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Agenda item 4

**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

## **Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments and appointment of eight members by the President of the Economic and Social Council**

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

1. Pursuant to its resolution [2000/22](#) and its decision 2016/205, the Economic and Social Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council. The Forum consists of 16 members, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on Indigenous issues for a period of three years, with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period. Eight members are to be nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2016/205, and eight members are to be appointed by the President of the Council following formal consultation with the Bureau and regional groups through their coordinators on the basis of broad consultations with Indigenous organizations.

2. In 2025, at its management meetings to be held on 4 April, the Economic and Social Council will be called upon to elect eight members according to the following pattern, as outlined in decision 2016/205 (election 4).

- (a) One member from African States;
- (b) One member from Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) Two members from Eastern European States;
- (d) Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) Two members from Western European and other States.

3. The term of office of the new members of the Permanent Forum would begin on 1 January 2026 and expire on 31 December 2028. The current membership of the Permanent Forum is listed in the annex to the present note.

4. In a note verbale dated 13 November 2024, the Secretary-General invited Governments to submit, by 31 December 2024, their nominations for membership in



the Permanent Forum. A list of the persons thus nominated is set out below. Biographical information on the candidates will be issued in document [E/2025/9/Add.4](#).

5. The eight members nominated by Indigenous organizations and appointed by the President of the Council will be communicated separately to members of the Council.

## **Nominees**

### **African States**

Gervais Ndhokubwayo (Burundi)

### **Asia-Pacific States**

Li Nan<sup>a</sup> (China)

### **Eastern European States**

Valts Ernštreits (Latvia)

Suleiman Mamutov<sup>a</sup> (Ukraine)

Sergei Timoshkov (Russian Federation)

### **Latin American and Caribbean States**

Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard<sup>a</sup> (Chile)

Diego A. Tituaña Matango (Ecuador)

### **Western European and other States**

Brenda Gunn (Canada)

Keith M. Harper<sup>a</sup> (United States of America)

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<sup>a</sup> Seeking re-election.

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**Annex****Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues****(16 members; three-year term of office)****Membership from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025****Eight experts elected by the Council**

Vital Bambanze\* (Burundi)

Tove Søvndahl Gant\* (Denmark)

Ali Hajilari (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Keith M. Harper (United States of America)

Li Nan (China)

Suleiman Mamutov (Ukraine)

Bornface Museke Mate\* (Namibia)

Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard (Chile)

**Eight experts appointed by the President of the Council**

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim\* (Chad)

Aluki Kotierk (Canada)

Hannah McGlade\* (Australia)

Darío José Mejía Montalvo\* (Colombia)

Naw Ei Ei Min (Myanmar)

Hanieh Moghani (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Geoffrey Scott Roth\* (United States of America)

Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina (Russian Federation)

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\* Currently serving a second term.