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

## **Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. As indicated in document [A/68/101/Rev.1](#) of 15 August 2013, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:
  - Toshihiro Aiki (Japan)
  - Richard Moon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
  - Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico)
  - Devesh Uttam (India)
  - Catherine Vendat (France)
  - Zhang Wanhai (China)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow (see annex).



## Annex

### Curricula vitae\*

#### Toshihiro Aiki (Japan)

##### Present position

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions  
(since August 2013)

Minister, United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent  
Mission of Japan to the United Nations

##### Academic background

- 1985 Bachelor of Arts in Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo
- 1989 Master of Arts in Political Science, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,  
Columbia University, New York

##### Professional background

- 1985 Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1988 Attaché, subsequently Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the Union  
of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 1992 Official, subsequently Deputy Director, International Legal Affairs  
Division
- 1995 Deputy Director, subsequently Principal Deputy Director, Ocean  
Division
- 1997 Principal Deputy Director, Japan-United States Security Treaty Division
- 1998 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the European Union
- 2001 Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in the Russian Federation
- 2003 Senior Coordinator, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division
- 2004 Director, United Nations Administration Division
- 2006 Director, Economic Treaties Division and Social Treaties Division
- 2007 Minister, Embassy of Japan in the Russian Federation
- 2010 Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Israel
- 2013 Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Mr. Aiki has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for more than 28 years, during which he has developed extensive knowledge and experience with respect to public administration and the international development agenda. He is proficient in English and Russian.

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Mr. Aiki, as Director of the United Nations Administration Division in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, dealt with United Nations administrative and budgetary issues. His responsibilities also covered budgetary aspects of various United Nations funds and programmes. He represented Japan in the Fifth Committee during the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions and leads the Japanese Fifth Committee team in New York during the sixty-seventh session. Furthermore, he has direct knowledge of how peacekeeping operations are conducted on the ground through his contacts with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at the Embassy of Japan in Israel.

Mr. Aiki has a wide knowledge of development issues at the United Nations, based on his experience representing Japan at the Economic and Social Council and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as Director of the United Nations Administration Division. He also formed Japan's policy on its contributions to United Nations development organizations. His thorough understanding of development issues has also been cultivated through coordinating Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) on the ground for Caucasus, Central Asia and Palestine. In particular, for the people of Palestine he coordinated Japan's ODA both bilaterally and through international organizations.

Mr. Aiki has demonstrated his calibre in the multilateral arena, including through representing Japan at meetings of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Earlier in his career, he also served as an assistant to a member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations.

**Richard Moon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**

Richard Moon is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, elected for the term 2011-2013.

Mr. Moon has extensive and relevant experience of United Nations finance issues. He represented the United Kingdom in the Fifth Committee from 1999 to 2003; and then moved to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, leaving at the end of 2004. He has been a member of the Committee on Contributions since 2005.

Before rejoining the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in 2011, Mr. Moon was the Director for Nordic Baltic Network in the Strategy and Resources Group within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Republic of Latvia until July 2009. Before that he was Deputy Ambassador to the United Kingdom delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

**Details of career**

January 2011-present: member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

September 2009-December 2010: Director, Strategy and Resource Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Project director for Nordic Baltic Network corporate services platform; advisory role on other regional and change issues.

2006-July 2009: Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia

2005-2006: Deputy Head of Mission, United Kingdom Delegation, Paris. Responsible for OECD institutional reform, new membership, and the external relations of OECD, particularly with the new emerging economies.

2003-2004: Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, New York. Focus of work was initial review of large (third generation) peacekeeping missions; major upgrading of United Nations security after the Iraq bombing; human resources reform within the Secretariat; securing resources for the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Duty visits undertaken to Brindisi, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, in addition to ACABQ a business trip of the Advisory Committee to ESCAP (Bangkok), to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (Freetown), plus regular trips to Geneva.

