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APPOINTMENT OF TWO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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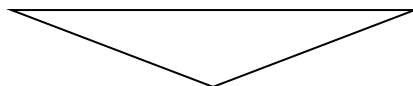
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board approves the following appointments to the selection panel for Audit Committee members in relation to the selection or renewal, as appropriate, of three Audit Committee members in 2012:

- Her Excellency Bérengère Quincy (France),
as representative of the Executive Board
- His Excellency Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco),
as representative of the Executive Board

and requests the selection panel to report its recommendations to the Executive Director and the President of the Board.

* 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 terms of three Audit Committee Members are coming to an end in 2012, as follows:
 - Elvira Lazzati (Argentina): term ending on 6 June 2012
 - Antoine Antoun (Lebanon and France): term ending on 6 July 2012
 - Kholeka Mzondeki (South Africa): term ending on 9 November 2012
2. Paragraph 22 of the terms of reference of the Audit Committee approved by the Board at its Second Regular Session, 2011 (the “AC terms of reference”) stipulate that:
 - “22. Members of the AC shall be appointed for a term of three years, renewable for a second and final term of three years, which need not be consecutive.”
3. The Bureau discussed the question at its meeting on 23 January 2012. It was agreed that, pursuant to the terms of reference, a panel for the selection of Audit Committee Members would be established to proceed with the selection or renewal of Audit Committee Members in 2012.
4. The AC terms of reference state that the composition of the selection panel shall be as follows:
 - two representatives of the Executive Board selected by the Executive Board;
 - a sitting member of the Audit Committee selected by the Audit Committee; and
 - two members of the Secretariat selected by the Executive Director.
5. The Audit Committee selected Ms. Irina Petruškevičienė, whose term expires in 2014, to represent the Audit Committee on the panel.
6. The Executive Director selected Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, External Relations Department and Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Bishow Parajuli, Chief of Staff and Director, Office of the Executive Director, to sit on the selection panel as members of the Secretariat.
7. The Secretariat has been informed that the following representatives have been nominated to sit on the selection panel as representatives of the Executive Board:
 - Her Excellency Bérengère Quincy (France)
 - His Excellency Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco)
8. After the newly appointed panel has gone through the selection process, it will communicate its recommendations to the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board.
9. A document containing the Executive Director’s recommended appointments will be submitted to the Board for approval at its Annual Session, 2012.