Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor

Report by the Director General

The present report provides information on the candidatures received for the appointment of an External Auditor as of 3 March 2021.

1. In its decision GC.18/Dec.7, the General Conference decided in 2019 to appoint the Auditor General of the Russian Federation as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022, 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. Accordingly, Member States were requested to submit such proposals to the Programme and Budget Committee for consideration. In compliance with that decision, a note verbale dated 13 January 2021 was sent to Member States, asking them to inform the Director General by 1 March 2021 of their interest in providing the services of an External Auditor. The proposals thus received are to be submitted to the Programme and Budget Committee at its thirty-seventh session, to be held from 26 to 28 May 2021.

3. As of 3 March 2021, the following candidatures were received for the appointment of an External Auditor:

Mr. Agung Firman Sampurna
Chairman of the Audit Board of Indonesia

Mr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel Abbas
Federal Board of Supreme Audit of Iraq

Mr. Aleksei Kudrin
Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation

Mr. Seyit Ahmet Baş
President of the Court of Accounts of Turkey

Note verbale reference: CU 2020/435/UNIDO/PMO/EA.

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.
4. The compilation of replies received, including the completed standardized form “Proposal for appointment of External Auditor”, will be brought to the attention of the Committee for its consideration in a conference room paper to be issued prior to the session, thus facilitating the decision-making process.

5. An information note dated 3 March 2021 was circulated to Permanent Missions containing a copy 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 recommends 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 2022. 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 regular audit work are to be borne by the External Auditor. UNIDO provides a fixed fee, as approved in the programme and budgets.
Annex

Communications concerning candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor by 3 March 2021

A. Communications concerning the candidature of Mr. Agung Firman Sampurna, Chairman of the Audit Board of Indonesia

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna

No. 031/TI/II/2021

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and referring to the latter’s note no. Ref. CU 2020/435/UNIDO/PMO/EA dated 13 January 2021, has the honour to inform the Secretariat the decision of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to nominate Dr. Agung Firman Sampurna, Chairman of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, for the post of External Auditor for UNIDO for the period of two years beginning on 1 July 2022.

The Permanent Mission has further the honour to transmit the completed application form of Dr. Agung Firman Sampurna, and to request the Secretariat to kindly circulate the note on the candidature among Permanent Missions accredited to UNIDO.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 26 February 2021

[Signature]

[Stamp of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia, Vienna]

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B. Communications concerning the candidature of Mr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel Abbas, Federal Board of Supreme Audit

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office, Vienna

IRQ/2021/60

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna, presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and with reference to the Letter’s Note No: CU 2020/435/UNIDO/PMO/EA, dated 13 January 2021, has the honour to inform the Secretariat the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to nominate Dr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel Abbas from the Federal Board of Supreme Audit in Iraq, for the post of an External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 2022.

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2 These communications are reproduced in the form in which they were received by the Secretariat.
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna avails of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 1/3/2021

[Signed]

[Stamp of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq]

To the
Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

C. Communications concerning the candidature of Mr. Alexei Kudrin, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation

Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna

No. 536-n

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and referring to the latter’s note Ref. CU 2020/435/UNIDO/EA, dated 13 January, 2021, has the honour to inform the Secretariat of the decision by the Government of the Russian Federation to nominate the candidature of Mr. Alexei KUDRIN, Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation, for the post of the External Auditor of UNIDO for the period of two years beginning on 1 July 2022. The completed application form will be sent to the Secretariat in due course.

The Mission would also like to ask the Secretariat to circulate the note among Permanent Missions accredited to UNIDO.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of UNIDO the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 15 February 2021

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D. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Seyit Ahmet BAŞ, President of the Court of Accounts of Turkey

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and with reference to the Latter’s Note No: CU 2020/435/UNIDO/PMO/EA dated 13 January 2021, has the honour to enclose herewith the nomination form of the President of the Turkish Court of Accounts for appointment as External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 2022.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 22 February 2021
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Encl.: As stated.

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Vienna