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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Vidisha Maitra (India) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 20 September 2022. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Ms. Maitra, which expires on 31 December 2023.
2. The Government of India has nominated Surendra Kumar Adhana to fill the vacancy.
3. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Surendra Kumar Adhana (India)

Surendra Kumar Adhana is a career diplomat with background in electronics and communication engineering. He began his diplomatic journey from Moscow. As bilateral relations' expert, he was part of the core diplomatic team which concluded multiple pathbreaking agreements in trade, technology, culture, emergency & disaster management, defense, nuclear, and space cooperation. Besides, he was closely associated with successful organization of Indian leaderships' visit to G20, SCO and BRICS.

After working for close to five years in Moscow, in 2016, he moved to Houston (Texas, USA). In his role as Deputy Consul General of India in Houston- with jurisdiction over eight southern states of USA- he developed extensive bridges with business community, chambers of commerce, industries, universities and half a million strong Indian diaspora. During this period, the India-Texas bilateral trade grew over US\$10 billion. Further, he flagged-off the first ever oil shipment from Houston to India. During Category 4 Hurricane Harvey in 2017, he led from the front and his team's stellar role in mobilizing community to extend humanitarian assistance to local communities was greatly acknowledged by one and all. He was also noted for his contribution in organizing one of the biggest ever community event held on the US soil, which saw both the Indian Prime Minister and the US President jointly addressing 50,000 community members!

In early 2020, he moved back to India. And, during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic, he assumed the charge of one the biggest public service offices in India- Head of Delhi Passport Office- with jurisdictional responsibilities over 35 million citizens.

During this period, he handled various verticals viz. finance & budget, administration & personnel, judicial matters, appeals, policy issues, and operations of 13 subordinate offices.

Despite COVID-19 challenges, he got passport related processes and procedures streamlined, and thereby issued historically highest number of passports to citizens. In addition, long-pending files were cleared setting record of zero pendency beyond a year! He worked successfully on tendering out and commencing renovation projects. Besides, he got inaugurated the first ever all-women passport office in India! Further, as part of greater digital transformation, he got passport system integrated with digital public document repository (DigiLocker) to provide a seamless and paperless experience to citizens. During this period, he extended passport related services to a record over a million persons with special facilitation of senior citizens, students, young children, sportspersons and women.

He knows English, Russian and various Indian languages. His wife is a doctor-psychiatrist, and they have a son.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.