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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 Margaret Dezse (Hungary), from 29 July 2026 to 28 July 2029.

* 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.

Focal points:

See selection panel membership in paragraph 2

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Background

1. Under the revised terms of reference of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee,¹ 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 2026 first regular session (2026–2027)²:
 - 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 Permanent Representative of the 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.
3. The first term of one member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee – Ms Margaret Dezse – will expire on 29 July 2026. 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. Five 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 strong commitment to WFP throughout her tenure, including through participation in regular meetings each year as well as teleconferences convened to discuss other 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, including through complementary perspectives consistent with the terms of reference of the 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 Margaret Dezse (Hungary), with her term ending on 29 July 2026 be renewed for a second and final term of three years.

¹ See: [WFP/EB.2/2025/6-D](#).

² See: [WFP/EB.1/2026/6-A](#).