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**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

## **Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments and appointment of eight members by the President of the Economic and Social Council**

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

1. Pursuant to its resolution [2000/22](#) and its decision 2016/205, the Economic and Social Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council. The Forum consists of 16 members, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on indigenous issues for a period of three years, with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period. Eight members are to be nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2016/205, and eight members are to be appointed by the President of the Council following formal consultation with the Bureau and regional groups through their coordinators on the basis of broad consultations with indigenous organizations.

2. In 2019, at the management meeting to be held on 7 May, the Economic and Social Council will be called upon to elect eight members according to the following pattern, as outlined in decision 2016/205 (Election 2):

- (a) Two members from African States;
- (b) One member from Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) Two members from Eastern European States;
- (d) Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) One member from Western European and other States.

3. The term of office of the new members of the Permanent Forum would begin on 1 January 2020 and expire on 31 December 2022. The current membership of the Permanent Forum is listed in the annex to the present note.

4. In a note verbale dated 8 October 2018, the Secretary-General invited Governments to submit, by 31 December 2018, their nominations for membership in



the Permanent Forum. A list of the persons thus nominated is set out below. Biographical information on the candidates will be issued in document [E/2019/9/Add.6](#).

5. The eight members nominated by indigenous organizations and appointed by the President of the Council will be communicated separately to members of the Council.

## **Nominees**

### **African States**

Vital Bambanze (Burundi)  
Bornface Museke Mate (Namibia)  
Alexis Nsabiyera (Burundi)  
Jean Baptiste Sindayigaya (Burundi)

### **Asia-Pacific States**

Zhang Xiaolan\* (China)

### **Eastern European States**

Grigory E. Lukiyantsev (Russian Federation)

### **Latin American and Caribbean States**

Irma Pineda Santiago (Mexico)  
Tarcila Rivera Zea\* (Peru)  
Lourdes Licenia Tibán Guala\* (Ecuador)

### **Western European and other States**

Tove Søvndahl Gant (Denmark)

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\* Seeking re-election.

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## Annex

### **Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

**(16 members; three-year term)**

#### **Membership from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019**

##### **Eight experts elected by the Council**

Jens Dahl (Denmark)  
Jesus Guadalupe Fuentes Blanco (Mexico)  
Brian Keane (United States of America)  
Aisa Mukabenova (Russian Federation)\*  
Gervais Nzoa (Cameroon)\*  
Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)  
Javad Safaei (Islamic Republic of Iran)  
Zhang Xiaolan (China)

##### **Eight experts appointed by the President of the Council**

Phoolman Chaudhary (Nepal)  
Terri Henry (United States of America)  
Dmitrii Kharakka-Zaitsev (Russian Federation)  
Elifuraha Laltaika (United Republic of Tanzania)  
Les Malezer (Australia)  
Anne Nuorgam (Finland)  
Lourdes Licenia Tibán Guala (Ecuador)  
Mariam Wallet Mohamed Aboubakrine (Mali)\*

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\* Currently serving a second term.