dated 3 mars 2020, **the deadline to apply for the following four posts of the mandate holders to be appointed at the forty-fourth session of the Council (15 June to 3 July 2020) has been extended to 22 April 2020 at 12 noon Greenwich Mean Time / GMT, due to the exceptional circumstances related to COVID19:**

- 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)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**

Additional information on the selection and appointment procedure is available at the following web page: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx>

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies the assurances of its highest consideration.

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¹ The appointment of these special procedure mandate holders will be made provided the mandates themselves are extended by the Human Rights Council.