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**Fifth Committee**

Agenda item 17 (e)

**Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary  
organs and other appointments**

## **Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. As indicated in document A/59/105 of 6 July 2004, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint four members and four alternate members to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee, for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:
  - Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan);
  - Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Pakistan);
  - Ms. Valeria María González Posse (Argentina);
  - Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation);
  - Mr. Gerhard Küntzle (Germany);
  - Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe);
  - Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya);
  - Mr. Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America).
3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

## **Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)**

### **Date of birth**

26 June 1935.

### **Academic history**

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| 1964 | University of Strasbourg, international law, international relations.  |
| 1963 | University of Bordeaux, international law, international relations.  |
| 1959 | Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Spanish and Ibero-American studies, international law, international relations. |

### **Diplomatic career**

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| 1993-1997 | Ambassador of Japan to Costa Rica.  |
| 1989-1993 | Permanent delegate of Japan to UNESCO, Ambassador.  |
| 1989      | Minister, Embassy of Japan in France.   |
| 1987      | Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.   |
| 1986      | Minister, Embassy of Japan in Uruguay.  |
| 1981      | Director, Office of International Organization, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.                         |
| 1978      | Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy.  |
| 1978      | Office of the Law of the Sea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.  |
| 1969      | Office of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.   |
| 1967      | United Nations Bureau, administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.                   |
| 1965      | Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (budgets of the United Nations and specialized agencies). |

### **Other professional experience**

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| 1959 | The Bank of Tokyo, Head Office (foreign exchange officer). |
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### **Relations with the United Nations system**

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| 1999-     | Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.               |
| 1988-1994 | Member, Committee on Contributions.                                 |
| 1987-1994 | Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (alternate representative). |

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1969-1971	Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (Conventions on the privileges and immunities of special missions and representatives to international organizations, etc.).
1968	Fifth Committee.
1966	Third Committee (International Covenants on human rights).
1967-1968	Meetings of the Economic and Social Council.
1987-1993	UNESCO general conferences and other meetings.
1966-1968, 1993	General conferences of WHO, WMO, ILO and other specialized agencies.

**Activities at other international conferences and meetings**

1965	Asia-African Conference, Algiers.
1974	Asia-African Legal Consultative Committee, Tokyo.
1973	ICAT meeting, Madrid.
1980-1981	Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of OECD.
1980 and 1981	Joint meetings of IMF/World Bank.

**Languages**

Working languages: English, French and Spanish.

Adequate knowledge in Italian and Portuguese.

## **Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Pakistan)**

### **Date of birth**

27 February 1958.

### **Academic history**

MA in international relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

### **Present position**

Minister/Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations.

### **Relations with the United Nations system**

Delegate of Pakistan to the Fifth Committee since March 2000. Helped build consensus in intergovernmental negotiations on scores of administrative, budgetary, programmatic and evaluation aspects of the United Nations and United Nations peacekeeping (Fifth Committee, Committee for Programme and Coordination):

- Chaired intergovernmental negotiations on the United Nations regular budget in 2003.
- Served as Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, chairing informal negotiations on several issues and coordinating the activities of the Committee.
- Worked on the historic reform of the United Nations scale of assessments in 2000 to determine share of Member States to the Organization's regular and peacekeeping budgets.
- Steered intergovernmental negotiations on human resources management reforms in 2000-2001, culminating in the landmark reform package.
- Chaired intergovernmental negotiations on the implementation of the comprehensive review of United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2002.

Served as delegate of Pakistan to the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

### **Other professional experience**

1999-2000	Political Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.
1997-1999	Director, Foreign Secretary Office.
1991-1997	Director in the Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and facilitated its expansion/restructuring from a 3-member to a 10-member regional organization in Central and West Asia.
1984-1987	Third Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan, Doha.

### **Languages**

English, Arabic, Urdu and Persian.

**Professional training**

Office management, effective communications, successful negotiation, planning projects, action and follow-up plans and resource management.

## **Valeria María González Posse (Argentina)**

Date of birth: 5 October 1966, Córdoba, Argentina.

Profession: Career diplomat (lawyer).

Languages: Spanish, English (spoken and written), some knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.

### **Education and promotions**

- 2000 Promoted to First Secretary.
- 1997 Promoted to Second Secretary.
- 1994 Appointed Third Secretary.
- 1993 Graduated from the National Foreign Service Institute (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship).
- 1991 Admitted to the National Foreign Service Institute, through a public competition.
- 1989 Lawyer. Graduated from the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina.

### **Posts and positions**

Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (forty-ninth to fifty-sixth sessions).

