

## Second Part: Word APPLICATION FORM FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATE HOLDERS

### Special Rapporteur on the right to food

How to start the application process:

- The application process has been split into 2 parts, the first part is a Web-based survey 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 survey](#) 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 survey 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, i.e.** of the application form in Word 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 OHCHR Internet.

Once completed the application form in Word should be submitted by email to [hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org](mailto: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: 14 November 2013 (midnight, GMT).**
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.

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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Family Name: Elver	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
First Name: Hilal	Date of birth ( d-MMM-yy): 29-Nov-53
Maiden name (if any):	Place of birth: Istanbul
Middle name:	Nationality(please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Turkish
	Any other nationality: U.S.A.

**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>I have a law degree, and a PhD. in Comparative and European Law from the University of Ankara Faculty of Law, and the second doctoral degree in human rights and American Law from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Law School. I taught international human rights, environmental and international law in various countries, including Turkey(1985-1994), Malta (1994-1996), Vietnam (1998), and several universities in the United States (Rutgers Law School,1999-2001; Chapman Law School, and University of California Santa Barbara (2002-2013). Besides my academic writing and teaching experiences, I worked with the Turkish government as a legal advisor in human rights related areas (Women's Rights and Environment between 1988-1993). Then, I was appointed by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) as the chair of Environmental Diplomacy at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta (1994-1996).</p>
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	<p>Throughout my career, I have done extensive work with human right NGOs in Turkey such as, Contemporary Life, Human Rights Foundation, Doctors Worlwide, Journalists and Writers Foundation; in the United States, Human Rights Watch. I have oral and writing language fluency in Turkish (mother thounge) and English (proficiency), by education, teaching, academic writings, public speaking, an</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>My work is on human rights instruments, and intersection with human security. For example:          1) I Am part of the UN University research project on How the World look like in 2030, and authored "Climate Change, Extreme Poverty, and Food Security," I tied two UN Human Rights Covenants; Rio Declarion on Environment and Development 1992; and UN Convention on Climate Change(UNFCCC).          2) As Co-Director of the "Climate Change, Human Security and Democracy" project at UCSB, I draw attention again the connection between human rightst instruments and UNFCCC, the UN Declarations on Least Developed Countries (LDC), Rio +20 principles, and the UNHR Council's resoulution on Human Rights and Environment. I organized, workshops (in many countries) on food security for vulnerable populations.          3) I was one of the co-authors of the "Alternative Declaration of the UN IV Summit on LDCs" Istanbul, 2011.          4) My publications draw directly on UN international human rights documents and its implementations. This includes the highly regarded, co-edited five-volume Human Rights: Critical Concepts in Political Science (2007), as well as my own publications on women's economic and</p>

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	<p>social rights, right to access clean water, and right to food. 5) I teach Human Rights Documents and Practices; Environmental Rights; Women's Rights.</p>
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<p><b>ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE</b> (200 words) Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired).</p>	<p>I have acquired competence in human rights law through teaching, conducting academic research and working for the Turkish government being a legal advisor to the Turkish Ministry of Environment (1989-1991); the legal advisor to the Office of Primeminister on Women Righthst (1988-1993); being the head of the harmonization committee of the EU regulation on environment (1992-1993); working with the State Ministry on reform on women rights (1992-93).</p> <p>I had the chance working closely with the UNEP (1994-1996) when I was a chair on Environmental Diplomacy at the University of Malta. I participated in several negotiations on international agreement at the stage of making (ECE Transboundary Rivers Agreement, UN Convention on Elimination of Illegal Traffic of Hazardous Materials). This gave me a great deal of competence working on and being part of an international law making and negotiation. My most relevant and most recent position in relation to human rights and extreme poverty and right to food involved working with the Intellectual Forum of the UN Least Developed Countries; and conducting the project on climate change and human security. I obtained a wide range of skill on doing research, conducting interviews, report writing and team working.</p>
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<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>I am currently a research professor at the University of California Santa Barbara, conducting an ongoing project on Climate Change Human Security and Democracy. My research responsibilities enables me to work on reports, and engaging closely with a variety of stakeholders. Many of the research and meetings under this project is very closely connected with mandates' tasks.</p> <p>Currently, I have no teaching obligations. This provides ample flexibility to travel, when/if necessary. I divide my time between Turkey and the United States. This gives me opportunity to work closely with regional and national NOGs and other institutions in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas. I am definitely in a position to spend more than three months. Moreover, my home institution University of California is one of the largest, and academically highly qualified universities in the U.S. and worldwide. I will have a strong institutional and academic support from well qualified colleagues and voluntary undergraduate and graduate students to work with me on the mandate.</p> <p>I believe my current position not only allows me to have flexibility, availability and readiness for the mandate, but also enables me to work with a highly qualified people</p>

