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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Pursuant to its resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council established a Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council, consisting of 16 members, all serving in their personal capacity as independent experts for a term of three years. Eight members are nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2001/316, and eight members are appointed by the President of the Council.
2. At the 46th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2001, the President of the Council appointed eight experts to the Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002. At the same meeting, the Council elected seven members to the Forum and postponed to a future session the election of one expert from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.¹
3. The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of China to fill the outstanding vacancy on the Forum. The candidate is **Qin Xiaomei**. The term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2004.
4. Biographical information on Mrs. Qin is set out below.

¹ For the membership of the Forum, as appointed and elected, see Council decision 2001/201 C.

Qin Xiaomei (China)

Academic degree: Graduated from Beijing University

Languages: Chinese, English

Previous experience

- 1964 Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
 - 1964-1990 Worked in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, the Department of African Affairs, the Chinese Embassy to Kenya and the Chinese Embassy to Lesotho
 - 1990-1995 Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
 - 1995-1997 Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - 1997-1998 Deputy Head, Section of International Organizations and Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China
 - 1998-1999 Counsellor, Chinese Embassy to the United States of America
 - 1995- Professor, Foreign Affairs College of China
 - 2001- Member of the Executive Board, United Nations Association of China
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