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Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 12th and 13th plenary meetings in 2019, held on 7 May, the Economic and Social Council elected seven members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2020 and expiring on 31 December 2022 (see Council decision 2019/201 C).¹
2. Also at its 13th plenary meeting, the Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2020 and expiring on 31 December 2022 (see Council decision 2019/201 C).¹
3. In a note verbale dated 20 May 2019 from the Chair, Eastern European States, the Secretariat was informed of the endorsement of Sven-Erik Soosaar (Estonia) as a member of the Permanent Forum. The term of office would begin on 1 January 2020 and expire on 31 December 2022.
4. Biographical information on the candidate is set out in the annex to the present note.

¹ To be issued.



Annex

Curricula vitae of a candidate for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

Mr. Sven-Erik Soosaar (Estonia)

Date and place of birth

Tallinn, Estonia. 12 November 1973

Education

2011–2017	Doctorate degree in Estonian and Finno-Ugric linguistics, University of Tartu
2001–2002	Doctoral studies in General linguistics, University of Konstanz
1998–2004	Doctoral studies in Estonian and Finno-Ugric linguistics, University of Tartu
1997–1998	Master's studies in Fennougristics and Assyriology, University of Helsinki
1996–1998	Master of Science degree in Estonian and Finno-Ugric linguistics, University of Tartu
1995–1996	Additional studies in Greenlandic language and literature, University of Greenland
1991–1995	Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical philology, University of Tartu
1980–1991	Tallinn Pelgulinna Gymnasium

Professional Experience

2019	Senior researcher and visiting researcher, Institute of the Estonian Language, University of Helsinki
2016–2018	Senior lexicographer, Institute of the Estonian Language
2013–2014	Lexicologist, Institute of the Estonian Language Grant recipient of Kone Foundation (Jack Rueter's working group, University of Helsinki)
2008–2011	Head of Department, Finno-Ugric Languages and Dialects, Institute of the Estonian Language
2003–2013	Researcher, Institute of the Estonian Language
2003–2004	Lecturer (general linguistics), University of Tallinn
2002–2003	Extraordinary Researcher, Institute of the Estonian Language
2002	Assistant to the Chair of Linguistics, University of Konstanz (Germany)

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

2001–2002 Assistant, Institute of the Estonian Language
1998–2001 Assistant and webmaster, Fenno-Ugria Foundation

R & D related managerial and administrative work

2008–2009 Member, Organising Committee of the XII International
Conference on Minority Languages
2008–2011 Member, Scientific Council, Institute of the Estonian Language

Other activities

2015–present Member of the Board, Fenno Ungria (a non-profit umbrella
organization of organizations with Finno-Ugric interests in Estonia)
2015–present Board Member, Estonian-Hungarian Society
2014–2017 Board Member, NPO Wikimedia Eesti

Languages: Estonian, English, Russian, limited working proficiency in German
