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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 6 of the note by the Secretary-General of 21 July 2016 ([A/71/178](#)), the General Assembly will need to fill the vacancies that will arise upon the expiry of the term of office of Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India), Mr. Gennady Tarasov (Russian Federation), Mr. George Bartsiotas (United States of America), Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau (Haiti) and Ms. Sukai Elie Prom-Jackson (Gambia) in December 2017. Also, as indicated in paragraph 1 of the note by the Secretary-General of 9 November 2016 ([A/71/178/Add.1](#)), the General Assembly, at its 29th plenary meeting, on 14 October 2016, decided to fill one vacancy in the Joint Inspection Unit for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2021, which resulted from the resignation of Mr. George Bartsiotas (United States of America) with effect from 30 September 2016.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and pursuant to General Assembly resolution [61/238](#), the President of the General Assembly, at the 45th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2016, having consulted Member States and having drawn up a list of countries from among the Group of African States, the Group of Asia-Pacific States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, requested the Gambia, Haiti, India and the Russian Federation to propose candidates (see annexes I-IV) to serve for a period of five years beginning on 1 January 2018.

3. The candidates, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution [59/267](#), should have experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, in addition to knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.



4. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Economic and Social Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 11 November 2016 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes V and VI).

5. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidates for appointment as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2022:

Ms. Sukai Prom-Jackson (Gambia)
Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau (Haiti)
Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India)
Mr. Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)

Annex III**Letter dated 4 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of India has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare to the Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2018-2022 at the elections to be held in November 2016. Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare is currently the Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit for the year 2016, being a member for the period 2013-2017.

(Signed) Syed Akbaruddin

Attachment

Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India)*

January 2013 till date: Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system, Geneva

January 2009-December 2011: Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations offices in Geneva

November 2005-January 2009: Ambassador of India to Egypt

January 2002-September 2005: Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York

August 1997-December 2001: Joint Secretary, United Nations Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi; dealing with Human Rights and humanitarian issues; Environment, Climate Change and sustainable development; Elections and Candidatures; UN Funds and programmes; Specialised Agencies, and other economic and social issues dealt with by various UN Bodies and other international organisations.

August 1993-July 1997: Deputy High Commissioner in Mauritius

November 1990-August 1993: First Secretary/Counsellor, High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka

February 1987-September 1990: First Secretary (Economic), Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York

June 1984-January 1987: Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary (Administration), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

November 1981-June 1984: Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Doha

September 1979-August 1981: Third Secretary, Embassy of India, Cairo

July 1977-September 1979: Attaché, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

UN experience:

January 2013 till date: Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system, Geneva

Authored two reports: a review of the resource mobilization function across the United Nations system (2013) and review of the management and administration review of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2014)

Co-authored several reports: appointment and support to the resident coordinators (2013); cooperation among UN Regional Commissions (2014) and currently ongoing review of the management and administration of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and fraud prevention, detection and response across the United Nations system.

Chair of the working group on internal working procedures since June 2013.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

January 2009-December 2011: Permanent Representative of India to the UN and other international organisations in Geneva:

UN Human Rights Council (12th to 20th sessions from March 2009 to September 2011); associated sessions of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and other meetings related to human rights;

Meetings WIPO, WHO, ILO and other Specialised Agencies in Geneva (January 2009-December 2011); especially negotiations on the pandemic influenza preparedness framework and medicinal products of questionable quality, safety and efficacy;

Appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council as a Facilitator on the agenda and programme of work of the Human Rights Council for the review of the Council, December 2010 to June 2011;

Appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council as a member of the Consultative Group for selection of the Special procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, July 2010 to June 2011;

Meetings of the Reflection Group on the review of functioning of the Human Rights Council (Paris, January 2010; Rabat, May 2010; and Seoul, July 2010): The Algiers Retreat (February 2010) and the Bangkok Retreat (December 2010) on the HRC review; the Third Budapest Human Rights Forum (October 2010);

Co-ordinator of the Asian group in the Human Rights Council, 2009-'10;

Durban Review Conference on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Geneva, April 2009; and,

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (Athens, November 2009 and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 2010).

January 2002 to September 2005: Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN, New York

57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the UN General Assembly; and the summits, high-level events and plenary meetings devoted to specific themes during this period;

ECOSOC sessions in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005;

Co-ordinated Indian participation in UN Peace-keeping Operations, ranging from negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding and Letters of Assist to deployment and logistics;

Co-ordinated Indian participation in the work of the Counter-terrorism Committee and Indian submissions to the CTC;

Sessions of the preparatory meetings and the 2005 World Summit, New York, September 2005;

Discussions on UN reform among G-16 countries, Stockholm, March 2005;

Conference on sustainable development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Mauritius, January 2005;

UNCTAD-XI at Sao Paulo, Brazil, in June 2004;

International Ministerial Conference of landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit-Transport Cooperation; Almaty, Kazakhstan, August 2003; and,

Preparatory meetings for the World summit on sustainable development ['Rio plus ten' conference] in Johannesburg [2002].

