

Second Part: Word Format APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT APPLICATION FORM SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATES

How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based application and the second part is an application form in word which can be downloaded, completed and returned by email. Both parts and all sections of the application form should be filled in for the application to be processed.

The **first part**, i.e. the [Web-based application](#) is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate/s applying for and nominating entity. **The web-based application should only be completed once**, i.e. multiple selection allowed to indicate if the candidate is applying for more than one mandates.

This is the **second part** of the application form in Word format which can be downloaded, completed and saved in word format and then submitted as an attachment by email. Information provided in this form, includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words, will be used as received to prepare the public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy and will be made available to concerned parties, including through the Council extranet.

Once completed the application form in Word format should be submitted by email to hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org

If the candidate is applying for more than one mandates, an application form needs to be completed and sent for each mandate.

- A maximum of 3 reference letters can be attached, in pdf format, to the application sent by email. No additional document is required.
- **Application Deadline: 31st July 2011 (midnight, GMT).**
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

Kindly contact us only by regular mail or fax (if encountering technical difficulties):

Regular mail: The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, OHCHR, Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix, CH-1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland
or Fax: (+ 41 22 917 9011).

PERSONAL DATA

Family Name: SUNDBÄCK	Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
First Name: VELI	Date of birth (d-MMM-yy): 29-May-46
Maiden name (if any):	Place of birth: Helsinki
Middle name:	Nationality(ies): Finland

I. MANDATE

Indicate the specific mandate applied for:

Note: **Please select ONE only.** If you are applying for more than one mandate, please submit a separate form for each mandate.

- 1. Working Group on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- 2. Independent Expert on Cote d'Ivoire
- 3. Working Group on Mercenaries (candidates for this mandate must be nationals of a country from the Western European and Other group)

II. MANDATE - SPECIFIC COMPETENCE/QUALIFICATION/KNOWLEDGE

NOTE: Please describe why the candidate's competence/qualifications/knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:

<p>QUALIFICATIONS (200 words) Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)</p>	<p>Master of Law (LL.M) degree at the University of Helsinki</p> <p>Relevant knowledge of public international law and private law as well</p> <p>Relevant knowledge of English, French and German languages</p>
<p>RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words) Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired). Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations' work in the area of human rights. (Please state how this was acquired). Proven work experience in the field of human rights. (Please state years of experience).</p>	<p>Impressive working experience in public and private sector in the field of state and corporate responsibility incl. human right issues.</p> <p>Relevant expertise and knowledge of international human rights law and institutions incl UN system based on long diplomatic career.</p> <p>Proven practical work experience in the field of corporate responsibility incl human rights in practice.</p> <p>See CV.</p>
<p>ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words) Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such</p>	<p>Established competence related to role of state and business in human rights issues recognized at national and international level due to career in public and private sector.</p>

<p>competence was acquired).</p>	
<p>FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words) to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. (Indicate whether candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approx. three months per year to the work of a mandate)</p>	<p>As retired person who is still serving in various trustee position flexibility and readiness to serve in such UN mandate position.</p>

III. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills

<u>Languages</u>	<u>Read</u>		<u>Write</u>		<u>Speak</u>	
	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>	<u>Easily</u>	<u>Not Easily</u>
<u>Arabic</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Chinese</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>English</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>French</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Russian</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Spanish</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Mother tongue: Finnish/Swedish</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)

In the UN work related to human rights and business, the division of different roles of public and private sector must be first understood.

The role of state is the most important in the field of human rights. States are the primary duty-bearers for human rights under international law. Governments have an obligation to protect against any abuses by third parties through the implementation of appropriate regulatory frameworks, as stated by John Ruggie as the UN Special Representative.

The primacy of the role of states for protecting and promoting human rights is well accepted. However, in some parts of the world, for lack of political will or institutional capacity, some governments cannot or will not assume their roles in protecting human rights.

All kinds of companies operating in these areas, must have same responsibilities towards human rights as they do elsewhere. But it is clear that business alone cannot address the challenges affecting weak governance zones. Only governments have ability to achieve that. In such circumstances, improvements may be achieved by initiatives from outside incl. effective dialogue among governments and involvement of intergovernmental institutions etc. Effective action may also require co-operation with business and other non-state actors.

Business has a clear role to play in promoting good human rights practices. Through their normal business activities of investing in people and capital, producing goods and providing services, companies often make major contributions to the improvement of living conditions which are essential to enjoyment of economic and social rights. Today growing number of companies are supporting the idea that acting good corporate citizens makes good business sense.

Unfortunately, there is not always one fits for all solution in human rights issues from governmental and business perspectives. Therefore, it would be the most important that in the further work of the UN in the field of human rights and business these challenges are deeply and largely understood.

Mr. Veli Sundbäck ' personal expertise and established competence based on impressive career both in public and private sector will give him an extra ordinary capacity to act as member in such UN Working Group on Human Rights and Business. His international contacts among public and private sector would also be very useful for the succesful work of such UN body.

V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate's academic qualifications: (university level and higher)

Name of degree and name of academic institution	Years of Attendance	Place and Country
Master of Law, University of Helsinki		Helsinki, Finland

VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held, beginning with the most recent one:

Name of Employer Functional Title Main functions of position	Years of Attendance/ Work	Place and Country
Nokia Corporation, Executive Vice President, Corporate Relations and Responsibility	10	Espoo, Finland
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Secretary of State	3	Helsinki, Finland
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Under Secretary of State for External Economic Relations	3	Helsinki, Finland
Different diplomatic posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	26	Brussels, Geneva

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS (of Council Resolution 5/1)

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause him/her to limit the extent of their inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

No

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate's ability to act independently in discharging his/her mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in that past, that could call into question the candidate's moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which she/he discharges his mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the Annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1?

Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.

Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate-holders will act in their personal capacity

Yes

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, he/she will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

No need for any action at the moment

You will receive an acknowledgment when we receive both parts of the application process, i.e. the information through the Web-based application and the Word application form by email.

Thank you for your interest.