1999-2003: Finance Counsellor, Fifth Committee, New York. Main issues were the regular budgets for 1999 and 2001; contributions scale (2000); peacekeeping financing, including the renegotiation of formula for determining troop-contributor costs; peacekeeping reform (the Brahimi proposals, 2000); United Nations institutional reform (the Frechette proposals, 2002); the modernization of United Nations human resource management; the international tribunals and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

1997-1999: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Deputy Head of European Union External Department responsible for European Union policy towards Latin America

and the Caribbean, the European Union/Lomé Agreement and the Mediterranean, management of the Department

1995-1997: Economic/European Union Affairs, Rome, dealing with macroeconomic analysis, structural issues such as Mezzogiorno and banking reform, European Union policy, Group of Seven

1993-1995: Political Affairs, Rome, political reporting and press issues

1990-1992: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Head of Section in Security Policy Department responsible for United Kingdom and NATO nuclear policy

1988-1990: Foreign and Commonwealth Office Desk Officer responsible for European Union immigration and social issues

1984-1988: Political Affairs, Jakarta dealing with internal political reporting human rights

1983: Joined Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Born: London 1959

Educated: Oxford University (MA) and London School of Economics (PhD)

### **Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico)**

Carlos Ruiz Massieu is a career diplomat who joined the Mexican Foreign Service in 1999. He has a Law Degree from Iberoamericana University (Mexico City) and a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Ruiz Massieu commenced his career in the Mexican public sector, holding positions in the Ministries of Interior and Social Development, respectively. After joining the Foreign Service, he worked for the Department of Legal Affairs in Mexico City. He was subsequently posted to his country's embassy in Costa Rica.

He has extensive experience in United Nations affairs, having been posted at the Permanent Mission of Mexico in New York over the course of several years. While representing Mexico in the Economic and Social Council and in the Second Committee of the General Assembly, he chaired negotiations on the reform of the Economic and Social Council and on development issues arising from the 2005 United Nations Global Summit. From 2004, he also represented Mexico in the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund. He was subsequently appointed Coordinator for his country's delegation in the Fifth Committee, promoting measures for improved efficiency and effectiveness and greater budgetary discipline at the United Nations. He also served as Alternate Representative in charge of African issues and the situation in Haiti during the tenure of Mexico as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. In addition, he has served as Deputy Director General of United Nations and International Organizations in Mexico City.

In January 2011, he became a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. He served as the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee in 2012 and was elected to the position of Chair in January 2013.

## **Devesh Uttam (India)**

Date of birth: 1 August 1974

Mr. Devesh Uttam is a career diplomat from the Indian Foreign Service who has served in various capacities in Damascus, Tripoli and at Headquarters.

### **Relevant work experience**

February 2013-present: First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York

Mr. Uttam is the chief financial officer of the Mission, and handles all administrative and financial matters, including India's contributions to the United Nations and other entities. He has been also handling work related to the Fourth Committee, humanitarian issues, the revitalization of the General Assembly, General Assembly coordination, the Asia-Pacific States and election-related matters.

December 2010-February 2013: Under-Secretary/Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Mr. Uttam was in charge of administrative and budgetary matters related to the Ministry's Division dealing with the Gulf countries i.e., Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Mr. Uttam covered and coordinated the entire gamut of India's close relationship with those countries. He also handled work related to the Gulf Cooperation Council and Organization of Islamic Cooperation. He was the Gulf Division's Chief Public Information Officer.

November 2007-December 2010: Second Secretary/First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tripoli, Libya

Mr. Uttam was in charge of the Embassy's administrative and financial matters as Head of Chancery. He also handled commercial, economic and consular issues.

Mr. Uttam played a key role during the evacuation of nearly 17,000 Indian nationals from Libya during February/March 2011.

October 2005-October 2007: Third Secretary/Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Damascus

Mr. Uttam handled cultural and information work at the Embassy in addition to learning the Arabic language.

