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**Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs  
and other appointments: appointment of the judges  
of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal**

## **Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and of ad litem judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal**

### **Note by the President of the General Assembly**

I have the honour to transmit to Member States a letter from Justice Ian Binnie, Chair of the Internal Justice Council, advising of the withdrawal of the candidature of Judge Manuel Mazuelos Fernandez-Figueroa, who was recommended by the Council for appointment to the United Nations Appeals Tribunal by the General Assembly.



## Annex

### **Letter dated 1 December 2014 from the Chair of the Internal Justice Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

In its report (A/69/373), the Internal Justice Council recommended three candidates for appointment by the General Assembly to fill the judicial vacancy in the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

The Internal Justice Council was advised on 30 November 2014 that Judge Manuel Mazuelos (Spain), one of the candidates recommended by the Council for appointment to the Appeals Tribunal, has withdrawn his candidature owing to recently diagnosed health concerns. The Council has acknowledged with regret the withdrawal of Judge Mazuelos' candidature and has conveyed to him its best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The mandate of the Internal Justice Council in respect of judicial recruitments is set out in paragraph 37 (b) of General Assembly resolution 62/228, which requires the Council to provide its views and recommendations to the General Assembly on two or three candidates for each vacancy in the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, with due regard to geographical distribution.

There being two candidates remaining for consideration by the General Assembly and no discernible impact on geographical distribution following the withdrawal of Judge Mazuelos' candidature, the Internal Justice Council does not at this stage believe it to be necessary to recommend a replacement for the candidature of Judge Mazuelos for consideration by the Assembly.

(Signed) Ian **Binnie**  
Chair

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