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Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution [48/218 B](#) of 29 July 1994, the General Assembly decided to establish an Office of Internal Oversight Services under the authority of the Secretary-General, the head of which would be at the rank of Under-Secretary-General, and also decided that the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services:

(a) Should be an expert in the fields of accounting, auditing, financial analysis and investigations, management, law or public administration;

(b) Should be appointed by the Secretary-General, following consultations with Member States, and approved by the General Assembly. For that purpose, the Secretary-General should appoint the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services with due regard for geographical rotation and in so doing should be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of Assembly resolution [46/232](#) of 2 March 1992 whereby the Assembly had decided, in particular, that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

(c) Should serve for one fixed term of five years without possibility of renewal;

(d) Might be removed by the Secretary-General only for cause and with the approval of the General Assembly.

2. By its decision [70/402](#), the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General ([A/70/388](#)), approved the appointment of Heidi Mendoza (Philippines) as Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services for a fixed term of five years, beginning on 15 November 2015 and ending on 14 November 2020. On 2 June 2016, the Secretary-General informed the Assembly that Ms. Mendoza had assumed her duties on 11 December 2015 and that, accordingly, her term of office would expire on 10 December 2020.



3. The Secretary-General wishes to inform the General Assembly that, on 23 April 2019, the United Nations Staff Pension Committee determined that Ms. Mendoza would need to foreshorten her appointment, with effect from 25 October 2019.
 4. Taking into account the decision of the Committee, the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of General Assembly resolution [48/218 B](#), proposes to initiate the recruitment process for the next Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services. The Secretary-General will propose a candidate to succeed Ms. Mendoza.
 5. The Secretary-General recommends that the General Assembly take note of his proposed action.
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