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**III. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills**

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

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#### IV. Motivation Letter (600 word limit)

My strong interest in the right to food arose from three areas of work that I have been doing for many years: women's rights, climate change and least developed countries. My approach to food security and right to food thus lies squarely in relation to the implementation of development, environmental, gender, and human rights related policies. For example, as the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has documented, volatile food prices are inextricably linked to the extreme weather produced by climate change. Similarly, food malnutrition and stunting are aggravated by gender disparities in access to, and use of, cash: repeated studies have documented that in low-resource settings, children are better nourished when their mothers, as opposed to their fathers alone, have access to cash. This dynamic is a critical determinant of children's potential in many least developed countries, where up to 75% of family income is needed for food.

My effort as SR, building on the prior work of the Human Rights Council and SRs, is therefore to mainstream the fundamental right to food not only in the poverty-reduction sector but across social and environmental sectors. Moreover, I would seek to make implementation increasingly actionable by civil society. Among the strategies I would address as part of the mandate are the following:

1. **ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT:** In Rio+ 20 the High Commissioner of Human Rights called for global commitments in human rights and double accountability mechanisms to be put in a place to ensure countries are held responsible for their action. In May 2013 the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR entered into force. It grants individuals and to State Parties the right to submit communications and provides an inquiry procedure for grave or systematic violations. I would call attention to these new mechanisms to ensure that States and stakeholders are made aware.
2. **TREATING ACCESS TO FOOD AS A LEGAL ENTITLEMENT:** Right to food should be justiciable. A growing number of national laws on food security improve accountability, and enable the participation of civil society and those affected by hunger and malnutrition in decision-making and the monitoring of results. For instance, India recently adopted a landmark law on food security. South Africa, Kenya, Mexico and Niger have acted. This welcome trend needs to be extended.
3. **ENHANCING GENDER ROLE:** I would advance a comprehensive agenda for mainstreaming gender into food security initiatives and vice versa. In



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addition to expanding women's access to cash, for the benefit of family nutrition, women have specific additional nutritional needs related to their reproductive roles. Over the medium term, greater educational opportunities for women and girls can contribute to improved food security.

4. **ENSURING CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY:** Food industry and agribusiness should be monitored to ensure corporate responsibility, and to protect small farmers. My effort as SR would be to find the best ways to reconcile an overriding commitment to equitable and sustainable global economic growth with food security.

5. **STOP FOOD WASTAGE:** While more than 800 million people endure lifelong hunger, one-third of all food produced is wasted. Efforts to reduce such waste must be an element of any food security mandate.

I am deeply committed to contributing to these goals, and believe the UN Human Rights Council is on the right track. My past work and present aspirations give me a strong desire to shape global policy relating to the right to food. My commitment is to report accurately on disappointments as well as achievements within the scope of the mandate.

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**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

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

<b>Name of degree and name of academic institution</b>	<b>Years of Attendance</b>	<b>Place and Country</b>
Advanced Doctoral Degree in Law, University of California, School of Law ( UCLA)	2006	2009
PhD in Private Law- European Legal System, University of Ankara, Faculty of Law	1976	1984
Law Degree, University of Ankara Faculty of Law	1970	1974

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**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
University of California Santa Barbara, Research Professor and co-director of the Climate Change, Human Security and Democracy Project: Conducting research, organizing regional conferences, publishing papers and books, networking with universities, NGOs and international Organizations.	2009-	UC Santa Barbara U.S.A.
University of California Santa Barbara, Global and International Studies, Distinguished Visiting Professor: Teaching International Human Rights Law, International Law, International Environmental Law	2002-2009	UC Santa Barbara U.C.S.B
Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta: Professor of Law and UNEP Chair: Teaching environment and human rights to young diplomats in the developing Mediterranean countries.	1994-1996	Malta
University of Ankara, Faculty of Law, Assist and Assoc. Professor: Teaching Comparative Law, European Union Law, Human Rights and Environmental law. During this period I was also appointed by the Turkish government as the founding legal advisor of the Ministry of environment (1989-1991); and the legal advisor and General Director of Women Rights and Status (1991-1993)	1985-1994	U. of Ankara Turkey

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**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*

NO

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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

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Thank you for your interest.