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2012/201 A

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session, in 2013; one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016; and two members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election, with one term of office expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2015, and one term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2017: **Belarus, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Germany, Israel, Japan, Lesotho, Pakistan, Paraguay, Switzerland and Uganda.**

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Council elected **Egypt** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Council elected the following 20 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.**

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected the following 15 Member States for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2013) for the Commission's twenty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fourth session, in 2016: **Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Iceland, India, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Portugal, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Viet Nam.**

The Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2013) for the Commission's twenty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fourth session, in 2016.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected the following 13 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Finland, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Zambia.**

The Council postponed the election of two members from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected the following four Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Brazil, Cameroon, Libya and Mauritius.**

The Council also elected **Peru** and **Germany** to fill two outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States, four members from Asia-Pacific States, two members from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

The Council further postponed the election of four members from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012; and one member from African States, two members from Asia-Pacific States and eight members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected the following nine experts for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: Mohamed Ezzeldin **Abdel-Moneim** (Egypt), Jun **Cong**

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2013: **Switzerland**, to complete the term of office of Austria (expiring on 31 December 2013);

Resignation of members from the top 10 contributing countries, in accordance with paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution 64/289

The Council also elected **United States of America** for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2013, to complete the term of office of Sweden, which was resigning from its seat on the Executive Board effective 1 January 2013.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected the following five members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Iraq, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone** and

meeting of the Council to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, would be held at Headquarters on 15 March 2012, in conjunction with the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

2012/204

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013,² approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2012.³

2012/205

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2013

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2013.⁴

2012/206

Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2012:

(b) The twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names would be held at Headquarters on 30 July and 10 August 2012.

2012/210

Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of its substantive session of 2012 would be “Regional perspectives on youth and development”.

2012/211

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2012

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Council in 2012 would be “Working in partnership to strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance in a changing world”;

(b) That it would convene two panels, the topics of which would be:

(i) “Improving capacities for evidence-based humanitarian decision-making”;

(ii) “Partnerships for effective humanitarian assistance in support of national, regional and international efforts”.

2012/212

Economic and Social Council event to discuss the transition from relief to development

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided, with regard to the event to discuss the transition from relief to development, that:

(a) The title of the event would be “Humanitarian needs in the Sahel and the importance of building resilience”;

(b) The event would be an informal activity held on the morning of 18 July 2012;

(c) The event would consist of one panel discussion, and there would be no negotiated outcome.