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Election of a member of the International Court of Justice

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By a letter dated 13 January 2025, a certified copy of which was forwarded to the attention of the Secretary-General under the cover of a letter dated 14 January 2025 from the Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, the President of the Court, Judge Nawaf Salam, informed the Vice-President of the Court, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 4, of the Statute of the Court, of his resignation as a member of the Court, effective 14 January 2025. Therefore, a vacancy in the Court occurred on 14 January 2025.
2. Judge Salam was a member of the Court from 6 February 2018 and was appointed President of the Court on 6 February 2024. His term as a member of the Court would have expired on 5 February 2027.
3. By a note by the Secretary-General dated 16 January 2025 ([S/2025/37](#)), the Security Council was informed of the vacancy in the Court. On 24 January 2025, the Council adopted resolution [2770 \(2025\)](#), in which it decided that the date of the election to fill the vacancy should be 27 May 2025.
4. The agenda of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly ([A/79/251](#) and [A/79/251/Add.1](#)) does not contain a sub-item concerning the election of members of the International Court of Justice. The Secretary-General therefore has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the seventy-ninth session of the Assembly of an additional sub-item entitled “Election of a member of the International Court of Justice”, under item 114, entitled “Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs”.

