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### Fifth Committee

Agenda item 120 (b)

#### Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

## Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document [A/75/102/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly is required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for reappointment:
  - Michael Holsch (Germany)
  - Ji-sun Jun (Republic of Korea)
  - Vadim Laputin (Russian Federation)
  - Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)
  - Lin Shan (China)
  - Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.



## Annex

### Curricula vitae\*

#### Michael Holtsch (Germany)

Year of birth 1973

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Since 2018</b>                       | Expert Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions  |
| <b>November 2012–<br/>Present</b>       | <p>Desk Officer for European Financial Issues, in particular Budget for Financial Instruments of Heading 3 (Security and Citizenship) and 4 (Global Europe) of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsible for all financial questions related to civilian and military “Common Security and Defence Policy” (CSDP), including strategies, mandates and budgetary impact statements of PKOs</li> <li>• issues regarding EU funding in and outside the EU in respect of refugees/migration, humanitarian aid and development policy, incl. financing of EU Trust Funds, EU Turkey Refugee Facility, Asylum and Migrations Fund, Internal Security Fund and European Development Fund</li> </ul> |
| <b>February 2012–<br/>November 2012</b> | <p>Financial Officer at the Economic Division of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in depth analysis of the scale of assessment methodology for the regular budget and the budget of the PKOs, including detailed assessment of new proposals and examination of ODA eligible items</li> <li>• EU burdesharer for the topic “Board of Auditors”</li> </ul>  |
| <b>November 2008–<br/>January 2012</b>  | <p>Desk Officer at the Budget Division of the German Federal Ministry of Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• budget negotiations, budgetary questions, in particular financial questions related to ODA-eligibility, multilateral development cooperation and climate financing (post 2012 Kyoto/fast track financing)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>August 2003–<br/>November 2008</b>   | <p>Attorney at Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• civil law, intellectual property law</li> <li>• litigation, filed and defended claims</li> </ul>  |
| <b>June 2002–<br/>June 2003</b>         | <p>Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• national and international contract and commercial law, incl. tax and labour law issues</li> <li>• development of investment concepts/business strategies for SMEs in southeast Asia</li> </ul>  |

\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

**May 1999–  
April 2000**            Consultant (legal department)

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**2000–2002**            Post Graduate Judicial Clerkship at the Court of Appeal in the District of Berlin (i.a. Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**1994–1999**            Study of Law Humboldt University Berlin (Germany)

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)**    German

**Other languages**    English, Russian

**Ji-sun Jun (Republic of Korea)**

**DATE OF BIRTH:** May 1, 1973

**EDUCATION:**

Aug. 1997      B.A. in Journalism, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea  
Aug. 2004      B.A. in Law, Korea National Open University, Seoul, Korea  
Aug. 2006      Postgraduate Diploma, Diplomatic Service Programme,  
University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
Nov. 2007      LLM, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

**CAREER:**

Aug. 2001      Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT)  
Dec. 2001      Deputy Director, European Economic Affairs Division  
Dec. 2002      Deputy Director, Trade Policy Planning Division  
Dec. 2003      Deputy Director, Multilateral Agreement Division  
Jan. 2008      Deputy Director, Protocol Office  
Jan. 2009      Deputy Director, United Nations Division  
June 2010      First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to  
the International Organizations in Vienna  
Feb. 2015      Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
Feb. 2018      Director, Multilateral Economic Organizations Division  
Feb. 2020      Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the  
United Nations  
Apl. 2020      Member, Committee on Contributions

## Vadim Laputin (Russian Federation)

### Professional experience

- 1994–1998** Consular Officer, Vice-Consul (Commercial), Consulate-General of the Russian Federation in Sydney, Australia
- 1998–2001** Attaché, Third Secretary, Administrative and Budgetary issues section, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Financial, administrative and budgetary issues of the United Nations and its agencies as well as different conventions and treaties
- 2001–2005** Deputy Director, Joint stock company “Norilskgazprom”, Moscow office. Issues of financial management, budget and HR policies, logistics
- 2006–2015** Head of Executive office of the Director General, Director of Administration, Joint Stock Company “National Media Group”, Moscow, Russia. Responsible for overall management and administration of major corporate entity
- 2015–2017** Head of Procurement and Logistics Division, Department of Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- 2018–present** Head of Administrative and Budget issues section, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Financial, administrative and budgetary issues of the United Nations and its agencies, other international and regional organizations as well as different conventions and treaties

Through his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated as a member of the Russian delegation in the sessions of governing bodies of various international organizations. In his personal capacity is a member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions and alternate member of the Council of Europe Budget Committee.

