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## Arrangements for the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office *ad interim*

As already conveyed to the Executive Board, the Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office, Ms Fabienne Lambert, informed WFP that she would be on extended medical leave. Given the highly critical role of that position in WFP's oversight framework, it was decided to nominate an Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office *ad interim* for the duration of Ms Lambert's absence. As the Charter of the Office of the Inspector General does not foresee any specific interim arrangement in the event that the Inspector General becomes temporarily unavailable, and given the extended anticipated absence of Ms Lambert and the role of the Board, under the same Charter, in providing its consent to "all decisions [of the Executive Director] regarding the appointment, renewal, non-renewal or dismissal of the Inspector General", the Executive Board was requested to consider and approve a proposed decision.

In accordance with Rule IX.8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board and in view of the criticality to proceed with this matter, the Executive Director, after making a careful review of available candidates and consulting with the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee, decided to propose that the services of Mr Helge Strand Østtveiten be retained to perform, as Inspector General *ad interim*, the functions of Ms Lambert during her absence and sought the approval by the Board by vote by correspondence of the following decision. Mr Østtveiten's curriculum vitae is provided in Annex A and the advice on the matter of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee is attached as Annex B.

### Decision

The Board consented to the retainer of the services of Mr Helge Strand Østtveiten, as Inspector General *ad interim*, for the duration of the absence of Ms Fabienne Lambert, who remains the Inspector General of WFP.

*Approved by vote by correspondence on 15 January 2024*

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**ANNEX A****CURRICULUM VITAE****Helge Strand Østtveiten**

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Nationality: Norwegian

I am an experienced and innovative leader and professional within oversight with over 20 years of experience in senior leadership positions in international and national government organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector. Key competencies are internal auditing, investigations, evaluations, risk management, communication, innovation, and effective and inclusive management of oversight functions. For ten years I managed the second largest oversight office in the United Nations system. Prior to joining the UN, I served as Director General at the Auditor General of Norway.

**EDUCATION**

1992: **Master of Political Science/Public Administration**

The University of Oslo, Norway

2010: **Executive Education, Performance Based Management**

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, USA

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION:**

- CIA part 1: The Internal Audit Activity's role in Governance, Risk and Control
- CIA part 2: Conducting the Internal Audit Engagement
- CIA part 4: Business Management Skills
- Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors, IIA
- Certified Fraud Examiner, CFE
- Member of Association of Certified Fraud Examiner, ACFE

**CAREER TO DATE:**

Jan 2023 to date:

**Director Department for Evaluation, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, Norad, Norway**

- Oversee evaluations of Norway's ODA expenditures with a financial volume of approximately \$ 6 billion.

Jan 2013 to Jan 2023:

**Director Office of Audit and Investigations, OAI, UNDP**

United Nations Development Program, New York, USA

- Oversee an integrated risk-based audit and investigation planning process. Oversee budget planning and the development and maintenance of policy support in accordance with internal audit standards as well as supporting the Office's senior managers in the discharge of their functions.
- Oversee and clear approx. 100 audits annually to senior management and the audit committees.

- Oversee and clear approx. 60 investigations report annually and oversee advisory services to help the organization to improve further.
- Demonstrated innovation by introducing performance auditing, data analytics and streamlined business processes in internal audit in UNDP.
- Manage and guide a multicultural and multidisciplinary work force of 93 approved posts with staff members located at the UN HQ in New York and at five locations, in Panama, Senegal, South Africa, Turkey and Malaysia.
- Provide in depth knowledge of performance, governance, risk management and controls in complex organizations.
- Manage an annual oversight budget of approx. \$ 18 million.
- Provide internal audit and investigation services to UN Women (2013-2017).
- Demonstrated excellent results in leadership of an oversight function in a major UN programme managing a complex organization and fostering constructive relations with numerous stakeholders.
- Communicate with tact, clarity, honesty and integrity orally and in writing to Senior Management, Governing Boards, beneficiaries and stakeholders.
- Honouring of commitments for the delivery of results within proscribed time, cost, and quality standards.

2002–2012:

#### **Deputy Director General/Director General**

Office of the Auditor General of Norway

As Director General I managed performance audits targeting half of the government administration of Norway including The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norway's Official Development Assistance.

- Reported comprehensive performance audits to the Public Accountants Committee of the Norwegian Parliament.
- Planning and performing audits of alleged non-compliance with environmental and social standards in government projects or programs.
- Working to develop standards for auditing of environmental policies and programs for the international organisation for Supreme Audit Institutions, INTOSAI.
- Peer reviews of the Government Accountability Office (US), the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and the National Audit Office of the Netherlands.

2001–2002:

#### **Head of Division, Private Consulting**

Asplan Viak AS is a private consultant firm delivering services within public policy analysis, inter alia evaluations.

- Managed a business unit responsible for selling evaluations and consultancies, within a wide range of policy areas, including health and social services to national, regional, and local government administration in Norway.

1994–2001:

#### **Research Fellow**

Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Studies, NIBR

- Managing or participating in multidisciplinary teams which performed evaluations of local, regional, and national government institutions of Norway.

1998–2006:

**Teaching Public Administration** (part time)

University of Oslo, UiO, University of Queensland, Australia

- Teaching Public Administration and Public Policy to undergraduate students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at the University of Oslo and at the University of Queensland, Australia.

1994:

**Advisor**

Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Norway as an Advisor and Communications Specialist when Norway was applying for membership in the European Union in 1994.

1989–1994

**Journalist**

Norwegian Broadcasting Cooperation, NRK

- Specialising in international news. The training in accurate reporting of complex issues has been immensely helpful for my entire career.

**AUDITING COMPETENCIES**

IPSAS, INTOSAI (ISSAI), & IIA standards

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- Member of the Audit and Finance Risk Committee, CGIAR (2023 ongoing)
- Chair, RIAS, The Representative of Internal Audit Services of UN organizations, Multilateral Financial Institutions and other Associated Intergovernmental Organizations (2016-2017)
- Chair of UN RIAS, UN Representatives of Internal Audit Services (2015-2016)
- Visiting scholar, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley, USA (2009)
- Vice-President, American Scandinavian Society, ASS, New York, USA (2019 on going)

<b>LANGUAGES:</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>
Norwegian	Native	Native	Native
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
German	Fair	Good	Fair
French	Basic	Basic	Basic

**ANNEX B****Letter from the Chair of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee**

Mr Philip Ward  
Secretary to the Executive Board and  
Director, Executive Board Secretariat

20 December 2023

Appointment of Mr Helge Strand Østtveiten as Inspector General ad interim

As per the Terms of Reference of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) one of the specific responsibilities is to provide advice to the Executive Director and Executive Board on the selection of the Inspector General. The IOAC reviewed the qualifications of Mr Helge Strand Østtveiten at its meeting on December 8, 2023. All members of the committee were impressed with the CV of Mr Østtveiten and have judged that he is well qualified to cover the position while the Inspector General is on medical leave.



Robert Samels  
Chair IOAC