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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/2013/2/Add.1)

Statistical Commission (E/2013/9)

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

2. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola and Cameroon had been endorsed by the Group of African States, while Libya was a non-endorsed candidate; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Mexico and Suriname were non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Italy, New Zealand and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

3. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from African States, Eastern European States and Western European and other States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Angola, Cameroon, Italy, Libya, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Sweden were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

6. **The President**, noting that there were more candidates than the number of vacancies, invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

7. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Baus (Croatia) and Mr. Acharya (Nepal) acted as tellers.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Brazil:	34
Mexico:	18
Suriname:	2

9. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Brazil was elected a member of the Statistical Commission.*

10. **The President** invited the Council to fill the outstanding vacancy for Western European and other States.

11. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Netherlands had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States to fill the vacancy.

12. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect the Netherlands by acclamation to the Statistical Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2016.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. *The Netherlands was elected a member of the Statistical Commission.*

Commission on Population and Development (E/2013/9)

15. **The President** invited the Council to elect 16 members to the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-eighth session in 2014 and expiring at the close of its fifty-first session in 2018.

16. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin, Liberia, South Africa and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

17. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from African States, Asia-Pacific States and Western European and other States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. *Benin, Liberia, Pakistan, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zambia were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

20. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on Population and Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from Asia-Pacific States, two members from Eastern European States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-eighth session in 2014.

21. *It was so decided.*

22. **The President** recalled that there was an outstanding vacancy on the Commission on Population and Development to be filled from Asia-Pacific States.

23. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Bangladesh had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

24. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Bangladesh by acclamation to the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session in 2017.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. *Bangladesh was elected as a member of the Commission on Population and Development.*

27. **The President**, urging regional groups concerned to submit nominees for vacancies at the earliest opportunity, said he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the five outstanding vacancies — one from Asia-Pacific States and one from Latin American and Caribbean States, both for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2016; and one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States and one from Eastern European States, all for terms beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session in 2017.

28. *It was so decided.*

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2013/9)

29. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2014 and

expiring at the close of its sixty-second session in 2018.

30. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Congo, Ghana, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, India, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea and Tajikistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and El Salvador, Guyana and Uruguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

31. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

32. *It was so decided.*

33. *Bangladesh, Congo, El Salvador, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Tajikistan, the Republic of Korea, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Uruguay were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

34. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on the Status of Women, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from African States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2014.

35. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2013/9)

36. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

37. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, Benin, Nigeria and Togo had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Croatia, the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Belgium, Canada, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

38. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

39. *It was so decided.*

40. *Angola, Australia, Belgium, Benin, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, the Czech Republic, France, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Togo and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination
(E/2013/9/Add.1)

41. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

42. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin and Ethiopia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and Haiti was a non-endorsed candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

43. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from African States, Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

44. *It was so decided.*

45. *Benin, China, Ethiopia, Haiti and Japan were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

46. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the nomination of one member from African States and one member from Asia-Pacific States for election by the General Assembly.

47. *It was so decided.*

48. **The President** recalled that there were five outstanding vacancies on the Committee for

Programme and Coordination to be filled from Western European and other States: four for a term expiring on 31 December 2014 and one for a term expiring on 31 December 2015, both terms beginning on the date of election.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(E/2013/9/Add.3, E/2013/9/Add.4 and E/2013/9/Add.12)

49. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pursuant to Council resolution 2000/22 and decision 2001/3016, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014. He would appoint the other eight members and communicate the information to the Council subsequently. The Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia had withdrawn its candidate.

50. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mr. Mohammad Hassani Nejad Pirkouhi (Islamic Republic of Iran) had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and Mr. Oliver Loode (Estonia) and Ms. Aisa Mukabnova (Russian Federation) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States.

51. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from Asia-Pacific States and Eastern European States was equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

52. *It was so decided.*

53. *Mr. Mohammad Hassani Nejad Pirkouhi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Oliver Loode (Estonia) and Ms. Aisa Mukabnova (Russian Federation) were elected to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

54. **The President**, noting that there were more candidates than vacancies from African States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States, invited the Council to elect two members from African States and one member from each of the other two groups.

55. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mr. Simon William M'Viboudoulou (Congo), Mr. Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon) and Mr. Joseph Goko Mutangah (Kenya) had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Mr. Gabriel Muyuy Jacanamejoy (Colombia) and Mr. Álvaro Esteban Pop Ac

(Guatemala) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mr. Jens Dahl (Denmark) and Ms. Megan Davis (Australia) had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

56. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Baus (Croatia) and Mr. Farooq (Pakistan) acted as tellers for the votes on the candidates from African States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States, in that order.*

57. *Votes were taken by secret ballot.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon):	49
Mr. Joseph Goko Mutangah (Kenya):	32
Mr. Simon William M'Viboudoulou (Congo):	24

58. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon) and Mr. Joseph Goko Mutangah (Kenya) were elected members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Álvaro Esteban Pop Ac (Guatemala):	31
Mr. Gabriel Muyuy Jacanamejoy (Colombia):	23

59. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Álvaro Esteban Pop Ac (Guatemala) was elected a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	54
<i>Required majority:</i>	28
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Ms. Megan Davis (Australia):	48
Mr. Jens Dahl (Denmark):	6

60. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Megan Davis (Australia) was elected a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2013/9/Add.5)

61. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

62. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Papua New Guinea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Estonia and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Antigua and Barbuda and Panama had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

63. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

64. *It was so decided.*

65. *Antigua and Barbuda, China, Estonia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

66. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Canada and Greece were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, effective 1 January 2014. New Zealand and Japan, respectively, had been endorsed, to complete those terms of office. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation New Zealand and Japan to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

67. *New Zealand and Japan were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services (E/2013/9/Add.6)

68. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations

Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

69. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Nepal had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Armenia and Montenegro had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba and Ecuador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

70. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all regional groups was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

71. *It was so decided.*

72. *Armenia, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Ireland, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the United States of America were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services.*

73. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Japan, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain were resigning from their seats on the Executive Board effective 1 January 2014. Switzerland and Canada had been endorsed to complete the terms of Japan and New Zealand, respectively, which were due to expire on 31 December 2014; Belgium and Finland had been endorsed to complete the terms of Portugal and Spain, respectively, which were due to expire on 31 December 2015. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Belgium, Canada, Finland and Switzerland to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/ United Nations Office for Project Services.

74. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme (E/2013/9/Add.8)

75. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of the World Food

Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

76. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burundi and Ethiopia had been endorsed by the Group of African States (List A); Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States (List B); Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (List C); and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States (List D).

77. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from Lists A, B, C, and D was equal to or less than, the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect the proposed candidates by acclamation to the Executive Board.

78. *It was so decided.*

79. *Burundi, Cuba, Ethiopia, Norway and Pakistan were elected to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

80. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the World Food Programme, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from List D.

81. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/2013/9/Add.9)

82. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

83. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India and Kazakhstan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Ukraine was a non-endorsed candidate from the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and the United States of America were non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Western European and other States.

84. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he

took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

85. *It was so decided.*

86. *El Salvador, France, India, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were elected to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.*

87. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014.

88. *It was so decided.*

Outstanding vacancies from previous sessions: Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/2013/9)

89. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the 20 outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting from African States and Asia-Pacific States.

90. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

91. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Côte d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka for terms expiring on 31 December 2014 and Ghana for a term expiring on 31 December 2015 to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts.

92. *It was so decided.*

93. *Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Sri Lanka were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting.*

94. **The President** said he also took it that the Council wished to further postpone the following 17 outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts: one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States and eight from Western European and other States, all for terms beginning on

the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014; and four from Asia-Pacific States, two from Eastern European States and two from Latin American and Caribbean States, all for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

95. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award (E/2013/9)

96. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the outstanding vacancies on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award from African States and Asia-Pacific States.

97. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Nigeria was a non-endorsed candidate for the Group of African States; and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

98. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Nigeria and Pakistan to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for terms expiring on 31 December 2015.

99. *It was so decided.*

100. *Nigeria and Pakistan were elected to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2013/9)

101. **The President** invited the Council to take action on two of the nine outstanding vacancies in the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme from Western European and other States.

102. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that France and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

103. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect France and Norway, by acclamation, to the Governing Council for a term expiring on 31 December 2016.

104. *It was so decided.*

105. *France and Norway were elected to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

106. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the following seven outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council: two from Eastern European States and one from Western European and other States, all for terms expiring on 31 December 2015; and two from Eastern European States and two from Western European and other States, all for terms expiring on 31 December 2016.

107. *It was so decided.*

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

108. **The President** informed the Council that since more time was required to identify the candidates to be nominated by the Secretary-General, the appointment of the 24 experts to serve on the Committee in their personal capacity for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 would be postponed to a later date.

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

109. **The President** drew the Council's attention to the notation in the agenda (E/2013/2/Add.I) regarding the appointment of 25 experts to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. The deadline for receipt of nominations and curriculum vitae from Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers to the United Nations being 30 April 2013, the list of experts appointed by the Secretary-General would be made available to the Council subsequently.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

110. **The President** said that the terms of office of 24 members of the Executive Board would expire on 31 December 2013. In accordance with Council resolution 2010/35 and paragraphs 61 (a) and (b) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, 18 members were to be elected from the five regional groups and 6 from contributing countries, all for three-year terms beginning on 1 January 2014. He would communicate to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations the list of the average annual voluntary contributions of Member States to the core budget of the Entity, which was to be provided by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 62 of resolution 64/289. Consequently, he suggested that the election of the 24 members of the Executive Board should be postponed to allow sufficient time for the nomination process.

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2013/9/Add.11)

111. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the International Narcotics Control Board to fill a vacancy arising from the death of Mr. Hamid Ghodse of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 1 March 2017.

112. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the nominees were Mr. Jaanus Haro (Estonia), Mr. Sri Suryawati (Indonesia) and Mr. Mohammed Tamouh Abou-Saleh (Syrian Arab Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

113. **The President**, noting that there were more nominees than the number of vacancies, invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, a member to fill the vacant seat.

114. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Reetoo (Mauritius) and Mr. Viera (Ecuador) acted as tellers.*

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

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	54
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	54
<i>Abstentions:</i>	2
<i>Number of members voting:</i>	52
<i>Required majority:</i>	27
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	
Mr. Sri Suryawati (Indonesia):	42
Mr. Jaanus Haro (Estonia):	5
Mr. Mohammed Tamouh Abou-Saleh (Syrian Arab Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):	5

116. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Sri Suryawati (Indonesia) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board.*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2013/L.3 and E/2013/L.4)

Draft decision E/2013/L.3: Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the substantive session of 2013 of the Economic and Social Council

117. **The President** took it that the Council wished to waive rule 54 of the rules of procedure in order not to delay adoption of the draft decision.

118. *Draft decision E/2013/L.3 was adopted.*

Draft decision E/2013/L.4: Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2013 of the Economic and Social Council

119. **The President** took it that the Council wished to waive rule 54 of the rules of procedure in order not to delay adoption of the draft decision.

120. *Draft decision E/2013/L.4 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.