### Education

- 1987–1993** Diploma in International Relations, Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations
- 1991–1992** Student-auditor, Certificate of School of Business and Management, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

**Languages** Russian (mother tongue), English (fluent), Arabic (fluent)

**Date of Birth** 18 July 1970

## **Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)**

Born in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on 19 April 1956, Ambassador Henrique Sardinha is an active member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions (CoC), having first served in the Committee in 2005. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the UDF University, in Brasilia. In 1979, after attending the Instituto Rio Branco, the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, he joined the Brazilian Foreign Service.

Henrique Sardinha is the Brazilian Ambassador Designate to the Holy See and, cumulatively, to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. From 2013 to 2016, he was Ambassador of Brazil in Israel, and from 2009 to 2013, Ambassador of Brazil in Algeria. He was also posted at the Brazilian Embassies in Rome, La Paz, Managua, and Ottawa and at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the FAO. He served two times at the Brazilian Financial Office in New York.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brasilia, Ambassador Sardinha held the positions of Undersecretary-General for Asia and the Pacific (2017–2019) and Undersecretary-General for the Brazilian Communities, Consular and Legal Affairs (2017). In addition, he was Executive Coordinator of the Office of the Comptroller, Chief of Staff to the Undersecretary-General for Administration, Head of the Division for Personnel Payments, Head of the Division for Ministry Units Abroad, Chief of Staff to the Undersecretary-General for International Cooperation and Consular Affairs, and Director of the Trade Promotion Department.

Ambassador Sardinha was awarded foreign decorations from Bolivia, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Norway.

## Lin Shan (China)

Birth Date: December 24, 1974

Birth Place: Inner Mongolia, China

### Professional Career:

Mar. 2017–Present, Director of Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

- *Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of The State Council and etc.*
- *Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.*
- *Policies of Foreign Expenditures and etc.*

Sept. 2014–Feb. 2017, Vice Director and Consultant of Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

- *Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Counties and etc.*
- *Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.*
- *Policies of Foreign Expenditures and etc.*

Jan. 2009–Aug. 2014, Vice Director of Enterprise Division IV, the Enterprise Department, MOF, P. R. China

- *Policies research of SOEs and etc.*
- *Budget Management of Foreign trade policies.*

Aug. 2005–Dec. 2008, Principal Staff Member of General Office, the Enterprise Department, MOF, P. R. China

- *Policies research and management of SOEs.*
- *Policies research and management of SMEs.*

Aug. 2002–Jul. 2005, lecturer, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, P.R. China (from Oct. 2002 to Dec. 2003, as a visiting scholar in Ottawa University, Canada).

### Education Background

Sept. 1999–Jul. 2002, P.H.D., Graduate School, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, P.R. China

Sept. 1997–Jul. 1999, Master of National Economics, Graduate School, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, P.R. China

Sept. 1993–Jul. 1997, Bachelor of Investment Management, department of Investment Economics, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, P.R. China

## **Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**

**Director, International, UK National Audit Office**

### **Key Skills**

- Qualified accountant and experienced external auditor with over thirty years' technical accounting and audit experience working with United Nations organisations and major UK public departments (including Department of Work and Pensions, Ministry of Defence and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs).
- Highly experienced in production and presentation of reports to United Nations Governing Bodies and committees and in the negotiation and clearance of sensitive and complex reports
- Wide experience of corporate and strategic leadership, leading client engagement, managing teams and negotiating clearance of contentious audit reports, and responsible for drafting and presentation of published reports to governing bodies, political groupings and other stakeholders
- Expert knowledge of United Nations operations and related rules and regulations, governing body structures, political groupings and lengthy experience of working with United Nations senior management
- Expert knowledge of enterprise risk management, governance and accountability frameworks and experience of Fraud Risk Assessment, prevention and Investigation
- In-depth knowledge of Oracle and other ERP Project Management and business transformation projects
- In-depth knowledge of Governance, accountability and Internal Control Frameworks in International Organisations
- Extensive experience of reviewing the management and evaluation of technical cooperation and development aid programmes and projects

### **Qualifications**

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
- Certified Corporate Fraud Investigator
- BA Social Sciences (Economics) University of Leicester
- A Levels: Pure Maths and Statistics, Economics, Geography, General Studies

### **Core Experience**

Experience of managing and delivering a wide range of complex international audits and other assignments (under both UNSAS and IPSAS) in the United Nations and of auditing major UK government departments (Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Central and Local Government and Ministry of Defence) including departmental resource accounts; Charities and Companies. Direct experience of auditing most United Nations entities including UNHQ Secretariat, UNDP, UNOPS, UNHCR, UNODC, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, UNOG, UNON, UNOV, UNOG, UNODC, ILO, FAO, WFP, ITC, ICTY, ICTR. I have worked closely and constructively with audit committees in many United Nations clients.