August 1997 to December 2001: Joint Secretary (UN Economic and Social), Ministry of External affairs, New Delhi:

52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th and 56th sessions of the UN General Assembly;

54th, 55th, 56th and 57th sessions of the UN Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively;

Fourth to Eighth sessions of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies (Buenos Aires in November 1998; Bonn in October-November 1999, The Hague in November 2000, Marrakesh, Morocco in November 2001 and New Delhi in November 2002), including as spokesperson of the Group of 77 on the mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol at the seventh session in Morocco;

UN Conference on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: Durban, South Africa, September 2001;

The Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Brussels, May 2001;

Preparatory meeting of the Asian group for the World conference against racism, Tehran, February 2001;

Preparatory meetings of the Convening Group and the first Ministerial conference of the Community of Democracies, Warsaw, June 2000;

Special session of the UN General Assembly on the review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit (Copenhagen plus five), Geneva, June 2000;

Regional workshop on National Human Rights Action Plans; Bangkok, July 1999;

The Seventh Asia-Pacific Workshop on Regional Co-operation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, New Delhi, February 1999;

Special session of the UN General Assembly on Narcotic Drugs, New York, June 1998; and,

UNESCO's World Conference on Cultural Policies for Development, Stockholm, March/April 1998.

February 1987 to September 1990: First Secretary (Economic), Permanent Mission of India to the UN, New York:

The Second Committee of the UN General Assembly at its 42nd, 43rd and 44th sessions;

Economic aspects of the work of the Economic and Social Council from 1987 to 1990, including during India's Presidency of ECOSOC in 1990;

Governing Council of UNDP and its subsidiary bodies from 1987 to 1990, including the allocation of resources for the Fifth Programming cycle;

Inter-governmental bodies of the UN, including subsidiary organs of the General Assembly and ECOSOC in the economic field, from 1987 to 1990;

Negotiations of the General Assembly resolution 44/228 which launched the preparatory process for the Rio Earth summit and the first meeting of the preparatory committee (1989-'90);

Special session of the UN General Assembly on International Economic Co-operation and its preparatory committee (1988-'90);

Member of the inter-governmental Group of Experts of the Governing Council of UNDP to advise on the successor arrangements to the agency support cost regime (1989-'90);

Preparatory committee of the International Development Strategy for the Third UN Development Decade (1988-'90);

Member of the Committee of Experts on the Perez Guerrero Trust Fund of the Group of 77 (1988-'90); and,

UNCTAD-VII in Geneva in July 1987.

Papers, articles and presentations:

The Arab spring: challenges and need for support for transition to democracy [Brookings event at Greentree, New York; Nov. 2012]

The Arab spring: supporting transition to democracy [Indian Foreign Affairs Journal Oct.-Dec. 2012; pages 423-432]

India and negotiations on Climate Change [Sept. 2012]

India's foreign policy: overview and challenges [Sept. 2012]

The Arab spring and India [Sept. 2012]

Global Governance and the United Nations [UN Staff College, Turin; Aug. 2012]

Global Internet Governance and India [FICCI: Aug. 2012]

India-Egypt relations: problems and prospects [Aug. 2012]

India and Global Internet Governance [RIS, July 2012]

India, Africa and the case for UN reforms [May 2012]

"Towards a more equitable outcome from Rio plus 20" [RIS; April 2012]

The Arab spring and democracy [Wilton park conference, Istanbul; April 2012]

Contemporary challenges to multilateralism and global governance [April 2011]

Medicines of questionable quality, safety and efficacy: current challenges and long-term solutions — a public health perspective [October 2010]

Economic development in Africa: South-South cooperation: Africa and the new forms of development partnerships: the Indian experience [UNCTAD, Geneva; September 2010]

New challenges in multilateral governance [The Graduate Institute, Geneva; May 2010]

Expert Meeting on Trade and Climate Change: Trade and Investment Opportunities and Challenges under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM): the Indian experience [UNCTAD, Geneva; April 2009]

New directions in India-Africa relations [Egyptian Council of Foreign Affairs, Cairo; May 2008]

The prospects for strengthening India-Egypt relations [Cairo; Feb. 2008]

Towards the 2005 World Summit: The year of UN reform? [May 2005]

Emissions reduction: beyond the first commitment period [May 2004]

Johannesburg and beyond: towards concrete action [March 2002]

Climate Change as a survival imperative: implications for international relations [the National Defence College, New Delhi; July 2000]

The international politics of Human Rights [the National Defence College, New Delhi; July 1999]

Annex V

Letter dated 15 November 2016 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write to you in response to your letter of 11 November 2016 regarding consultations held with the Chairs of the regional groups to appoint members to fill four vacancies on the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2017.

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, as provided for in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution [59/267](#) of 23 December 2004, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidates and I have the pleasure to inform you that I am in full agreement with the proposal to nominate Ms. Sukai Prom-Jackson (Gambia), Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau (Haiti), Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India) and Mr. Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation).

(Signed) Frederick Shava

Annex VI

Letter dated 19 December 2016 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 11 November 2016 regarding the proposed appointment of four inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit effective 1 January 2018.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, and following consultations with members of the United Nations system Chief Executives Board for Coordination, I have the pleasure to inform you that, in my capacity as Chair of the Chief Executives Board, I concur with the appointment of the following four candidates:

Ms. Sukai Prom-Jackson (Gambia)
Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau (Haiti)
Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India)
Mr. Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)

I would, however, appreciate it if you could convey to the Joint Inspection Unit the hope of the Board that renewed attention and consideration will be given to gender balance for future nominations.

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon
