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Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

Draft decision*

The Board approves the renewal of the term of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee as follows:

Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas (Uruguay), from 14 November 2025 to 13 November 2028.

Focal points:

See selection panel membership in paragraph 2 Mr P. Ward

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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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Background

1. Under the revised terms of reference of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee, the Board approves the appointment of 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.

- 2. The composition of the selection panel was approved by the Board at its 2024 first regular session and subsequently amended at its 2024 annual session for a period of two years (2024–2025):
 - H.E. Mr Frederick Matwang'a, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya, as representative of List A.
 - Mr Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as representative of List B.
 - Ms Alicia Silvana Barone, Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina, as representative of List C.
 - Mr Peter Natiello, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D.²
 - H.E. Mr Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary, as representative of List E.
- 3. The first term of one member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas– will expire on 14 November 2025. In accordance with paragraph 22 of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee revised terms of reference, this member may be considered for reappointment for a second and final term of three years.
- 4. Four members of the selection panel held consultations to assess the potential reappointment of the above member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee and concurred that, upon review of her profile and the input of the Chair of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee, as well as the work outcomes and other materials, this member:
 - had served one term as member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee and expressed in writing an interest in the renewal of her tenure;
 - had demonstrated a strong commitment to WFP by participating in regular meetings each year as well as in communication and teleconferences convened to discuss relevant issues;
 - had fully contributed to the discussions of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee through her extensive knowledge and experience in technical areas within the remit of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee; and
 - had conducted the self-assessment required as part of the workplan of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee and in line with best practice.
- 5. In view of the above, the selection panel recommends to the Board that the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee member Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas (Uruguay), with her term ending on 14 November 2025, be renewed for a second and final term of three years.

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¹ See: WFP/EB.2/2021/9-A.

² The List D representative departed from Rome in May and the process is underway to select a new panel member to represent the list.