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

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued)

Draft decision E/2016/L.2: Distribution of seats among the eight experts nominated by Member States to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

1. **The President** said that had been informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

2. *Draft decision E/2016/L.2 was adopted.*

Draft decision E/2016/L.4: Dates and theme for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council

3. **The President** recalled that, in resolution 2016/1, the Council had approved the scheduling of the 2016 integration segment from 2-4 May 2016. It had subsequently been brought to the attention of the Bureau that the 2016 World Summit on the Information Society would be held from 2-6 May 2016. In order to avoid a conflict between the schedules of the two meetings, and in consultation with the Bureau, he therefore suggested, in draft decision L.4, that the dates of the 2016 integration segment should be changed to 13-15 June 2016.

4. Following consultations, he also proposed in draft decision L.4 that the theme of the segment should be “Reimagining digital technologies for a sustainable future”. The proposed theme, as well as the change in the dates of the integration segment, would allow the Council to benefit from the outcome of the 2016 World Summit on the Information Society.

5. **Ms. Miyano** (Japan) sought clarification as to why the Council needed to decide on the theme for the integration segment at a time when discussions were underway on how to align the work of the entire United Nations system with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

6. **Ms. Luna** (Observer for Mexico) said that her delegation believed that it could be counterproductive for the Council to decide on the theme of the integration segment at the current time. The integration segment was a crucial part of the follow-up mechanism for the 2030 Agenda and its theme should be more closely related to the annual theme for 2016, with a

view to ensuring the coherence of the entire system, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 68/1.

7. **The President** said that the theme had been suggested by the International Telecommunication Union and had been considered during the 2015 integration segment, and subsequently by the Bureau. As for the question of the urgency of taking action on draft decision E/2016/L.4, he observed that all the functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council needed to be informed well in advance of the theme for the 2016 integration segment.

8. **Ms. Sloane** (United States of America) said that her delegation shared many of the concerns expressed by the representative of Japan and the Observer for Mexico. She sought more information on the interrelationship between the World Summit on the Information Society and the theme of the Council’s integration segment. Her delegation felt that it would be premature to decide on the theme, particularly since the World Summit had not yet taken place.

9. **The President** said that it seemed that more time was needed for consultations on draft decision E/2016/L.4. Replying to a question from **Mr. Khane** (Secretary of the Council), he said that it was his understanding that there was no objection to the proposed new dates of the 2016 integration segment.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (continued)

(a) Commission on Population and Development

10. **The President** said that he had been advised that the Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidature of Finland to fill an outstanding vacancy from the Western European and Other States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission’s fiftieth session in 2016 and expiring at the end of the Commission’s fifty-third session in 2020.

11. He took it that the Council wished to elect Finland, by acclamation, to the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission’s fiftieth session in 2016 and expiring at the end of the Commission’s fifty-third session in 2020.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **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 further postpone action on three outstanding vacancies: one member from the Asia-Pacific States and one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States, both for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the end of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2016; and one member from the Western European and Other States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fiftieth session in 2016 and expiring at the end of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2020.

14. *It was so decided.*

(b) Committee for Programme and Coordination

15. **The President** recalled that, in accordance with Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly decision 42/450, the election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination involved a two-step process: first, the Council nominated the members, and then the General Assembly elected them. In that regard, he had been advised that the Asia-Pacific States had endorsed the candidature of Iraq to fill the remaining vacancy from that region, for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2017.

16. He took it that the Council wished to nominate Iraq for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2017.

17. *It was so decided.*

18. **The President** said that in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone action on three outstanding vacancies from the Western European and Other States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2015; one member for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2017; and one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

19. *It was so decided.*

(c) Committee for Development Policy

20. **The President** said that a vacancy had arisen on the Committee for Development Policy as a result of the resignation of Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum-Pardo (Mexico). Document [E/2016/9/Add.1](#) contained the biographical information of Ms. Leticia Merino (Mexico), the candidate nominated by the Secretary-General to fill that seat for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 1 March 2018.

21. He took it that the Council wished to elect Ms. Leticia Merino (Mexico), by acclamation, to the Committee for Development Policy for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

22. *It was so decided.*

(d) Committee for the United Nations Population Award

23. **The President** said that he had been advised that Poland had presented its candidature to fill an outstanding vacancy for the Eastern European States on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

24. He took it that the Council wished to elect Poland by acclamation to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. **The President** said that in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of three members from the African States, three members from the Latin American and Caribbean States, and one member from the Western European and Other States, all for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2016.

27. *It was so decided.*

(e) Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

28. **The President** said that he had been informed that the candidatures of the Netherlands and of the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Western European and Other States for two outstanding vacancies on the Programme Coordinating Board of the

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for terms beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

29. He took it that the Council wished to elect the Netherlands and the United Kingdom by acclamation to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for terms beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2018.

30. *It was so decided.*

31. **The President** said that he had been informed that France was resigning its seat on the Programme Coordinating Board effective 31 December 2015 and that the candidature of Monaco had been endorsed by the Western European and Other States.

32. He took it that the Council wished to elect Monaco by acclamation to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to complete the term of office of France for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

33. *It was so decided.*

34. **The President** said that the membership of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS was now complete.

**(f) Organizational Committee of the
Peacebuilding Commission**

35. **The President** invited the Council to elect a member of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with Council resolution 2015/1 of 4 March 2015. He had been advised that Georgia had presented its candidature to complete the unexpired portion of the term of Croatia, whose term as a member of the Council would expire on 31 December 2015.

36. He took it that the Council wished to elect, by acclamation, Georgia to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a term beginning on 1 January 2016 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

37. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.