- 2003-2004 Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee
- 2003-2004 Member of the Working Group reviewing the size and composition of the Pension Board and the Standing Committee
- 2004 Elected First Vice-President of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
- 1996 to 2001 Member of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations. Member of the Argentine delegation to the Fifth Committee. Within the Mission, responsible for matters concerning the remuneration of diplomatic personnel abroad.
- 1999-2000 Delegate to the Security Council. Responsible for matters relating to sanctions and the Council's sanctions Committees.
- 2000 Member of the Security Council Working Group on general matters relating to sanctions.
- 2000 Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.
- 1999 Vice-Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination.
- 1998 Vice-Chairman, Committee on Conferences.
- 1998-2000 Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
- 1993-1996 Responsible for matters relating to peacekeeping operations. International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1994-1996 Official visits to the following peacekeeping operations: ONUMOZ (Mozambique), UNPROFOR (former Yugoslavia), UNFICYP (Cyprus), UNIKOM (Iraq-Kuwait) and UNTSO (Golan Heights).

**Courses**

1997-2000 Took part in numerous seminars on the topic of sanctions.

1993-1996 Took part in numerous seminars on peacekeeping operations, as both participant and speaker.

**Publications**

“Post-conflict peace-building, making efforts count: reconstruction, elections and beyond”, in *The Psychology of Peacekeeping* (1998, Praeger Publishers), Harvey J. Langholtz, editor.

## **Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation)**

Born: 4 October 1960, Moscow.

### **Education**

- 1977-1982 Master of Arts, International Economics, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University).
- 1987 Professional training at the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- 2000-2004 Continuing studies at the International Institute of Management, Moscow.

### **Foreign languages**

English and French.

### **Current position**

Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York, Counsellor, United Nations budget, finance and human resources issues.

### **Professional experience**

- 2000-2004 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Counsellor, budget, finance and human resources issues of international organizations.
- 1996-2000 Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva: First Secretary, representing the Russian Government at sessions of the governing bodies of international organizations based at Geneva (International Labour Organization, International Telecommunication Union, World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization) in respect of budget, finance and human resources issues.
- 1994-1996 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Second Secretary, economic affairs, administrative and budgetary issues of international organizations of the United Nations system.
- 1990-1994 Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (subsequently the Russian Federation) in Senegal: Third and Second Secretary, economic affairs.
- 1987-1990 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, African Department: Attaché, technical cooperation and external debt issues.
- 1982-1987 Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Guinea: Technical Cooperation Officer.

**United Nations and international organizations**

- 2003-2004 Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.
- 1998-2000 Representing the Council of the International Telecommunication Union at the Board and Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.
- 2000-2004 Member of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration (coordinated organizations: North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Council of Europe, Western European Union, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Space Agency, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts).
- 2001-2004 Alternate member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe.
- 2001-2004 Member of the Advisory Group (on administrative and budgetary issues) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

**Gerhard Küntzle (Germany)**

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Place of birth: Bietigheim, Germany

**Career**

2004	Budget Director and Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
2003-2004	Fellow, Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University
1999-present	Deputy Budget Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
1997-1999	Representative of Germany on the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York
1995-1997	Planning and Compliance Officer, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services, United Nations Secretariat, New York
1991-1995	Desk Officer for UNICEF, UNHCR and UNRWA, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1989-1991	Consul, German Embassy, Beijing
1988-1989	Protocol Officer, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1986-1988	Professional Training, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
Since 1998	Representative of the General Assembly on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

**Education**

1985/86 University of Stuttgart, Germany  
Graduation in Political Science,  
English Language and Literature

## Studies in Paris:

1981/82 Institut d'Etudes politiques;  
Université de Paris I — Sorbonne

1979/80 Assistant teacher, Bournemouth, United Kingdom

**Associations** Member of the German Society on Foreign Policy

## **Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe)**

Date of birth: 11 April 1957  
 Marital status: Single  
 Languages: English, Portuguese

### **Professional experience**

2004 Acting Divisional Head, Europe and the Americas Division,  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2003 Director for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2002 Acting Director for Europe and the Americas Division,  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2001 Principal Administrative Officer, Policy Research and  
 Promotion

2001-2004 Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

1993-2000 Counsellor,  
 Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations,  
 Delegate of Zimbabwe on the Fifth Committee

August 1992-  
 January 1993 Acting Head of Western Europe and the Americas Desk,  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1992-1993 Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

June 1988 -  
 September 1989 Chargé d'affaires a.i., Maputo

1988-1991 Counsellor, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo

1985-1988 First Secretary, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo

1983-1985 Political Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

February 1983 Customs Officer, Harare

### **Educational qualifications**

1980-1982 Bachelor of Administration, University of Zimbabwe

1996-1999 MBA, St. John's University, New York

### **Professional training and seminars**

1983 Diplomatic training, Harare

1985 Diplomatic training seminar, Cairo

September 1996  
 and  
 September 1998 International Peace Academy, New York

## **Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)**

Date of birth                      30 June 1956  
Married with two children

### **Education**

1977-1980                      University of Nairobi,  
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.),  
Upper Second Class Hons.  
(Best overall student award)

1980-1981                      Kenya School of Law,  
Diploma in Law. Admitted as Advocate  
of High Court of Kenya.