In-depth knowledge and experience of United Nations Reform issues and of United Nations financial management and business transformation projects including Umoja, Human Resources and Procurement reforms, common system developments, implementation of IPSAS, counter-fraud and corruption initiatives, enterprise risk management, technical cooperation and project and programme management. Experience in examining complex accounting and audit issues, involving re-performance and validation of economic and other models used by entities in core business processes such as budgeting (e.g. budget re-costing), employee liabilities (including validation of actuarial reports) and complex accounting estimates (e.g. finance leases).

Served as an expert on a number of advisory bodies and technical groups throughout my career including the financial advisory board to the preparatory commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation; five years experience as UK Director of external audit with the United Nations Board of Auditors; and 4 years as Vice Chair of the Technical Group of the United Nations Panel of external auditors.

During my career I have travelled extensively to see United Nations operations at headquarters and in the field and been based in overseas locations in New York, Geneva and Rome for over 14 years in total.

**June 2017 to Present: Delegate to the United Nations Committee on Contributions**

**September 2016 to June 2017: Director of Financial Audit of UK Customs and Internal Revenue Service (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs), Director of Strategy and Planning for the Mass Market Operations Cluster and Director of National Audit Office's International Relations.**

On returning from New York I was appointed lead Director on the financial audit of the UK Revenue and Customs Department which is responsible for the collection of over £560 Billion of UK revenue while also leading National Audit Office's international relations and developing and setting the strategic direction for the National Audit Office's Mass Market Operations cluster.

**2011 to September 2016: International Audits based in New York from September 2014.**

Director responsible for all National Audit Office international audits and UK Director on the United Nations Board of Auditors responsible for Financial Audit and Reporting on the United Nations, including all aspects of the audits of the United Nations Secretariat, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Office for Project Services; United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, United Nations Compensation Commission, the International Trade Centre and six United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

**2009 to 2011: Department for Central and Local Government**

Audit Manager responsible for the audits of the Department for Central and Local Government Resource Account; the Audit Commission and a large number of small to medium-sized non-departmental public bodies, Charities and Government Companies. My role was to lead the central government audit work and client engagement across the UK local government sector at a time of transition when many local bodies were being closed down and powers transferred to central government bodies.

**2005–2008: Ministry of Defence**

Managing the audit of the Defence Equipment and Support Organisation and a number of smaller defence bodies including the Defence Support and Distribution Agency, British Forces Post Office, and international armaments development agencies such as the Organisation Conjointe de Cooperation en matiere d'Armement (OCCAR). I gained wide experience of complex accounting issues, major defence procurement projects, logistics and inventory management in the context of a major, complex and highly sensitive UK government department.

**2005: Consultant, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome.**

Responsible for procuring, managing and supporting a Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method project (Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method) review of Information security. This project tested the effectiveness of FAO IT Security and Governance structures leading to important improvements in cyber security.

**2000 to 2004: International Labour Organisation, Geneva**

Project Director, Oracle ERP implementation for ILO HQ and field operations. As Project Director, my responsibilities included selection and procurement of an appropriate ERP solution and integration partner. I had responsibility for overall supervision of the project team (up to 120 staff and consultants) and was accountable for managing the \$25 million project budget. I reported to a project steering committee and ILO governing bodies. The project successfully replaced an ageing mainframe computer system with a modern integrated ERP database system which provided a platform for further business transformation and increased operational efficiency and effectiveness.

**1996 to 2000: Manager NAO Geneva Office**

I was responsible for managing a large portfolio of audits including the external audit of the International Labour Organisation, and all European based agencies audited under the NAOs work with the United Nations Board of Auditors including UNOG, UNODC, UNOV, ICTY, UNHCR, OHCHR, ITC, UNITAR, UNCC, International Training Centre Turin, UNFCC, UNCCD, and the United Nations Staff College.

**1993 to 1996: Audit Manager, National Audit Office section Blackpool, Department for Work and Pensions**

Initially posted to London as an AP on the audit of contributory benefits, I was promoted to Audit Manager and transferred to National Audit Office's Blackpool Office to manage the audit of the UK's major Welfare Benefits and the Department for Work and Pensions departmental accounts, including its executive agencies. I highlighted the major impact of fraud and error in relation to welfare benefits which led to a major and ongoing audit qualification of these accounts.

**1989 to 1992: Principal Auditor, Rome, FAO and WFP**

I was resident in Rome as the lead Principal Auditor on the audit of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agency accounts including the Trust Fund accounts, FAO Commissary and Credit Union and also worked on the audit of the World Food Programme. I also led the United Nations Board of Auditors audit of the UNDP.