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*Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions:* Mr. Ruiz Massieu

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 114: 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 and to paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/101; A/C.5/70/5)

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, 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 2016 (A/70/101), 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 2016 (A/C.5/70/5).

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, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

4. *Mr. Sene (Senegal) and Mr. Seyoum (Eritrea), 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 2016.*

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

6. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Ben-Ezra (Israel), Mr. Kantor (Slovakia) and Ms. Pereira Sotomayor (Ecuador) acted as tellers.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	182
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	182
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	180
<i>Required majority:</i>	91
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Omaish (Jordan):	129
Mr. Al-Musawi (Iraq):	51

8. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Omaish (Jordan) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2016.*

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/70/102; A/C.5/70/6)

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 1 January 2016 (A/70/102), 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 2016 (A/C.5/70/6).

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 corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

11. *Mr. Tawana (South Africa), for the African States, Mr. Ali (Pakistan) and Mr. Ozawa (Japan), for the Asia-Pacific States, Ms. Dinić (Croatia) and Mr. Saar (Estonia), for the Eastern European States and Mr. Faris (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 2016.*

(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors ([A/70/104](#); [A/C.5/70/7](#))

12. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General informing the General Assembly of the need to appoint the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State to fill the vacancy that would arise in the Board of Auditors on 1 July 2016 ([A/70/104](#)), and informing the Assembly that the Government of Germany had nominated the German Supreme Audit Institution for appointment to the Board of Auditors ([A/C.5/70/7](#)). As only one nomination had been made to fill the vacancy, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the nominated entity for appointment by acclamation.

13. *The German Supreme Audit Institution was recommended by acclamation for appointment to the Board of Auditors for a six-year term beginning on 1 July 2016.*

The meeting was suspended at 10.35 a.m. and resumed at 10.50 a.m.

Other matters

14. **The Chair** drew attention to a letter dated 3 November 2015 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, transmitting a letter from the Chair of the Sixth Committee concerning agenda item 143, "Administration of justice at the United Nations" ([A/C.5/70/9](#)).

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.