Pupillage with Waruhiu and Muite Advocates  
and legal practice with the firm.

Sat for and passed the Administrative Officers  
Examinations, 1984.

### **Training courses**

Attended many training programmes, including the following:

IOMAC/IOI Training Programme in  
Marine Affairs/Law of the Sea,  
Kuala Lumpur, 1988.

Refugee Law training seminars, Kenya, 1989.

Internship programme at the IUCN  
Environmental Law Centre, Bonn, on  
legal protection of biological diversity, 1990.

UNITAR training programme on peacemaking  
and preventive diplomacy, Burg Schleining,  
Austria, 1994.

### **Employment**

1981-1983                      Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Kenya.

1983-January 1988              Second Secretary, later, First Secretary,  
Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.

February 1988-  
December 1989                  Senior Legal Officer/Deputy Head of Legal  
Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and  
International Cooperation, Nairobi.

January 1990-  
December 1990                  Acting Head, Legal Division, Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,  
Nairobi.

January 1991- June 1992	Special Assignment as Legal Adviser to the Kenya Government on United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), responsible for negotiating several environmental treaties, including Biodiversity, Climate Change and post-UNCED institutional arrangements.
1992-1993	Head, Legal Division/Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
September 1993- November 1996	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.  Delegate to the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary matters).  Actively participated in the Working Groups on United Nations reform, Security Council reform, financial situation of the United Nations and Agenda for Peace.
March-September 1996	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
November 1996- January 1999	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
January 1999- May 2000	Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nairobi.
June 2000-2003	Director for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003-2004	Deputy Permanent Representative/Consul General, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, Geneva

#### **International meetings and conferences**

Attended several international conferences, including the following:

September- December 1999	Member and Coordinator of the Kenya delegation to the fifty-fourth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.
February-March 2000	Shuttle diplomacy between Kigali, Bujumbura, Kampala and Kinshasa.
March 2000	Delegate to the Conference of the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa Region on the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.
March 2000	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the COMESA Workshop on Peace and Security, Lusaka; Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

February 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Extraordinary Summit of the OAU, Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
July 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the OAU Council of Ministers Summit, Lusaka, Zambia.
August-September 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa.
October 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Africa-EU Ministerial Conference, Brussels.
November 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Preparatory Meeting of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development.
January-May 2002	Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts drafting instruments for the African Union.
September 2003	Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, Bangkok.

#### **Articles and publications**

Has written several articles and publications, including the following:

*The admissibility of illegally obtained evidence: a study in the theoretical foundations of criminal justice* (to be published).

“The effectiveness of international environmental law in Africa”, *African Environment Bulletin*.

*The Evolution and Development of Diplomatic Immunity Law*.

*Human rights law: international concepts and their application in Kenya*.

“The international legal regime of human rights”, paper presented to a Workshop on Human Rights and the Public Service, KCCT, Mbagathi, March 1999.

“Diplomatic immunity with respect to international organizations; The case of the PTA Bank”, *Legal opinion (Foreign Affairs Bulletin)*, July, 1999.

“The doctrine of sovereignty in international relations”, *Foreign Affairs Bulletin*, January 2000.

#### **Professional memberships**

Member of the Law Society of Kenya since 1992.

Member of the Board and Legal Adviser of Waste Management Centre, a Kenyan-registered NGO active in environmental management.

Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, since January 1995. Responsible for the pension funds for the entire United Nations system, of a value of more than US\$ 2 billion.

Vice-Chairman of the *Foreign Affairs Bulletin* Editorial Board, March 1999-present.

**Hobbies**

Reading, writing, travelling and using computers.

**Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America)**

**Date of birth**

21 July 1950.

**Current positions**

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|-----------|---|
| 2000-2004 | Deputy Counsellor at the United States Mission to the United Nations, New York, with responsibility for United Nations administrative, budgetary and reform issues. |
| 1996-2004 | Member of the United States delegations to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.  |
| 2003-2004 | Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.   |

**Previous professional experience**

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| 1972-1995 | Extensive financial and operational audit experience as an auditor for the United States General Accounting Office in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Panama. |
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**Education and professional development**

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| 1972 | Bachelor of Arts in economics/business administration, magna cum laude, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (major in Accounting).                  |
| 2002 | Graduate of the United Nations Senior Management Seminar, Copenhagen and New York.  |
| 1991 | Graduate of Federal Executive Development Center in Denver, Colorado: courses in quality management, leadership, workforce diversity and problem solving. |
| 1985 | Graduate of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. with a certificate in national security issues.   |

**Certification**

Certified Government Financial Manager, awarded by the Association of Government Accountants.

**Personal**

Volunteers in a number of activities dealing with film, musical theatre, architecture and history.

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