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Agenda item 115 (a)

**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**

1. As indicated in document [A/71/101/Rev.1](#) of 18 July 2016, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:
  - Ron **Adam** (Israel)
  - Takeshi **Akamatsu** (Japan)
  - Olivio **Fermín** (Dominican Republic)
  - Marcel **Jullier** (Switzerland)
  - Mahesh **Kumar** (India)
  - Carlos Ruiz **Massieu** (Mexico)
  - Catherine **Vendat** (France)
  - Ye Xuenong (China)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.



## Annex

### Curricula vitae\*

#### Ron Adam (Israel)

##### Employment history

2014	Special Envoy on Energy
2012	Director, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and Multilateral Organizations, Economic Division
2008-2012	Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Israel to the United Nations and the International Organizations, Geneva
June 2007	Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination, United Nations Headquarters
2005-2007	Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, General Assembly of the United Nations, Vice-Chairman
2004-2008	Director, Department for United Nations Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2002-2004	Deputy Director, Training Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1998-2002	Counselor (Budgetary affairs, Fifth Committee), Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, New York
1997-1998	First Secretary, Division for Political Affairs at the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1995-1997	Assistant to the Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem
1995-1996	Secretary of the Israeli-Palestinian Monitoring and Steering Committee at the Director General's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-1995	Economic and Finance Attaché, Embassy of Israel, Bonn, Germany
1992-1993	Assistant to Deputy Director General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1991	Diplomat cadets course at the Israeli Diplomatic Service
1988-1990	Night editor, <i>Yediot Aharonot</i> daily newspaper, Tel Aviv
1987-1988	Deputy Spokesperson, Municipality of Haifa
1985-1987	Journalist, different local newspapers in Haifa

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing

**Educational history**

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|-----------|---|
| 2013      | PhD studies in Political Science and History, Haifa University  |
| 2009      | United Nations (UNITAR) seminar on Chairmanship in the United Nations system  |
| 2003      | UNITAR seminar on preventive diplomacy, Oslo  |
| 1990-1991 | Diplomatic training, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)   |
| 1988-1992 | M.A. in Political Science, Haifa University (Thesis on the litigation to the Supreme Court by pressure groups in Israel, 1980-1990) |
| 1985-1987 | B.A in Political Science and History, Haifa University  |

**Membership in professional organizations and activities in civil affairs**

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| 2011-2013 | Member of the Israeli UNESCO committee on World Heritage  |
| 2012-2014 | Chairman, Committee for Foreign Relations and International Cooperation, Israel Anti-Drug Authority |
| 2002      | Member of the Society for Preservation of Heritage Sites in Israel                                  |
| 2000      | Member of the Israel Union for Environmental Defense  |
| 1985      | Member of Greenpeace Israel   |

**Languages**

Hebrew, English, German, French

## **Takeshi Akamatsu (Japan)**

### **Present position**

Minister, United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

### **Academic background**

1988        Graduated from Kyoto University, Faculty of Law (International Law)

### **Professional background**

1988        Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
1989        Embassy of Japan in France  
1991        Embassy of Japan in Republic of Zaire  
1992        Ocean Affairs Division  
1995        Development Cooperation Division  
1996        Deputy Director, subsequently Principal Deputy Director, Development Cooperation Division  
1998        Principal Deputy Director, Overseas Public Relations Division  
2000        Principal Deputy Director, United Nations Administration Division  
2002        Deputy Chief, Okinawa Liaison Office  
2004        First Secretary, subsequently Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union  
2007        Senior Coordinator, Aid Policy and Management Division,  
2009        Assistant Press Secretary and Director, International Press Division  
2010        Director, First Africa Division  
2012        Special Representative and Head of Office  
              Liaison Office of the Government of Japan, Republic of South Sudan  
2013        Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in South Sudan  
2015        Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Mr. Akamatsu has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for more than 27 years during which he has developed extensive knowledge and experience regarding, inter alia, public administration and international development agenda, as well as Africa. He is proficient in English and French.

Mr. Akamatsu, as Principal Deputy Director of the United Nations Administrative Division, as well as Senior Coordinator of the Aid Policy and

Management Division in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, dealt extensively with United Nations administrative and budgetary issues, covering budgetary and administrative aspects of various United Nations funds and programmes. He now leads the Japanese Fifth Committee team in New York during the sixty-ninth session.

His nomination as the first Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of South Sudan, following his posting as Director of the First Africa Division, is proof of his extensive knowledge of the African continent. As Ambassador, he has maintained and enhanced cooperation with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan on the ground, in which he played a decisive role in the dispatch of the Japanese Self Defence Force contingent while he was the Director of the First Africa Division.

