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### Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

## 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 2 May 2019 (A/74/84), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint four members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 2020 of the term of office of Aicha Afifi (Morocco), Petru Dumitriu (Romania), Jeremiah Kramer (Canada) and Gönke Roscher (Germany).
2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit and with General Assembly resolution 61/238, the President of the General Assembly, at the 36th plenary meeting, held on 27 November 2019, having held the necessary consultations, and on the basis of the candidates submitted by the African States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States, requested Eritrea, Germany, the Republic of Moldova and Spain to propose candidates (see annexes I to IV) to serve for a period of five years beginning on 1 January 2021.
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, as well as 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 Council and from the Secretary-General to the identical letters addressed to them on 5 December 2019 by the President of the Assembly are annexed to the present note (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 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2025:

Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea)  
Gönke Roscher (Germany)  
Victor Moraru (Republic of Moldova)  
Jesús Miranda Hita (Spain)

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**Annex I****Note verbale dated 14 October 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat**

The Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations has the honour to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch of the Secretariat of the United Nations that the Government of the State of Eritrea has nominated Tesfa Alem Seyoum, former Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, for membership in the Joint Inspection Unit for the term 2021–2025, at the elections to be held during the main session of the seventy-fourth General Assembly in November 2019. Mr. Seyoum has been endorsed by the Executive (Ministerial) Council and was approved by the Summit of the African Union last February. His curriculum vitae is attached hereto (see enclosure).

The Government of the State of Eritrea would be grateful to the General Assembly Affairs Branch of the Secretariat if the necessary steps could be taken regarding the nomination of Mr. Seyoum for election to the Joint Inspection Unit.

## Enclosure

### Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea)\*

#### Summary of qualifications:

- A senior member of the Foreign Service of the State of Eritrea
- Over 42 years of successful managerial, public and diplomatic services
- Proven experience and knowledge of diplomatic relations
- Consistent record of accomplishment in public and diplomatic arenas
- Excellent knowledge and experience of the United Nations system
- Extensive experience in high level diplomatic, administrative and budgetary issues
- Highly knowledgeable of operations in humanitarian and conflict situations
- Effective team player

#### A. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

##### 1. United Nations (General Assembly), New York

**Jan. 2013–** Member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and  
**Dec. 2018** Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), subsidiary of the General Assembly.

##### 2. Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations, New York

**June 2003–** Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative and Head of Chancery  
**Jan. 2013**

Jan. 1997– **First Secretary, Acting Deputy Permanent Representative and Head of**  
 June 2003 **Chancery**

June 1993– **First Secretary**  
 Jan. 1997

As head of economic, finance, administrative and budgetary matters; and coordination in all of the above posts; served with great dedication as Eritrea's chief delegate to the Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly; Economic and Social Council; Funds and Programmes; and related bodies.

- Delegate to all the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, 1993–2012.
- Chief delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 2011–2012.
- Chief delegate to the Commission of Sustainable Development, 2010–2012.
- Member of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, 2009–2011.
- Facilitated/co-facilitated and negotiated many draft resolutions and decisions in the Second and Fifth Committees, including the landmark decision 2007/32 on the UNDP Strategic Plan 2008–2011 (DP/2007/43). Statement upon adoption in document E/2007/35, Annex 2.

\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Member of the Executive Board of the UNDP/UNFPA from 2004 to 2006.
- Vice-President in the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA in 2005.
- Led a group of Board members to Lombok, Indonesia as part of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (8–22 March 2006) and co-authored a draft report of the visit ([E/ICEF/2006/CRP.16](#)).
- Served as Rapporteur of UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board field visit to Ukraine (10–16 May 2004) and authored a draft report of the visit ([DP/FPA/2004/CRP.4](#)).
- Coordinated activities of diplomats at the Permanent Mission in New York.
- Served as Chargé d'affaires a.i. for a total of 24 months (9 and 3 straight months respectively at one time) in the absence of the Permanent Representatives.
- As Head of Chancery, managed the Mission for effective and efficient operation; supervised administrative and support staff; coordinated and compiled periodic Mission reports for submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters in the capital.
- Featured in the front page of the New York Times on Sunday, 22 October 1995 (during the “United Nations at 50 Summit”) as one of the multitasking diplomats at considerable sacrifice.
- As the administrative and finance officer of the Mission from June 1993 to January 1997, handled the accounting and administrative tasks, and handled all protocol matters.
- Having been the first diplomat appointed to New York, established the new Permanent Mission after Eritrea’s membership (182nd member) to the United Nations on 28 May 1993.

