Appointment of five members from the Electoral Lists of the Executive Board to the selection panel for the appointment of Audit Committee members

Draft decision*

The Board approves the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment of Audit Committee members. The Board also approves the appointment to the panel of the following members:

➢ Ms Lamia Ben Redouane, Alternate Permanent Representative of Algeria, as representative of List A
➢ Mr Bommakanti Rajender, Alternate Permanent Representative of India, as representative of List B
➢ Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Alternate Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic, as representative of List C
➢ Ms Elizabeth Petrovski, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D
➢ Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, as representative of List E

The Board requests the selection panel to convene and to report its recommendations to the Executive Board in accordance with the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the decisions and recommendations document issued at the end of the session.
1. The second and last term of three members of the Audit Committee – Ms. Elaine J. Cheung, Mr Omkar Goswami and Mr Suresh Kana – will expire on 14 November 2021. As described in document WFP/EB.1/2021/11-B, the Audit Committee with the endorsement of the Bureau has proposed that the Board extend the term of Mr Kana on an exceptional basis for an additional year, from 15 November 2021 to 14 November 2022. New members of the Audit Committee will need to be appointed to fill the resulting vacancies.

2. In accordance with the Audit Committee terms of reference,¹ the Board approves the appointment of Audit Committee members on the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of five representatives, one from each of the electoral Lists of the Executive Board, appointed by the Board. The selection panel is therefore to be constituted with a view to filling the vacancies that will occur upon the expiration of the terms of Ms Cheung, Mr Goswami and Mr Kana.

3. Following discussions in the Lists, the Bureau proposes that the following members be appointed to the selection panel:
   - Ms Lamia Ben Redouane, Alternate Permanent Representative of Algeria, as representative of List A
   - Mr Bommakanti Rajender, Alternate Permanent Representative of India, as representative of List B
   - Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Alternate Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic, as representative of List C
   - Ms Elizabeth Petrovski, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D
   - Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, as representative of List E

4. In March 2021, the selection panel will initiate the process of selecting the candidates that it will recommend to the Board for appointment. Its recommendations for the candidates to replace Ms Cheung and Mr Goswami will be submitted to the Board at its 2021 annual session.

¹ See: https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000099367/download/.