Mr Akamatsu has wide knowledge of development issues based on his experience both in the field and at Headquarters; his thorough understanding of development issues has also been cultivated through the coordination of Japan's official development assistance (ODA) programmes covering both bilateral ODA and multilateral cooperation through various international agencies.

## **Olivio Fermin (Dominican Republic)**

### **Current positions**

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Representative to the Fifth Committee

Focal Point and Coordinator for the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States on Fifth Committee matters

### **Previous positions and activities**

- 2015-2016 Representative to the Fifth Committee
- Facilitator of the resolution on the proposed program budget for the biennium 2016-2017, including: the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the Office of Internal Oversight Services; development account, limited budgetary discretion; the Joint Inspection Unit on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Joint Inspection Unit on the Archives and Records Management Section
- 2014-2015 Representative to the Fifth Committee
- Facilitator of the resolution on human resources management
- 2013-2014 Representative to the Fifth Committee
- Facilitator of the resolution on human resources management and human resources reform: mobility
- Facilitator of the resolution on financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia
- Member of the Dominican Delegation, in 2014 and 2013, of the Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment
- Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Economic and Social Council
- Member of the Dominican Delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34), from 2003
- 2010-2011 Chef de Cabinet
- 2008-2009 Vice-Chairman, Fifth Committee (administrative and financial) of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, in representation of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States
- Member of the Dominican Delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34)
- 2008-2009 Delegate to the Fifth Committee

- 2007-2008 Counsellor, Focal Point and Coordinator of the Rio Group on Fifth Committee matters during the Dominican Republic Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Rio Group
- 2003-2004 Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women established by General Assembly resolution [56/125](#)
- Delegate to the Fifth Committee
- Member of the Dominican Delegation on the special session of the General Assembly on children
- Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation in the Committee for Programme and Coordination
- Member of the Dominican Delegation for the preparation for the special high-level meeting on finance for development, New York
- 2000-2001 Member of the Dominican Delegation for the Millennium Summit of the United Nations
- Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation for the annual Economic and Social Council substantive session
- 1999-2000 First Secretary
- Member (Observer) of the Dominican delegation on the substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34)

### **Educational background**

- 1991 City University of New York, York College  
Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science: International Relations, New York, United States of America
- 1984 Queensborough Community College of the City University of New York  
Associate Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts, Bayside, New York, United States
- 1997 United Nations Language Center  
French courses (levels 1-6 completed)
- 1979 Instituto San Rafael  
Certificate in Administration  
Santiago Rodriguez, Dominican Republic
- Liceo Secundario Eugenio Belliard  
High school  
Santiago Rodriguez, Dominican Republic

**Training, workshops and seminars**

- 2000 Sixth annual YMCA-United Nations Conference: Creating a Culture of Peace in a World of Violence
- 1999 German Management Academy (DMAN)-United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) series on public-private partnership for sustainable development, Public-Private Partnership for Education and Infrastructure Development, organized by UNITAR jointly with DMAN, New York
- Sixteenth annual seminar on international humanitarian law for diplomats accredited to the United Nations, co-sponsored by New York University and the International Committee of the Red Cross, New York
- Workshop on the United Nations budgetary process, organized by UNITAR, New York
- 1991 Internship program at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

**Languages**

Spanish  
English  
Working knowledge of French

**Date of birth**

28 September 1959

## **Marcel Jullier (Switzerland)**

Date of birth: 3 July 1960

Proficient in English, French, Spanish and German

Marcel Jullier is a certified internal auditor and an expert in accounting and controlling with a long-standing experience and expertise in the financial management of international organizations. Throughout his career at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United Nations and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), he has held various executive positions and overseen finance, treasury services, asset management, human resources, procurement, change management, project management, administrative services and information systems. He is also the President of the Board of Directors of Jullier SA, a retail company based in Switzerland.

### **Curriculum vitae**

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| Since 2015 | Senior adviser to the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)   |
| 2013-2014  | Regional Head of Finance and Cooperation, Swiss Embassy Office for Cooperation and Consular Affairs in Monrovia, Liberia   |
| 2012       | Chief Executive Officer of Jullier SA in Zermatt, Switzerland (and President since 2004)<br>Strategic management of the family-owned retail company and, in 2012, responsible for its reorganization and reengineering   |
| 2010-2011  | United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), New York<br>Officer-in-charge for financial management, procurement, administrative services and information systems (30 staff members)   |
| 2008-2010  | United Nations Development Fund for Women-United Nations Development Programme, New York<br>Chief of Finance, Procurement and Administrative Services (25 staff members)   |
| 1986-2007  | International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Head of Treasury Services (2005-2007)</li> <li>– Head of Project Management and Head of Asset Management (2003-2005)</li> <li>– Regional Coordinator for East Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok and Manila (1998-2003)</li> <li>– Deputy Head of Operations and Head of Insurance Sector (1997-1998)</li> <li>– Administrative Coordinator, based in Colombo (1994-1997), Phnom Penh (1992-1994) and San Salvador (1991-1992)</li> </ul> |

