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programme**

Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. The terms of two members of the Board, namely Iskandar Ghattas (Egypt) and Željko Horvatić (Croatia), expire on 5 December 2012.

2. According to the article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, annexed to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56:

“2. The Board shall be composed of the following:

“(a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control¹ upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among

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¹ Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control is now the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.



eminent person who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term.”

3. The following candidates are proposed for selection appointment by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: Taous Feroukhi (Algeria) and Jayantilal M. Karia (Uganda).

4. The principle of equitable geographical distribution is taken into account in the composition of the Board. The current Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute is composed of:

Pedro David (Argentina)

Eduardo Fungairiño (Spain)

Iskandar Ghattas (Egypt)

Željko Horvatić (Croatia)

Stuart Page (Australia)

Elizabeth G. Verville (United States of America)

Alexander Vladimirovich Zmeyerovskiy (Russian Federation)

5. Background information on the candidates is provided in the annex to the present document. Detailed background information is available from the Secretariat.

Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill a position on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

A. Taous Feroukhi (Algeria)

Taous Feroukhi is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Algeria to Austria, Slovakia, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United Nations and other international organizations based in Vienna. She has also served as Chair of the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77 and China, Chair of the African Group, Co-Chair of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

Prior to her post as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, she served as Chargée de mission in the Cabinet of the President of the Republic from 1999 to 2002.

From 1996 to 1999, she served as adviser to the Secrétaire d'Etat chargé de la Coopération et des Affaires Maghrébines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 1994 to 1996, she was Deputy Director for the Programmes and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations at the Direction Générale des Relations Multilatérales, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prior to that, she served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations in Geneva; Chef de Bureau pour les Pays de l'Europe Septentrionale, Direction Générale "Europe", Ministry of Foreign Affairs; First Secretary at the Embassy of Algeria in Madrid; and Second Secretary for Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation at the Embassy of Algeria in Ottawa.

B. Jayantilal M. Karia (Uganda)

Jayantilal M. Karia is currently Senior Adviser on Administration and Finance at the International Renewable Energy Agency; Senior Adviser to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards; and member of the Audit Advisory Committee of the United Nations Development Programme.

From 2009 to 2011, he served as Deputy Controller, United Nations. He was also the Secretary-General's representative to the Board of Trustees overseeing activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and provided extensive guidance on improving financial management and effective controls in the Institute.

Prior to that, he served as Director of the Accounts Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, and as Officer-in-Charge of the Peacekeeping

Financing Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts. He also served as Officer-in-Charge of the Procurement Service, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts.

In addition, he has held the posts of Deputy Director of the Accounts Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts; Deputy Executive Officer, Department of Administration and Management; and Chief of Finance, Automated Systems, Order Entry and Filing, United Nations Postal Administration, Office of Central Support Services.