### **Educational qualifications**

2001: M. Phil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Area of research "Eastern Enlargement of the European Union". The research focused on the cost and benefit analysis for new member countries and the European Union.

2002: Extensive training on international business, trade and the economy, regional trade agreements and the World Trade Organization from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.

### **Language skills**

English, Hindi and Arabic

**Catherine Vendat (France)****Education**

- 1974 Political Science Institute: Grenoble, France  
Public law, economy, public finance
- 1982-1984 Ecole Nationale d'Administration: Paris (MBA equivalent)

**Competencies**

- Expertise Change management, negotiation, decision-making  
Public sector budgeting, Human and financial resources  
management, audit budget reform, governance
- Languages French: mother tongue  
English: fluent (3 years residence in United States, 11 years  
working in anglophone environment)  
Russian: notions

**Professional experience**

- 2009-2012 Consultant in public finance management for the International  
Monetary Fund and the World Bank
- 2011 United Nations: New York, United States and field trips to United  
Nations peacekeeping missions  
Director Peacekeeping financing division  
Management/leadership of a team of 34 staff members  
Missions:
  - Establish and implement policies, procedures and methodologies  
for estimating resources requirements for peacekeeping operations,  
the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the  
support account (\$7.6 billion)
  - Prepare and present to United Nations legislative bodies budgets  
and performance reports for 15 peacekeeping operations, using  
results-based budgeting methodology
  - Monitor peacekeeping operation's budgets implementation and  
cash flow situations
  - Member of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards  
Steering committee and Investment committee
- 2005-2008 Ministry of Defence: Paris  
Deputy Director, budget programmes  
Management/leadership of a team of 23 staff members  
Missions:
  - Implement result-based budgeting in accordance with the new  
French legislation: 3 programmes (6 billion euros, 14,500 FTE)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage full budget process: planning, prioritization, monitoring, analysis and explanation of results ; production of yearly performance and budget reports</li> <li>• Plan and monitor human resources</li> </ul>
2003-2005	<p>NATO: Brussels</p> <p>Deputy Assistant Secretary-General, Human and Financial Resources</p> <p>Management/leadership of 90 staff</p> <p>Missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial resources: Oversee preparation and execution of Civil budget (175 million euros) using objective-based budgeting methodology Oversee procurement office</li> <li>• Human resources: manage recruitment policy, contracts, payroll, training, implement performance management, social and medical services. Liaise and negotiate with Staff Association (1,270 staff)</li> <li>• Civilian personnel policy coordination NATO-wide: implement and amend civilian staff regulations Manage NATO pension schemes and NATO health insurance contract (5,470 civilian staff, 2,230 retirees)</li> </ul> <p>Head, Budget and Financial Analysis Section</p> <p>Missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and monitor the execution of the civil budget (170 million euros); negotiate with Civil Budget Committee</li> <li>• Review budget process: lead the task force in charge of transforming the civil budget into an objective-based budget, and proceed to implementation, including conception of a dedicated information technology system</li> </ul>
1997-1999	<p>NATO: Brussels and short missions to NATO agencies</p> <p>Auditor, International Board of Auditors</p> <p>Missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial and compliance audit of NATO agencies and the NATO Security Investment programme</li> </ul>
1991-1997	Regional Chambers of Accounts, France (Toulouse, Montpellier, Dijon)
1984-1989	<p>Counsellor</p> <p>Missions: Audit of local government entities, hospitals and subsidized non-profit organizations</p>
1990-1991	<p>Caisse des dépôts et consignations — Crédit local de France: Paris</p> <p>Director, Paris and large accounts</p>

Missions:

- Provide customized resources and financial counselling to major clients such as City of Paris, Ile-de-France region, Paris hospitals, French Red Cross

