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**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

## **Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. By its resolution 1985/17, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish a Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to undertake functions relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Covenant. The members are elected from a list of persons nominated by States parties to the Covenant.

2. In 2016, the Council is to elect nine members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 to fill vacancies that will occur upon the expiration, on 31 December 2016, of the terms of the following members: Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt), Chen Shiqiu (China), Zdzisław Kedzia (Poland), Mikel Mancisidor de la Fuente (Spain), Sergei Martynov (Belarus), Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius), Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname), Waleed Sadi (Jordan), Nicolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands).

3. In a note verbale dated 9 September 2015, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months. The names of the persons nominated are set out below, together with the States parties that nominated them. Biographical information on the candidates will be provided in document [E/2016/9/Add.4](#).



<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
1. Mr. Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim*	Egypt
2. Mr. Marc France Eddy Balancy	Mauritius
3. Mr. Chen Shiqiu*	China
4. Ms. Laura-Maria Craciunean	Romania
5. Mr. Zdzislaw Kedzia*	Poland
6. Ms. Sandra Liebenberg	South Africa
7. Mr. Mikel Mancisidor de la Fuente*	Spain
8. Mr. Sergei Martynov*	Belarus
9. Mr. Mohamed Ould Lagdaf Ould Boya	Mauritania
10. Ms. Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg*	Suriname
11. Mr. Waleed Sadi*	Jordan
12. Mr. Michael Windfuhr	Germany

\* Nominated for re-election.

4. Currently, there are 164 States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The number of States parties by regional group is listed below, together with the number of seats to be allocated to each region in accordance with Council resolution 1985/17, subparagraph (b) and in accordance with Council decision 2010/201 B of 28 April 2010:<sup>1</sup>

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>States parties as at 1 January 2016</i>	<i>Seats allocated</i>
African States	49	4
Asia-Pacific States	35	4
Eastern European States	23	3
Latin American and Caribbean States	30	3
Western European and other States	27	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Council also decided that, on an exceptional basis, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States would be allocated the third rotating seat on the Committee for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011 and that the Group of Western European and other States would be allocated the same seat for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2015, and that such arrangement would not be affected by the number of ratifications to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights received by any regional group during that eight-year period.

5. Accordingly, the number of vacancies in each geographical region to be filled by the Council in 2016 is as follows:

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>
African States	2
Asia-Pacific States	2
Eastern European States	2
Latin American and Caribbean States	1
Western European and other States	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

6. The current membership of the Committee is listed in the annex to the present note.

## Annex

### Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(18 members; four-year term)

#### Membership in 2016

<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>	
Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation)	2018
Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2016
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)	2018
Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal)	2018
Chen Shiqiu (China)	2016
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)	2018
Olivier De Schutter (Belgium)	2018
Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland)	2016
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)	2018
Mikel Mancisidor de la Fuente (Spain)	2016
Sergei Martynov (Belarus)	2016
Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius)	2016
Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname)	2016
Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil)	2018
Waleed Sadi (Jordan)	2016
Nicolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands)	2016
Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)	2018
Rodrigo Uprimny (Colombia)	2018