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Subject: <u>Call for applications for the vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on the</u> independence of judges and lawyers

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 the vacancy of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/HRC/RES/26/7) has to be filled following the resignation of the current mandate holder on 31 August 2016.

Individual applications, including a motivation letter, must be submitted and received by <u>4 October 2016 (12 noon GMT)</u> through the on-line application procedure, which consists of (1) an online survey and (2) an application form in Word format. Updated information on the selection and appointment of special procedures and EMRIP mandate holders and the online application procedure is available at the following web page: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx

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