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## Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

### Draft decision\*

The Board approves the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment or reappointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) members. The panel shall, in accordance with the IOAC terms of reference, recommend candidates to be appointed or reappointed by the Board in response to any vacancies in the membership of the IOAC that may occur in 2026 and 2027.

The Board also approves the appointment to the selection panel of the following representatives of the electoral lists of the Executive Board for the period 2026–2027:

- Mr Siragi Wakabu, Agriculture Attaché and Alternate Representative of Uganda, as representative of List A.
- Mr Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as representative of List B.
- Ms Karina Cristal Nieves Mercedes, First Secretary and Alternate Representative of Dominican Republic, as representative of List C.

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\* 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.

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The Board further decides that the selection panel shall convene as required and report its recommendations to the Board.

1. The term of three IOAC members will come to an end in 2026 and in 2027, and it will accordingly become necessary for the Board to fill the resulting vacancies in the membership of the committee.
2. In accordance with the IOAC terms of reference,<sup>1</sup> members of the committee may serve a maximum of two three-year terms. The Board approves the appointment of new committee members and the reappointment of existing members based 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. A selection panel is therefore to be established with a view to its recommending candidates to fill the vacancies that will occur upon the expiration of the first term of one member of the committee in 2026 and of the second and last term of two members of the committee in 2027.
3. Following discussions in the lists, the Bureau proposes that the following representatives of the electoral lists be appointed to the selection panel:
  - Mr Siragi Wakabu, Agriculture Attaché and Alternate Representative of Uganda, as representative of List A.
  - Mr Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as representative of List B.
  - Ms Karina Cristal Nieves Mercedes, First Secretary and Alternate Representative of Dominican Republic, as representative of List C.
  - Mr Siddhartha Chakrabarti, Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia, as representative of List D.
  - H.E. Mr Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary, as representative of List E.

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<sup>1</sup> See: [https://executiveboard.wfp.org/document\\_download/WFP-0000171315](https://executiveboard.wfp.org/document_download/WFP-0000171315).