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*Chair:* Mr. Amorín..... (Uruguay)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.*

**Agenda item 120: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**

1. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot, paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, and paragraph 47 of General Assembly resolution 71/323 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

2. He took it that the Committee wished to follow its established practice of restricting voting to candidates for whom nominations had been received during the nomination period.

3. *It was so decided.*

**(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/75/101/Rev.1; A/C.5/75/4)**

4. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and inviting the Assembly to appoint 10 persons, including 5 persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 2020 and an additional 5 persons to fill vacancies in accordance with the terms of its resolution 74/267 (A/75/101/Rev.1); and communicating the names of 13 persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/4).

5. Since the number of candidates from African States, Eastern European States and Latin American and Caribbean States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

6. *Mr. Bachar Bong (Chad), Mr. Kalkoul (Algeria) and Ms. Nalwanga (Uganda), for the African States; Mr. Bakanauskas (Lithuania) and Mr. Chernikovite (Russian Federation), for the Eastern European States and Ms. Maciel (Paraguay) and Ms. Ruas (Brazil), for the Latin American and Caribbean States were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

7. **The Chair**, drawing the Committee's attention to rules 93, 94 and 128 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate from Asia-Pacific States and two candidates from Western European and other States.

*Asia-Pacific States*

8. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Asuta (Kenya) and Ms. Csok (Hungary) acted as tellers.*

9. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	193
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	192
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	190
<i>Required majority:</i>	96
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Maitra (India)	126
Mr. Al-Dabag (Iraq)	64

10. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Maitra (India) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

*Western European and other States*

11. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Premchit (Thailand) and Ms. Cheong (Guyana) acted as tellers.*

12. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	193
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	193
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	193
<i>Required majority:</i>	97
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Chiurazzi-Maxfield (United States of America)	114
Mr. Terzi (Turkey)	108
Mr. Lennartsson (Sweden)	99
Mr. Belmont Roldán (Spain)	56

13. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Chiurazzi-Maxfield (United States of America) and Mr. Terzi (Turkey) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

**(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions** (A/75/102/Rev.1; A/C.5/75/5)

14. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and inviting the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2020 (A/75/102/Rev.1), and communicating the names of six persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/5).

15. Since the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

16. *Ms. Jun Ji-sun (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Lin Shan (China), for the Asia-Pacific States; Mr. Laputin (Russian Federation), for the Eastern European States; Mr. Sardinha Pinto (Brazil) for the Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mr. Holtsch (Germany) and Mr. Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), for the Western European and other States, were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

**(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee** (A/75/103; A/C.5/75/6)

17. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and inviting the Assembly to confirm the appointment of four persons whom he had designated to fill vacancies on the Investments Committee beginning on 1 January 2021, including three appointments that had been postponed from the Assembly's seventy-fourth session (A/75/103), and submitting the names of four persons for confirmation of appointment by the Assembly as regular members for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021, as well as presenting Mr. Klein (United States of America) for confirmation of appointment by the Assembly as Chair of the Investments Committee for a term beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/6).

18. Since the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly

should confirm the candidates' appointment or reappointment.

19. *The Committee recommended by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Mr. Al-Rumayyan (Saudi Arabia), Ms. Alade (Nigeria), Ms. Khanjenkova (Russian Federation) and Ms. Parise (Argentina) as regular members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021 and the appointment of Mr. Klein (United States of America) as Chair of the Investments Committee for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

20. **The Chair** said that, in the same note (A/C.5/75/6), in accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General also submitted the name of one person for confirmation of reappointment by the Assembly as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021.

21. *The Committee recommended by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the reappointment of Mr. Tall (Mali) as an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021.*

**(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission** (A/75/104; A/C.5/75/7)

22. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission and inviting the General Assembly to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Commission on 31 December 2020 (A/75/104), and communicating the names of five persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/7).

23. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asia-Pacific States and the Eastern European States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

24. *Mr. Djacta (Algeria) and Mr. Zahid (Morocco), for the African States; Mr. Kim Pan-Suk (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Wang Xiaochu (China), for the Asia-Pacific States; and Mr. Golubovskiy (Russian Federation), for the Eastern European States, were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service*

*Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

25. **The Chair**, recalling that the General Assembly, by its decision 73/407, had designated Mr. Djacta (Algeria) as Chair of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019, said that Mr. Djacta, following his reappointment of for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2021, would continue to serve as Chair of the Commission until 31 December 2022.

**(e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (A/75/105/Rev.1; A/C.5/75/8)**

26. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to paragraphs 3, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 61/275 and inviting the Assembly to appoint two persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on 31 December 2020 (A/75/105/Rev.1), and communicating the names of two persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/8).

27. Since the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

28. *Mr. Makwetu (South Africa) and Ms. St. Laurent (United States of America) were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

**(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/75/106; A/C.5/75/9)**

29. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General referring to article 6 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and inviting the General Assembly to appoint four members and four alternate members to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee on 1 January 2021 (A/75/106), and communicating the names of eight persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 (A/C.5/75/9).

30. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

31. *Mr. Al Kabir (Bangladesh), Mr. Chumakov (Russian Federation), Mr. Mazemo (Zimbabwe), Mr. Owade (Kenya), Ms. Poroli (Argentina), Mr. Stosberg (Germany), Mr. Traystman (United States of America) and Mr. Yamaguchi (Japan) were recommended by acclamation for appointment or reappointment to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2021.*

*The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.*