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Appointment of an External Auditor

Candidates for the appointment of External Auditor

Report by the Director-General

Provides information on the candidatures received for the appointment of an External Auditor as of 24 February 2009.

1. In its decision GC.12/Dec.15, the General Conference decided in 2007 to appoint the Auditor-General of Pakistan as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.
2. General Conference decision GC.6/Dec.18 requests the Director-General to invite proposals from Member States for the appointment of an External Auditor and to submit such proposals to the Programme and Budget Committee for consideration. In compliance with that decision, a note verbale dated 21 January 2009 was sent to Member States in which they were invited to inform the Director-General by 24 February 2009 of their interest in providing the services of an External Auditor, with a view to submitting such proposals to the Programme and Budget Committee at its twenty-fifth session, to be held from 5 to 7 May 2009.
3. As of 24 February 2009, the following candidatures were received for the appointment of an External Auditor:

Mr. Ahmed Elmidaoui	First President of the Court of Accounts of Morocco
Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha	Auditor General of Pakistan
Mr. Manuel Núñez Pérez	President of the Spanish Court of Audit

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4. All candidates completed the standardized form “Proposal for appointment of External Auditor”. The compilation of replies received will be brought to the attention of the Committee for its consideration in a conference room paper to be distributed prior to the session, thus facilitating the decision-making process.
5. An information note dated 26 February 2009 was circulated to Permanent Missions, together with copies of the relevant communications concerning the candidatures, which are also reproduced in the annex to the present document.

Action required of the Committee

6. The Committee may wish to propose to the Industrial Development Board that it recommend to the General Conference the appointment of one of the candidates as External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning 1 July 2010. The appointment would fall under the terms of reference specified in article XI (and annex) of the Financial Regulations of UNIDO. The travel and other costs related to the work of the External Auditor are to be borne by the UNIDO regular budget, for which a fixed fee, as approved in the programme and budgets, is foreseen.

Annex

Communications concerning candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor by 24 February 2009

A. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Ahmed Elmidaoui, First President of the Court of Accounts of Morocco

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the International Organizations in Vienna

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and with reference to the verbal note No. CU 2009/05, dated 21 January 2009, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco has nominated the First President of the Court of Accounts of Morocco, Dr. Ahmed Elmidaoui, for the post of External Auditor of UNIDO for the biennium 2010-2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 24 February 2009

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The Director-General
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B. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor General of Pakistan

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the International Organizations in Vienna

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and with reference to their note No. CU 2009/05 dated 21 January 2009 has the honour to inform that the Government of Pakistan has decided to offer the services of Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor General of Pakistan, for re-election as the External Auditor of UNIDO for the two-year term starting from 01 July 2010.

Pakistan was elected as the External Auditor of UNIDO, for the two-year term 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010, during the twelfth session of the UNIDO General Conference in Vienna, 3 to 7 December 2007. Taking cognizance of the existing practice in UNIDO for appointing the External Auditor for a period of two years and thereafter extending the appointment for succeeding terms as well as the “Principles for best audit arrangements for international institutions” established by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), the Government of Pakistan has decided to offer the services of the Auditor-General of Pakistan for serving the External Auditor of UNIDO for another term (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012).

The Government of Pakistan believes that, in view of the principles of continuity, equity, fairness, transparency and equitable geographical representation, its offer for undertaking the services of the External Auditor of UNIDO by Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha will meet with the approval of all the Member States.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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C. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Manuel Núñez Pérez, President of the Spanish Court of Audit

Permanent Mission of Spain to the International Organizations in Vienna

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The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and, with reference to its note CU 2009/05 of 21 January 2009, has the honour to submit the candidature of the Mr. Manuel Núñez Pérez, President of the Spanish Court of Audit, for the post of External Auditor of UNIDO for a two-year period beginning on 1 July 2010.

The candidate, as President of the Spanish Court of Audit – the supreme institution in its field, recognized as such in the Spanish Constitution, which guarantees its

independence – has the highest level of professional competence and, in addition, substantial experience of auditing international organizations.

The President of the Spanish Court of Audit can offer, as required by UNIDO, an approach to auditing the Organization of high technical and professional quality. In order to perform his functions, he would draw on the expertise of a top-level team that specializes in international organizations and is highly cost-effective.

As a candidate for this post, Mr. Manuel Núñez Pérez has the full support and absolute confidence of the Government of Spain.

The Permanent Mission of Spain takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 24 February 2009

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