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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. By its resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, the General Assembly approved the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit. The relevant provisions of the statute regarding the composition of the Unit and the appointment of its members are the following:

"Article 2

"1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chesen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

"2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

"Article 3

"1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

"2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

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"Article 4

"1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term. In order to ensure continuity in the membership of the Unit, six of the Inspectors appointed from 1 January 1978 shall serve for a full term; the terms of the others shall expire at the end of three years."

2. At present, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed of the following members:

Mr. Mark Allen (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)** Mr. Isaac Newton Kofi Atiase (Ghana)* Mr. Maurice Bertrand (France)* Mr. Alexander Sergeevich Bryntsev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)** Mr. Alfred Nathaniel Forde (Barbados)* Mr. Sreten Ilić (Yugoslavia)* Mr. Sharif Padmadisastra (Indonesia)** Mr. Julio C. Rodríguez Arias (Argentina)** Mr. Joseph Adolph Sawe (United Republic of Tanzania)** Mr. Zakaria Sibahi (Syrian Arab Republic)** Mr. Earl D. Sohm (United States of America)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 1980.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 1982.

3. The General Assembly will therefore be called upon to appoint five members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise upon the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Atiase, Mr. Bertrand, Mr. Forde, Mr. Ilić and Mr. Sohm. In addition, the General Assembly will have to appoint a member of the Unit for the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Padmadisastra, who has resigned.

4. As a result of consultations and on the basis of nominations received from the regional groups (see annexes I to V), the President of the General Assembly has drawn up, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute, the list of Member States which have been requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1. The list consists of the following Member States:

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(a) For terms of office beginning on 1 January 1981 and ending on 31 December 1985:

> Barbados France Mauritania United States of America Yugoslavia

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(b) For a term of office expiring on 31 December 1982:

Indonesia.

5. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 30 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

/Original: French/

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I have the honour to inform you that the Group of Western European and other States has approved the designation of France and the United States of America as countries which may be requested to propose candidates for the two vacancies that will arise for this Group.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Andre ERNEMANN Ambassador Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States

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ANNEX II

Note verbale dated 16 October 1979 from the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations

/Original: English/

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations, Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States during the month of October, presents its compliments to the President of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly and has the honour to inform him that the candidature of Yugoslavia has been reaffirmed by the Group of Eastern European States for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit to be held during the present session of the General Assembly.

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ANNEX III

Letter dated 23 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations

/Original: Spanish/

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I have the honour to address you as Chairman of the Latin American Group during the month of October and to inform you that, in accordance with resolution 31/192 of the General Assembly, it has endorsed the candidacy of Barbados for membership in the Joint Inspection Unit.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Luis GONZALEZ ARIAS Ambassador, Permanent Representative Chairman of the Latin American Group

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ANNEX IV

Letter dated 27 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations

/Original: English/

I have the honour, in my capacity as the Chairman of the African Group for the month of November, to inform you that the African Group has decided to endorse Mauritania to present a candidate for the African seat available for the African region in the Joint Inspection Unit for the period beginning in 1981.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Mansur R. KIKHIA Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations Chairman of the African Group

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ANNEX V

Letter dated 12 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations

/Original: English/

I refer to my note of 21 September 1979 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in my capacity as Chairman of the Asian Group for the month of September 1979, informing him of the decisions of the Asian Group relating to the question of elections to be held during the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly to fill vacancies in various organs of the United Nations.

With reference to the post of Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit which had become vacant owing to the ill health of Mr. Sharif Padmadisastra, I have the honour to inform you that the Asian Group, at its meeting on 18 September 1979, endorsed the candidacy of Indonesia for the position.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Paulias Nguna MATANE Ambassador Permanent Representative