1975-1982

Ministry of Justice: Paris

Directorate of Management

Head of the Private Office of the Director

## **Zhang Wanhai (China)**

Born in May 1950 in Beijing

1975-1982	Fellow, China Institute of International Studies
1982-1984	Studied at Michigan State University, United States of America, and graduated with a Master's degree
1984-1985	Fellow, China Institute of International Studies
1985-1995	Third Secretary, Second Secretary, Deputy Director, First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1995-1999	First Secretary, Counselor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1999-2003	Deputy Director General, United Nations Association of China
2003-2007	Permanent Representative of China to ESCAP, Permanent Representative of Hong Kong, China, to ESCAP and Permanent Representative of Macao, China, to ESCAP
2007-2010	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Grenada
2011-present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

### **Professional background**

More than 20 years' experience in multilateral diplomacy has provided Mr. Zhang with abundant knowledge and a deep understanding of international organizations, especially of United Nations conferences and meetings.

Mr. Zhang had been in charge of United Nations administrative and budgetary issues for many years. As a representative of the Government of China, he was a regular participant in the meetings of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee for Programme and Coordination. Being an excellent negotiator, he was actively involved in relevant discussions and negotiations and put forward many constructive suggestions in terms of United Nations budgetary and personnel issues. In the late 1980s, under the circumstances of a great increase in the United Nations peacekeeping operations, he took the lead to suggest the addition to the agenda of the General Assembly of the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of peacekeeping operations". He also presided over the joint meeting of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions when the latter undertook a field mission to ESCAP in 2006.

During the work in the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions, he actively participated in discussion on all the issues on the agenda and made valuable contribution to the Committee.

He worked on United Nations Security Council affairs and issues related to United Nations peacekeeping operations and joined the United Nations observation and assistance missions to Namibia, South Africa and Mozambique while he was

working at the Department of International Organizations and Conferences in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

During his tenure as the Permanent Representative of China to ESCAP, he served many times as the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission and acted as the Rapporteur of that Committee and the Chair of the Working Group on draft resolutions of the sixty-second session of ESCAP.

He also attended many other international conferences as the head of the Chinese delegation.

### **Major activities**

#### **United Nations General Assembly**

1986-1992, attended the forty-second, forty-third, forty-fifth and forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly as an adviser of the Chinese delegation

1996-1999, attended the fifty-first to fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly as an alternate representative of the Chinese delegation

#### **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

2011-2013, member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

#### **Fifth Committee of the General Assembly**

1986-1992, attended meetings of the Fifth Committee as an adviser of the Chinese delegation during the forty-second, forty-third, forty-fifth and forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly

1996-1998, attended meetings of the Fifth Committee as a representative of the Chinese delegation during the fifty-first to fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly

#### **Committee for Programme and Coordination**

1988, 1990, 1992, 1996-1998, attended meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as a representative of the Government of China

#### **General Committee and plenary meetings of the General Assembly**

1995, attended meetings of the General Committee and plenary meetings of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly

#### **Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

2003-2007, deputy head of the Chinese delegation to the fifty-ninth to sixty-third sessions of ESCAP, rotating Chair of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission

2004, Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission

2006, Chair of the Joint Meeting of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

2006, Chair of the Working Group on draft resolutions of the sixty-second session of ESCAP

**United Nations conferences and meetings**

1993-1994, United Nations Compensation Committee, Geneva

2001, World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa

2001-2003, meetings of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva

May 2002, Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Bali, Indonesia

August 2002, World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa

**United Nations electoral assistance activities**

1989, participated in the electoral assistance of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia as a United Nations observer

1994, participated in the electoral assistance of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique as a United Nations observer

**Other international conferences and meetings**

2002, attended the fourth Asia-Europe Meeting summit, Copenhagen

2003-2007, Head of the Chinese delegation to the Mekong River Commission-China Dialogue meetings, Lao People's Democratic Republic

2007, Head of the Chinese delegation to the International Conference on the Mekong River Commission, Viet Nam

2003-2007, member of the Mekong Institute Steering Committee, Khon Kaen, Thailand

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