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### **Request for the inclusion of a sub-item in the provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth session**

### **Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice**

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

1. By a letter dated 31 May 2021, the Registrar of the Court informed the Secretary-General of the death of Judge James Richard Crawford (Australia) on that date and of the resulting occurrence of a vacancy in the Court.
2. Judge Crawford was a member of the Court since 6 February 2015. His term would have expired on 5 February 2024.
3. By a note by the Secretary-General dated 21 June 2021 ([S/2021/586](#)), the Security Council was informed of the occurrence of that vacancy in the Court. On 29 June 2021, the Council adopted resolution [2583 \(2021\)](#), in which it decided that the date of election to fill the vacancy should be 5 November 2021.
4. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly ([A/76/50](#)) does not contain a sub-item concerning the election of members of the International Court of Justice. The Secretary-General therefore deems it necessary to include in the provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth session of the Assembly, pursuant to rule 13 (g) of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, under item 117, entitled “Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs”, a sub-item entitled “Election of a member of the International Court of Justice”.

