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*Chair:* Ms. Bird ..... (Australia)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.*

# **Agenda item 117: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**

1. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot, to paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, and to paragraph 47 of General Assembly resolution 71/323 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

## **(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/73/101/Rev.1; A/C.5/73/4)**

2. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and inviting the Assembly to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 1 January 2019 (A/73/101/Rev.1), and communicating the names of six persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (A/C.5/73/4).

3. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, she took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

4. *Mr. Ahoussoubemey (Benin) and Mr. Augusto (Angola), for the African States, Mr. Humennyi (Ukraine), for the Eastern European States, and Mr. Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), for the Latin American and Caribbean States, were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

5. **The Chair**, drawing the Committee's attention to rules 132 and 128 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Asia-Pacific States.

6. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Bridges (Australia), Ms. Ikerionwu (Nigeria) and Ms. Sanabria de Montiel (Paraguay) acted as tellers.*

7. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	191
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	191
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	190
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Al Kumaim (Yemen)	124
Mr. Park Hae-yun (Republic of Korea)	66

8. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Al-Kumaim (Yemen) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

## **(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/73/102; A/C.5/73/5)**

9. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and inviting the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2018 (A/73/102), and communicating the names of five persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (A/C.5/73/5). The nomination of an additional member to fill the remaining vacancy for the Eastern European States beginning on 1 January 2019 had been postponed.

10. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States did not exceed the number of vacancies for those groups, she took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

11. *Mr. Mule (Kenya) for the African States, Mr. Ali (Pakistan) and Mr. Ozawa (Japan) for the Asia-Pacific States, Mr. Saar (Estonia) for the Eastern European States, and Mr. Schaefer (United States of America), for the Western European and other States, were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

**(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee**  
(A/73/103; A/C.5/73/6)

12. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and inviting the General Assembly to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of two persons to fill vacancies on the Investments Committee beginning on 1 January 2019 (A/73/103), and submitting the name of one person for confirmation of appointment by the General Assembly for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (A/C.5/73/6).

13. Since the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, she took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the candidate's appointment.

14. *The Committee recommended by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Ms. Honda (Japan) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

**(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission**

**(i) Appointment of members of the Commission**  
(A/73/104; A/C.5/73/7)

15. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission and inviting the General Assembly to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Commission on 31 December 2018 (A/73/104), and communicating the names of six persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (A/C.5/73/7).

16. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, she took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

17. *Mr. Bangali (Sierra Leone) and Mr. Kurer (Libya), for the African States, Mr. Winid (Poland), for the Eastern European States and Ms. Bechtel (France), for the Western European and other States, were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service*

*Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

18. **The Chair**, drawing the Committee's attention to rules 132 and 128 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

19. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Dong (Singapore), Ms. Ikerionwu (Nigeria) and Mr. Ramazanov (Ukraine) acted as tellers.*

20. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	193
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	192
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	191
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Gardner (Jamaica)	103
Ms. Barbosa Lima Côrtes (Brazil)	88

21. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Gardner (Jamaica) was recommended for reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

**(ii) Designation of the Chair of the Commission**  
(A/C.5/73/7/Add.1)

22. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to article 2 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission and invited the General Assembly to designate a Chair to fill the vacancy that would arise in the Commission on 1 January 2019. In his note on the designation of the Chair of the Commission (A/C.5/73/7/Add.1), the Secretary-General communicated the name of two persons nominated by their respective Governments to serve as Chair of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019.

23. **The Chair**, drawing the Committee's attention to rules 132 and 128 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate to recommend for designation as Chair of the Commission.

24. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Dong (Singapore), Ms. Ikerionwu (Nigeria) and Mr. Ramazanov (Ukraine) acted as tellers.*

25. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	193
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	192
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	190
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Djacta (Algeria)	97
Mr. Zahid (Morocco)	93

26. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Djacta (Algeria) was recommended for designation as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2019.*

*The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.*