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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution [1985/17](#), the Economic and Social Council established the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to undertake functions relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Covenant. The members are elected from a list of persons nominated by States parties to the Covenant.

2. In 2018, the Council is to elect nine members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2019 to fill vacancies that will occur upon the expiration, on 31 December 2018, of the terms of the following members: Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze (Russian Federation), Clément Atangana (Cameroon), Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal), Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India), Olivier De Schutter (Belgium), Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria), Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil), Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea) and Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes (Colombia).

3. In a note verbale dated 22 September 2017, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months. The names of the persons nominated are set out below, together with the States parties that nominated them. Biographical information on the candidates will be provided in document [E/2018/9/Add.6](#).

<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze*	Russian Federation
Clément Atangana*	Cameroon
Asraf Ally Caunhye	Mauritius
Olivier De Schutter*	Belgium



<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Peters Sunday Omologbe Emuze	Nigeria
Azzouz Kerdoun*	Algeria
Tarik Ibrahim Hassan Kurdi	Sudan
Salima Namusobya	Uganda
Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão*	Brazil
Mounkaila Aichatou Seyni	Niger
Heisoo Shin*	Republic of Korea
Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes*	Colombia

* Nominated for re-election.

4. Currently, there are 166 States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The number of States parties by regional group is listed below, together with the number of seats to be allocated to each region in accordance with Council resolution [1985/17](#).

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>States parties as at 5 February 2018</i>	<i>Seats allocated</i>
African States	50	4
Asia-Pacific States	36	4
Eastern European States	23	3
Latin American and Caribbean States	29	4
Western European and other States	27	3
Total	165	18

5. Accordingly, the number of vacancies in each geographical region to be filled by the Council in 2018 is as follows:

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>
African States	2
Asia-Pacific States	2
Eastern European States	1
Latin American and Caribbean States	3
Western European and other States	1
Total	9

6. The current membership of the Committee is listed in the annex to the present note.

Annex**Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights****(18 members; four-year term)****Membership in 2018**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze (Russian Federation)	2018
Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2020
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)	2018
Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal)	2018
Chen Shiqiu (China)	2020
Laura-Maria Craciunean-Tatu (Romania)	2020
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)	2018
Olivier De Schutter (Belgium)	2018
Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland)	2020
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)	2018
Sandra Liebenberg (South Africa)	2020
Mikel Mancisidor de la Fuente (Spain)	2020
Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname)	2020
Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil)	2018
Waleed Sadi (Jordan)	2020
Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)	2018
Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes (Colombia)	2018
Michael Windfuhr (Germany)	2020