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

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In the absence of Mr. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Mr. Muhith (Bangladesh), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

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

Agenda item 113: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

1. **The Chairman** 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 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/60/101; A/C.5/60/4)

2. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/60/101, in which the Secretary-General referred to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint five persons to replace the five members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions whose term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2005. In document A/C.5/60/4, the Secretary-General communicated to the Assembly 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 2006. Since the number of candidates from the regional groups corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. *Mr. Monthe (Cameroon), Mr. Khalevinski (Russian Federation), Mr. Kendal (Argentina), Ms. McLurg (United States of America) and Ms. Vasak (France) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2006.*

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/60/102; A/C.5/60/5)

5. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to a note by the Secretary-General (A/60/102) in which

he referred to articles 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2005. In document A/C.5/60/5, the Secretary-General communicated the names of seven persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *Mr. Logutov (Russian Federation), in the case of the Group of Eastern European States; Mr. Sardinha (Brazil), in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Ms. Ghorai (Germany) and Mr. Moon (United Kingdom), in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2006.*

8. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited members to elect by secret ballot two candidates from the Group of Asian States.

9. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Kinnear (Canada), Mr. Kabuku (Namibia) and Mr. Yáñez (Venezuela) acted as tellers.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	160
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	159
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	160
<i>Required majority:</i>	81
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Wu Gang (China)	115
Mr. Park Hae-yun (Republic of Korea)	110
Mr. Elji (Syrian Arab Republic)	82

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Wu Gang (China) and Mr. Park Hae-yun (Republic of*

Korea) were recommended for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2006.

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/60/103; A/C.5/60/6)

12. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/60/103, in which the Secretary-General drew attention to article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and informed the General Assembly of the need to confirm the appointment of the three persons whom he had designated to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee beginning on 1 January 2006. In document A/C.5/60/6, the Secretary-General submitted the names of three persons whom he had appointed for a three-year term of office for confirmation by the General Assembly. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee decided by acclamation to recommend that the Assembly should confirm their appointment.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Mr. Arikawa (Japan), Mr. Dhar (India) and Mr. Kirdar (Iraq) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2006.*

(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/60/104; A/C.5/60/7)

15. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/60/104, in which the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the need to appoint the Auditor-General, or other officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State to fill the vacancy that would arise on 30 June 2006 in the Board of Auditors. In his note A/C.5/60/7, the Secretary-General had informed the Assembly that the Government of South Africa had nominated the Auditor-General of that Member State for reappointment. Since there was only one nomination to fill the vacant post, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation the reappointment of the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa for a six-year term beginning on 1 July 2006.

16. *It was so decided.*

17. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should reappoint the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa for a six-year term beginning on 1 July 2006.*

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/60/105; A/C.5/60/8)

18. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/60/105, in which the Secretary-General, recalling articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission, informed the General Assembly of the need to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Commission on 1 January 2006. In his note A/C.5/60/8, the Secretary-General communicated to the Assembly the names of five persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments to fill the vacancies. Since the number of candidates from all regional groups corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment by acclamation.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. *Mr. Endo (Japan), Mr. Paranhos Velloso (Brazil), Ms. Myers (United States of America), Mr. Stöckl (Germany) and Mr. Valenza (Italy) were recommended for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2006.*

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.