- Responsible for the Myanmar country office, based in Yangon (1989-1990)
- Administrator in Managua (1988-1989) and Davao, the Philippines (1986-1987)

Education      Certified Internal Auditor, University of Zurich  
Swiss Certified Expert in Accounting and Controlling

## **Mahesh Kumar (India)**

Mahesh Kumar is a career diplomat from the Indian Foreign Service who has served in various capacities in Brussels, Tel Aviv and Ramallah, in addition to New Delhi. He has considerable work experience relating to development partnership projects and administrative and budgetary matters. He has professional degrees in Economics and International Relations and can speak English and French and has a basic working knowledge of Arabic.

### **Relevant professional experience**

#### **Representative of India to the State of Palestine, Ramallah**

June 2014-June 2016 Mr. Kumar is presently serving as the Head of the Representative Office of India to the State of Palestine, based in Ramallah. As the Head of the Office his responsibilities include the supervision of the ongoing implementation of development projects worth US\$ 4 million that are funded by India. These include projects in fields such as health care, education, the Information and Communications Technology Centre for Excellence at Al-Quds University, the Techno Park in Ramallah, skill development and vocational training. He is also involved in a review of other projects, including one under the IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) cooperation framework.

#### **Embassy of India, Tel Aviv**

November 2011- June 2014 He has previously served as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer during his tenure at the Indian Mission in Tel Aviv. His portfolio also included Education, Science and Technology issues among others.

#### **Embassy of India, Brussels**

August 2010- November 2011 He worked on issues relating to India's engagement with the European Union.

#### **Ministry of External Affairs**

September 2008- August 2010 He worked on administrative and budgetary issues including India's development cooperation programmes with the countries in West African region.

### **Educational Qualifications**

In 2006, earned an M. Phil. Degree from the Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi (Completed thesis on the EU-China Strategic Partnership)

In 2004, earned a Master's degree in International Studies from the School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

In 2002, completed a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

**Language Skills**

Mahesh Kumar is fluent in English and Hindi and has good knowledge of French and working knowledge of Arabic.

### **Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico)**

Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu was elected Chairman of the United Nations Budget Committee (ACABQ) at the Under Secretary-General level commencing on 1 January 2013. Previously, he served as Vice-Chairman (2012). He has been a member of ACABQ since 1 January 2011. As Chairman, Mr. Ruiz Massieu has provided leadership in ensuring that the Committee performs its critical role of scrutinizing requests for resources and providing the necessary guidance to the Member States on the full range of administrative, managerial and budgetary matters. He is the first Chairperson from Latin America and the Caribbean since the establishment of ACABQ in 1946.

Mr. Ruiz Massieu has extensive experience on United Nations affairs. He has served as Deputy Director General of the United Nations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and has represented Mexico in a wide array of intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, notably, he represented Mexico in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and chaired negotiations on the reform of the body and on development issues after the 2005 World Summit. He has also represented Mexico on several United Nations Funds and Programmes. During the tenure of Mexico as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (2009-2010), Mr. Ruiz Massieu served as Alternate Representative.

In addition to his diplomatic career, he has complemented his work experience in the Mexican public sector by holding positions in the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Social Development. He is a career diplomat who joined the Mexican Foreign Service in 1999. He has a Law Degree from Iberoamericana University (Mexico City) and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Catherine Vendat (France)****Consultant in public finance and management****Qualifications**

- 1974 Institute of Political Studies: Grenoble, France  
Public service section
- 1982-1984 National School of Public Administration (ENA): Paris

**Skills**

*Expertise* Implementation of change  
Coordination of human resources and budgetary management, audit  
Negotiation, decision-making

*Languages* English: bilingual (3 years living in USA, 11 years working in English-speaking environments)  
Russian: basics

**Professional experience**

- 2014-2016 United Nations: ACABQ member  
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
- 2012-2013 Consultant to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund
- Public financial management
  - Improving budgetary management of the investments of the Republic of Gabon for the implementation of tendering plans and commitment plans in pilot ministries.
- 2009-2011 United Nations: New York, United States and occasional visits to United Nations bases
- Director, Peacekeeping Financing Division, leadership of a team of 34
- Designing and implementing policies, procedures and methods to evaluate resources needed for PKOs, the Brindisi Logistics Base and the support account (US\$ 7.6 billion)
  - Producing and presenting budgets and performance reports for legislative bodies of the United Nations
  - Coordinating budgetary execution and funding of PKOs
  - Participating in the IPSAS Steering Committee and the Investments Committee

