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*Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative  
and Budgetary Questions:* Mr. Mselle

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

**Agenda item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**

**(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/101; A/C.5/56/5)**

1. **The Chairman** said that, as indicated in document A/56/101, the terms of office of six members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) would expire on 31 December 2001. Document A/C.5/56/5 contained the names of seven persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the resulting vacancies. He had been informed, however, that, in a note verbale dated 31 October 2001 addressed to the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Asian States for the month of October, the Permanent Representative of Indonesia had indicated that his Government had withdrawn the candidacy of Mr. Brotodiningrat. Since the number of candidates from the three regional groups, namely, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States was now equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the six candidates endorsed by their respective regional groups to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. *Mr. Crom (Netherlands), Ms. Incera (Costa Rica), Mr. Saha (India), Ms. Sun Minqin (China), Mr. Takahara (Japan) and Mr. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

**(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/56/102; A/C.5/56/6)**

3. **The Chairman** said that, as indicated in document A/56/102, the terms of office of six members of the Committee on Contributions would expire on 31 December 2001. Document A/C.5/56/6 contained the names of six persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the resulting vacancies. Since the

number of candidates from the three regional groups, namely, the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the six candidates endorsed by their respective regional groups to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

4. *Mr. Fox (Australia), Mr. Greiver (Uruguay), Mr. Hassan (Nigeria), Mr. Iglesias (Argentina), Mr. Kadiri (Morocco), and Mr. Ramos (Portugal) were recommended for appointment to the Committee on Contributions.*

**(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/56/103; A/C.5/56/7)**

5. **The Chairman** drew attention to documents A/56/103 and A/C.5/56/7, in which the Secretary-General informed 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 occur in the membership of the United Nations Board of Auditors on 1 July 2002, and of the nomination by the Government of the Philippines of the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines. Since there was only one candidate, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines to the Board of Auditors for a six-year term beginning on 1 July 2002.

6. *The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines was recommended for appointment to the United Nations Board of Auditors.*

**(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/56/104; A/C.5/56/8)**

7. **The Chairman** said that, as indicated in document A/56/104, the terms of office of three members of the Investments Committee would expire on 31 December 2001. He drew attention to document A/C.5/56/8, in which the Secretary-General submitted for confirmation by the General Assembly the names of three persons appointed by him to fill the resulting vacancies. Since the number of candidates was equal to

the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly confirmation of the three persons appointed by the Secretary General to the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

8. *Mr. Oltramare (Switzerland), Mr. Omaboe (Ghana), and Mr. Reimnitz (Germany) were recommended for appointment to the Investments Committee.*

**(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/56/106; A/C.5/56/9)**

9. **The Chairman** said that, as indicated in document A/56/106, the terms of office of five members of the International Civil Service Commission would expire on 31 December 2001. Document A/C.5/56/9 contained the names of five persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the resulting vacancies. Since the number of candidates from the three regional groups, namely, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and the Group of Western European and Other States, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of the five candidates endorsed by their respective regional groups to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

10. *Mr. Bettati (France), Mr. Endo (Japan), Mr. de Médicis (Brazil), Ms. Myers (United States of America) and Mr. Stephanou (Greece) were recommended for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission.*

*The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.*