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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled “Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments”, the sub-item entitled:

“Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission:

- (i) Appointment of members of the Commission;
- (ii) Designation of the Chair of the Commission”,

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 11th meeting, on 2 November 2018, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the vacancies in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission that would occur as a result of the expiration of the terms of office of five of its members on 31 December 2018 ([A/73/104](#));

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of six persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission to fill the following vacancies: two members from the African States, one member from the Eastern European States, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Western European and other States, for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 ([A/C.5/73/7](#));

(c) Note by the Secretary-General containing the names of two persons nominated by their respective Governments for designation to the post of Chair of the International Civil Service Commission ([A/C.5/73/7/Add.1](#)).



3. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint or reappoint Andrew Gbebay Bangali (Sierra Leone), Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France), Ali Kurer (Libya) and Bogusław Winid (Poland) as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (see para. 8).

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee proceeded to select, by secret ballot, one person from the two candidates nominated by their respective Governments from the Latin American and Caribbean States. The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>Number of ballots cast:</i>	193
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	192
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of members present and voting:</i>	191
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Carleen Gardner (Jamaica)	103
Patrícia Barbosa Lima Côrtes (Brazil)	88

5. Having obtained the required majority, Carleen Gardner (Jamaica) was recommended for reappointment as a member of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (see para. 8).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee proceeded to select, by secret ballot, one person from two candidates nominated by their respective Governments for designation as Chair of the Commission. The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>Number of ballots cast:</i>	193
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	192
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members present and voting:</i>	190
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Larbi Djacta (Algeria)	97
El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)	93

7. Having obtained the required majority, Larbi Djacta (Algeria) was recommended to the General Assembly for designation as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (see para. 8).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly:

(a) Appoint the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019:

Andrew Gbebay Bangali (Sierra Leone)
 Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)
 Carleen Gardner (Jamaica)
 Ali Kurer (Libya)
 Bogusław Winid (Poland)

(b) Designate Larbi Djacta (Algeria) as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019.