- 2005-2008 French Ministry of Defence: Paris
- Head of Budget Programmes at the General Secretariat for Administration (SGA), leadership of a team of 23
- Implementation of steering for SGA budget programmes: 3 budget programmes covering 10 operational budgets (€6 billion, 14,500 FTE)
  - Designing and coordinating budgets (justification from first euro), projects and annual performance reports
  - Planning and programming human resources: staff numbers, payroll, and prospective management of jobs and skills
  - Coordinating HR and financial aspects of the operational budget programme for support at the central administration
- 2003-2005 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Brussels
- Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Human and Financial Resources, leadership of a team of 82, spread across three entities
- Financial resources: Designing and coordinating the International Secretariat budget
- Initiate the implementation of performance-based budgeting with performance indicators
- Human resources: Managing recruitment, pay, training, performance management and objective-based management and social policies, personnel centre and contracts
- Dialogue with elected representatives of personnel (1270 staff)
- Personnel policy for all NATO bodies: Ensuring implementation and modernization of the Civilian Personnel Regulations
  - Managing pensions and health insurance systems (5470 civilian personnel, 2230 pensioners)
- 1999-2003 NATO: Brussels
- Head of the Budget and Financial Analysis Section
- Preparing and implementing the civilian budget (€170 million) and the special budget for the new headquarters
  - Optimizing budget management: group leader for the project to transform the civilian budget, implementation of performance-based budgeting

- 1997-1999 NATO: Brussels, and occasional missions to NATO agencies  
Auditor at the International Board of Auditors for NATO (IBAN)
- Auditing accounts and management of NATO agencies and the Security Investment Programme
- 1991-1997 Regional Chambers of Accounts (CRC): Midi-Pyrénées/  
Languedoc-Roussillon/Burgundy, France
- 1984-1989 Adviser
- Auditing the accounts and management of local government bodies and public establishments
- Hospital audit specialist
- 1990-1991 Regional directorate of the Caisse des dépôts et consignations —  
Crédit local de France: Paris
- Director, Paris area and major accounts
- Setting up loans for major local government bodies and associations (banking activities and financial engineering)
  - Major clients: region, AP-HP, APAJH, Red Cross, CEDIF, SYCTOM
- 1975-1982 Ministry of Justice: Paris
- Private Office of the Director for General Administration and  
Equipment: Paris
- Central administration attaché

## **Ye Xuenong (China)**

Born in Anhui Province, China, in October 1968

### **Education background**

- 1989 Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Tianjin University
- 1991 Bachelor of Arts degree in law, China Foreign Affairs University
- 1999 Master's degree in international public policy, the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

### **Professional experience**

- August 1991 Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1992-2000 Attaché, subsequently Third Secretary, Deputy Director of Division, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2000-2001 Second Secretary, General Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2001-2004 Deputy Director of Division, subsequently First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2004-2009 Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences and Legal Affairs, Commissioner's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macao Special Administrative Region
- 2009-2012 Deputy Director-General, United Nations Association of China
- 2012-2014 Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
- 2014- Member, ACABQ

Mr. Ye has been involved in multilateral diplomacy for more than 20 years since he joined the Chinese foreign service. He has developed extensive experience and knowledge with regard to international organizations and conferences, and, in particular, United Nations administrative and budgetary matters.

From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Ye was First Desk Officer and was subsequently Deputy Director in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, handling issues related to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. He represented China in the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination on a regular basis. He was also responsible for a broad range of other issues, including matters of which the Security Council was seized, United Nations peacekeeping operations, reforms of the United Nations and

the Security Council, political agenda items of the General Assembly and elections in United Nations organs.

Mr. Ye was in charge of United Nations activities in the fields of refugees, drug control, the rights of persons with disabilities, criminal justice and crime prevention, while handling policy issues with respect to United Nations specialized agencies from 2001 to 2004, expanding his understanding of the United Nations system. He then had the opportunity to represent China in the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the World Health Organization Executive Committee, the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization and the International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference.

In 2004, Mr. Ye was assigned to the Commissioner's Office of the Foreign Ministry in the Macao Special Administrative Region in 2004, in charge of matters concerning participation of the Macao Special Administrative Region in international organizations and conferences.

From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Ye was Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, representing China in the Fifth Committee. He coordinated the Chinese delegation to the Fifth Committee of the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly in the capacity of Alternate Representative, playing a constructive role in the negotiations.

Mr. Ye is a current member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, since March 2014.

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