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*Chair:* Mr. Taalas ..... (Finland)  
*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 116: 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/68/101/Rev.1; A/C.5/68/4)**

2. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/101/Rev.1, 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 six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/4, the Secretary-General communicated 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 2014.

3. Since the number of candidates from the Asia-Pacific States, the Latin American and Caribbean 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.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Mr. Aiki (Japan), Mr. Uttam (India) and Mr. Zhang Wanhai (China), for the Asia-Pacific States, Mr. Ruiz Massieu (Mexico), for the Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Moon (United Kingdom) and Ms. Vendat (France), for the Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

**(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/68/102/Rev.1; A/C.5/68/5/Rev.1)**

6. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/102/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to rules 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 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/5/Rev.1, the Secretary-General communicated 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 2014. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Latin American and Caribbean 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.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. *Mr. Kurer (Libya) and Mr. Diawara (Guinea), for the African States, Mr. Greiver (Uruguay) and Mr. Pedrosa Cuesta (Cuba), for the Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Eckersley (Australia) and Mr. Sessi (Italy), for the Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

**(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/68/103; A/C.5/68/6)**

9. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/103, in which the Secretary-General referred to article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and invited the General Assembly to confirm the appointment or reappointment of the four persons whom he had designated to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/6, the Secretary-General submitted the names of four persons for confirmation by the General Assembly. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to

recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the candidates' appointment or reappointment.

10. *It was so decided.*

11. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment or reappointment of Mr. Jiang (China) and Mr. Kassow (Germany) for a three-year term and of Mr. Pictet (Switzerland) and Mr. Klein (United States of America) for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

12. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General proposed to reappoint Mr. Oliveros (Spain) as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm his reappointment.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the reappointment of Mr. Oliveros (Spain) as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

**(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/68/104; A/C.5/68/7)**

15. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/104, 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 arise in the Board of Auditors on 1 July 2014. In document A/C.5/68/7, the Secretary-General informed the Assembly that the Government of India had nominated the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and the Government of the Philippines had nominated the Chairperson of the Commission on Audit of the Philippines for appointment to the Board of Auditors.

16. After drawing the Committee's attention to rule 132 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, he invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate to fill the vacancy.

17. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Connery (Ireland), Ms. Andrianantoandro (Madagascar) and Mr. Stefanik (Poland) acted as tellers.*

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

*Number of ballot papers:* 186

*Number of valid ballots:* 186

*Number of members voting:* 186

*Required majority:* 94

*Number of votes obtained:*

Chairperson of the  
Commission on Audit  
of the Philippines 62

Comptroller and  
Auditor-General of India 124

19. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India was recommended for appointment to the Board of Auditors for a six-year term beginning on 1 July 2014.*

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

**(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/68/105/Rev.1; A/C.5/68/8)**

20. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/105/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission and invited the General Assembly to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Commission on 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/8, the Secretary-General communicated the names of five persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014.

21. Since the number of candidates from the Asia-Pacific States, the Latin American and Caribbean 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.

22. *It was so decided.*

23. *Mr. Endo (Japan), for the Asia-Pacific States, Mr. Hermosillo (Mexico), for the Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Mantovani (Italy), Mr. Smith (United States of America) and Mr. Stöckl (Germany), for the Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

(ii) **Designation of the Vice-Chair of the Commission** (A/68/105/Rev.1; A/C.5/68/8/Add.1)

24. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/105/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission and invited the General Assembly to designate a Vice-Chair to fill the vacancy that would arise in the Commission on 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/8/Add.1, the Secretary-General communicated the name of one person who had been nominated by his Government to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidate's designation by acclamation.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. *Mr. Stöckl (Germany) was recommended for designation as Vice-Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

(f) **Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee** (A/68/106; A/C.5/68/9)

27. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/68/106, in which the Secretary-General referred to paragraphs 3, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 61/275 and invited the Assembly to appoint three persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on 1 January 2014. In document A/C.5/68/9, the Secretary-General communicated the name of one person who had been nominated by her Government for appointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014. Since the number of candidates from the Eastern European States corresponded to the number of vacancies for that regional group, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidate's appointment by acclamation.

28. *It was so decided.*

29. *Ms. Bocharova (Russian Federation), for the Eastern European States, was recommended for appointment to the Independent Audit Advisory*

*Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.*

30. **The Chair** said that, since no nominations had been received for the other two vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to postpone making a recommendation with regard to those vacancies to a later date.

31. *It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.*