### 3. Eritrean Relief Committee, Inc. (ERC-USA), New York City (Humanitarian NGO)

**Nov. 1982– Executive Director**  
**Dec. 1992**

As Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the corporation based in New York City, carried responsibilities, under the guidance of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, for the overall operations of ERC Inc. to achieve its 3 principal objectives: Publicizing the plight and humanitarian needs of the Eritrean people and of the larger Horn of Africa affected by war and natural disasters (drought/famine); soliciting funds (resource mobilization) in cash and in kind to meet their needs; and managing the funds that were entrusted to the corporation by the donor community. ERC was incorporated in the State of New York as a non-profit 501(c)(3) humanitarian organization.

- Developed awareness and outreach programmes to educate the general American public, governmental/non-governmental agencies, and private foundations about the humanitarian needs in Eritrea and the greater Horn of Africa.
  - Established or reinstated 38 branches in major cities of the U.S.
  - Led a CBS Evening News TV crew from New York to the conflict areas of Eritrea in 1985 and upon return aired the dire humanitarian need on 5 consecutive segments on their prime time “Evening News” broadcast.

- Led a group of 10 U.S. based international humanitarian NGOs in 1986 on a fact finding mission to the conflict areas of Eritrea and published a report on the humanitarian need there that the United Nations (WFP) shared.
- Facilitated a visit of the National Geographic magazine team to Eritrea who, upon return, wrote a detailed article in the September 1985 issue on the humanitarian situation there.
- Testified before the US Congress – the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Organizations and Sub-Committee on Africa – in Washington, DC on 16 October 1985 on human rights violations in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Ethiopia under the military junta.
- Planned and implemented fund raising (resource mobilization) programmes among the American public, governmental/non-governmental agencies, ERC Branches and the Eritrean communities around the country. Raised the resources mobilization level, in cash and in kind, from an annual \$316,000.00 in 1982 to \$21 million in 1985. Traveled to the major cities extensively to organize and speak at fundraising events in the entire 10-year tenure.
- Having been responsible for the management/administration of the corporation's resources; managed staff and over 500 volunteers in the 38 branches, maintained audited (by independent/external auditors) financial reports for public consumption as required by law, other periodic management reports and updated inventory of the agency's assets. ERC was recognized as one of the most efficient humanitarian agencies, with an administrative overhead of only 8%.

#### **4. United Bible Societies, Africa Regional Centre, Nairobi, Kenya (International NGO)**

**June 1975– Regional Accounts and Budget Analyst for Africa  
July 1979**

Under the Regional Management Consultant for Africa (based in Nairobi, Kenya), having been promoted to the Regional Centre from the National Office in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) where I served as senior accountant and business manager for six years to be the first Accounts and Budget Analyst for Africa, undertook the responsibility of a running analysis of budgets and financial reports from 24 national offices within the Africa region; and to be responsible for the general running of the Africa Regional Centre's office in Nairobi.

- Made thorough examinations of annual budgets submitted by the 24 national offices in the Africa region in preparation for their consideration by the Regional Centre's senior staff and presentation to the Africa Region's Executive Committee.
- Examined and analysed quarterly and annual financial reports from the national offices in the region and compared them with approved budgets.
- Visited several national offices in the region to assist them in establishing proper accounting systems and effective internal management controls.
- Re-established the national office in Luanda, Angola, in January 1977, after the devastating civil war.
- Delivered 11 lectures on accounting principles and internal control at a seminar organized by the United Bible Societies, Africa Regional Centre in March/April 1977 at Limuru Conference Centre, Kenya, for representatives from 19 English speaking national offices.

- Having been responsible for the running of the Regional Centre; verified and paid all due bills; dealt with host country (Kenya) requirements; supervised local staff; and kept proper inventory and records of the Regional Centre's assets.

## **B. VOLUNTEER WORK**

- Vice-President and Board Member, 4-6 W. 105th HDFC, New York, 1993–1995
- Treasurer and Board Member, 4-6 W. 105th HDFC, New York, 1992–1993
- Board Member, Eritrean Relief Association (ERA), Khartoum, Sudan, 1982–1993
- Chairman of Eritrean Students Association, Dallas, Texas, USA, 1981–1982
- Relief worker, Eritrean Relief Committee Inc., Kansas/Texas, USA, 1979–1982
- Treasurer, Minority Cultural Organization (MCO), Sterling College, Kansas, USA, 1980–1981
- Treasurer and member of Executive Committee, Eritrean Community in Kenya, Nairobi, 1977–1979
- Relief worker, Eritrean Relief Association (ERA), Kenya Branch, 1976–1979
- Treasurer and member of Executive Committee, Scripture Union of Ethiopia, Addis, 1972–1975

## **C. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- MBA candidate in 'International Organizations', EUCLID (Euclid University), current
- BBA in Accounting, University of Texas at Dallas, 1982
- Junior Class completed, Liberal Arts with Accounting Emphasis, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, 1981 (transferred to University of Texas). Award for Excellence in Campus Leadership from the Association of Colleges of Central Kansas Minority Council, 1980–81
- Diploma in Accounting, Haile Selassie I University, College of Business, Extension Division, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1974

## **D. SHORT TRAININGS AND SEMINARS**

- Seminar on International Intellectual Property, UNITAR, New York, 27 March 2007
- Workshop on Elections to United Nations organs, UNITAR, New York, 21–22 March 2007
- Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, Cycle I, Intel/UNITAR Campus, New York, 6 February–23 April 2004
- New communication technologies and diplomacy, Intel/UNITAR Campus, United Nations, New York, 20–22 August 2003
- Intellectual Property: Workshop on Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century, WIPO/UNITAR, United Nations, New York, 1 March 2001

- Workshop for African Diplomats on the Legal Aspects of External Debt Management and Negotiations, UNITAR, United Nations, New York, 23–25 February 2000
- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation for Diplomats, Institute of World Affairs, Salisbury, Connecticut, USA, 10–15 June 1997
- Structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions, UNITAR, New York, 1994
- Management by Objective, World Vision International, Nairobi, Kenya, March 1978
- Successful Management Communication, Management Training and Advisory Centre, Kenya Ministry of Labour (partnership project with UNDP/ILO), Nairobi, Kenya, Sept. 1969
- Accounting Training Course, United Bible Societies, Africa Regional Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, Sept./Oct. 1969

## E. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Member of delegation to the “Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12–23 June 2012
- Head of delegation to the “High-level meeting on ICT and Sustainable Urbanization”, Hong Kong, China, 14–18 April 2012
- Member of delegation to the “Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)”, Istanbul, Turkey, 9–13 May 2011
- Member of delegation to the “High-level plenary meeting of the 65th session of the General Assembly” (on the Millennium Development Goals), New York, 20–22 September 2010
- Member of delegation to the “Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 24–26 June 2009
- Member of delegation to the “High-level meeting on Africa’s development needs”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 22 September 2008
- Member of delegation to the “High-level meeting for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 10–11 June 2008
- Member of delegation to the “Thematic Debate on the Millennium Development Goals: Recognizing the achievements, addressing the challenges and getting back on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1–3 April 2008
- Member of delegation to the “Commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 11–12 December 2007
- Member of delegation to the “High-level event convened by the Secretary-General on climate change”, New York, 24 September 2007
- Alternate Head of Delegation to the Ministerial Conference of the LDCs, “Making Globalization Work for the LDCs”, Istanbul, Turkey, 8–11 July 2007



- Member of delegation to the “High-level plenary meeting of the 60th session”, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 15 September 2005
- Member of delegation to the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on Children, “A World Fit for Children”, New York, 5–10 May 2002
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the “United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development” (FfD), Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002
- Member of delegation to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, New York, 25–27 June 2001
- Member of delegation to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an “Overall Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference of Human Settlement (HABITAT II)”, New York, 6–8 June 2001
- Member of delegation to the “Millennium Summit of the United Nations”, New York, 6–8 Sept. 2000
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the twenty-fourth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, Geneva, Switzerland, 26–30 June 2000
- Member of delegation to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, “Women 2000: gender, equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, New York, 5–9 June 2000
- Member of delegation to the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the “Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”, New York, 27–28 September 1999
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the “Meeting of the General Assembly to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”; New York, 10–11 December 1998
- Member of delegation to the “Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations”, New York, 22–24 October 1995

## **F. ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- Excellent knowledge of computer software and information technology
- Some knowledge of computer hardware
- Very good communication skills

**Annex V**

**Letter dated 30 December 2019 from the President of the  
Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the  
General Assembly**

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 5 December 2019 regarding the proposed appointments to the vacancies in the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2020.

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, I concur with the appointments of Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea), Gönke Roscher (Germany), Victor Moraru (Republic of Moldova) and Jesús Miranda Hita (Spain).

*(Signed)* Mona **Juul**  
President of the Economic and Social Council

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**Annex VI****Letter dated 19 December 2019 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 5 December 2019 regarding the proposed appointments to the vacancies in the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2020.

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 United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, I concur with the appointments of Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea), Gönke Roscher (Germany), Victor Moraru (Republic of Moldova) and Jesús Miranda Hita (Spain).

*(Signed)* António **Guterres**

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