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Item 14 of the provisional agenda  
**Appointment of an External Auditor**

## Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor

### Report by the Director-General

Provides information on the candidatures received for the appointment of an External Auditor as of 2 March 2011.

1. In its decision GC.13/Dec.13, the General Conference decided in 2009 to extend the current appointment of the Auditor-General of Pakistan as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, 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 3 February 2011 was sent to Member States inviting them to inform the Director-General by 1 March 2011 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 the twenty-seventh session, to be held from 11 to 13 May 2011.
3. As of 2 March 2011, the following four candidatures had been received for the appointment of an External Auditor:

Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha            Auditor General of Pakistan

Mr. Manuel Núñez Pérez    President of the Spanish Court of Audit

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Mr. Recai Akyel                      President of the Turkish Court of Accounts

Mr. Valentyn Symonenko    Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine

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 8 March 2011 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 2012. 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 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 2 March 2011**

#### **A. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor General of Pakistan**

##### **Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the International Organizations in Vienna**

No. UNIDO-6/PakCand/2009

17 February 2011

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and with reference to their note verbale No. CU 2011/11 dated 3 February 2011 has the honour to state that the Government of Pakistan has decided to offer the services of Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, Auditor General of Pakistan, for re-election as External Auditor of UNIDO for the two-year term starting from 1 July 2012.

Pakistan was re-elected as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a second consecutive term (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012) during the thirteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference in December 2009. Given the existing practice in UNIDO of appointing the External Auditor for at least three terms (six years), 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 as External Auditor of UNIDO for another term (1 July 2012 to 30 June 2014).

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 Member States.

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

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**B. 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**

NV/Núm.4/2011

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and, with reference to note No. CU 2011/11, dated 3 February 2011, has the honour to submit the candidature of the President of the Spanish Court of Audit, Mr. Manuel NÚÑEZ PÉREZ, for the post of External Auditor of UNIDO for a two-year period starting 1 July 2012.

The candidate, as President of the Spanish Court of Audit — the supreme authority in its field, provided for in the Spanish Constitution, which guarantees its independence — is of the highest level of professional competence and, in addition, has substantial experience of auditing international organizations.

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

The candidature of Mr. Manuel NÚÑEZ PÉREZ enjoys the full support and absolute confidence of the Government of Spain.

The Permanent Mission of Spain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 28 February 2011  
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To the  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
Vienna

## **C. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Recai Akyel, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts**

### **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 2011/11 dated 3 February 2011, has the honour to inform that the Government of Turkey has decided to nominate Mr. Recai Akyel, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts for election as the External Auditor of UNIDO for the two-year term starting from 1 July 2012.

With its foundation going back to 1862, the Turkish Court of Accounts has proven to be a competent and widely experienced auditing institution, implementing internationally accepted audit standards through a system based and risk-focused approach.

Mr. Recai Akyel is a member of the Governing Boards of the European Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (EUROSAI) and the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI). He is also a member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

Furthermore, the Turkish Court of Accounts is one of the founding members of the Economic Cooperation Organization Supreme Audit Institutions (ECOSAI). The President of the Turkish Court of Accounts served as the first President of the Governing Board of ECOSAI.

In light of the above, the Government of Turkey firmly believes that the election of Mr. Recai Akyel as the External Auditor of UNIDO will contribute to the further improvement of financial and, eventually, overall efficiency and effectiveness of UNIDO.

The application form and curriculum vitae of Mr. Akyel is attached herewith.

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 UNIDO the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 1 March 2011  
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Secretariat of the United Nations  
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**D. Communication concerning the candidature of  
Mr. Valentyn Symonenko, Chairman of the Accounting Chamber  
of Ukraine**

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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and with reference to UNIDO's note verbale No. CU 2011/11, dated 3 February 2011, has the honour to inform that the Government of Ukraine has decided to nominate Mr. Valentyn Symonenko, Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine for election as External Auditor of UNIDO for the two-year term starting from 1 July 2012.

Since its establishment in 1996, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine has acquired vast experience in conducting international audits in accordance with internationally accepted auditing standards and has a large number of professionally educated, skilled and internationally experienced auditors.

Mr. Valentyn Symonenko is also the Chairman of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes (since 2008); Member of EUROSAI Governing Board (since 2008) and External Auditor of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (since 2009).

Taking into account these positive developments and other achievements, the Government of Ukraine has nominated Mr. Valentyn Symonenko, Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the position of the UNIDO External Auditor in order to contribute to further enhancement of the Organization's financial procedures, the accounting system, the internal financial controls and, in general, its administration and management.

The curriculum vitae and application form of Mr. Symonenko, as well as reference material about the Chamber's activities and its extensive international experience are attached.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the 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.

Attachments: as stated, on 14 pages.

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Development Organization (UNIDO)  
(Kind attention: Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General)