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Candidates for the appointment of External Auditor

Report by the Director General

Addendum

- 1. Document IDB.45/10-PBC.33/10 provided information on the candidatures that had been submitted by 1 March 2017 for the services of an External Auditor.
- 2. The Secretariat received a communication from the Permanent Mission of Germany dated 28 April 2017 announcing the withdrawal of their candidate for the appointment of an External Auditor. The communication is reproduced in the annex to the present document.
- 3. Thus, as of 28 April 2017, the status of candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor is as follows:

Mr. Carlos Polit Faggioni Comptroller General of the

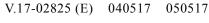
Republic of Ecuador

Mr. Michael G. Aguinaldo Chairman of the Commission on

Audit of the Philippines

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Annex

Communications concerning the candidature of Mr. Kay Scheller, President of the German Supreme Audit Institution^a

A. Note verbale to UNIDO

Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to other International Organizations, Vienna

Ref. No.: Pol-4-I.0-441.52 ERP

Note No.: 23/2017

Verbal Note

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to other International Organizations, Vienna, presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and with reference to its Verbal Note No. 7/20 17 — Pol-4-I.0.-441.52 ERP dated 22 February 2017, has the honour to transmit the letter of Mr. Kay Scheller, President of the Bundesrechnungshof (German Supreme Audit Institution), to the Director General, Mr. LI Yong and to the President of the Industrial Development Board, H.E. Ms. Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson announcing his withdrawal of his candidature for the post of External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1st July 2018.

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

Vienna, 28 April 2017

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To the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Vienna

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^a These communications are reproduced in the form in which they were received by the Secretariat.

B. Letter to Director General

Der Präsident - Bundesrechnungshof

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Mr. Li Yong, Director General
P.O Box 300
1400 Vienna, Austria

Bonn, 24 April 2017

Dear Mr. Yong,

I wish to inform you that to my great regret I have to withdraw my candidature to extend for another two years the mandate as UNIDO's External Auditor.

Given the high and even increasing importance of UNIDO as a key player to solve global problems, serving as its external auditor has been an honour and a very rewarding exercise for me and my audit team.

However, the German SAI's schedule in the next six years will, unfortunately, not permit me any longer to devote to this important mandate the amount of time and consideration it deserves. Due to my new mandate and commitments as member of the United Nations Board of Auditors our staff for international audit mandates needed to be reallocated fundamentally. As such, auditors with crucial skills deployed by now in the UNIDO audit have been assigned to the UN audit team to effectively discharge the comprehensive and demanding set of tasks which the mandate on the United Nations Board of Auditors is entailing. Unfortunately, appropriate replacement for this staff is not available.

Therefore and once again, I would like to call on your understanding that I cannot maintain my candidacy for the extension of the mandate for another two years.

With a view to the candidacies of my colleagues from the Philippines and from Ecuador, I am confident that a suitable successor will be at UNIDO's disposal. Let me assure you that we will ensure a smooth handover, furnishing our successor all necessary documentation and any other information which might be of use for it.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Kay Scheller

C. Letter to the President of the Industrial Development Board

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Yours sincerely,

[signed] Kay Scheller

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