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**Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs  
and other appointments: appointment of members of  
the Advisory Committee on Administrative and  
Budgetary Questions**

## **Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

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

1. As indicated in document [A/74/101/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2020.
2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:
  - Patrick A. Chuasoto (Philippines)
  - Udo Klaus Fenchel (Germany)
  - Olivio Fermín (Dominican Republic)
  - Marcel Jullier (Switzerland)
  - Yosef Levi Sfari (Israel)
  - Takeshi Matsunaga (Japan)
  - Ye Xuenong (China)
3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.



## Annex

### Curricula vitae\*

#### Patrick A. Chuasoto (Philippines)

Mr. Patrick A. Chuasoto is a career Philippine diplomat, with the rank of Chief of Mission Class II, currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Washington D.C. He has been assigned to the Embassy since January 2014.

In the absence of an Ambassador, Mr. Chuasoto served as Charge d’Affaires, ad interim, from 30 June 2016 to 24 November 2017.

Prior to his current posting in Washington D.C., Mr. Chuasoto served as the Special Assistant of two Secretaries of Foreign Affairs from 2009 to 2013.

Mr. Chuasoto was previously assigned to the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations in New York for seven years (2003 to 2009) where he held several positions in various United Nations bodies.

Mr. Chuasoto was Alternate Representative to the United Nations Security Council during the Philippines’ membership in 2004–2005. His portfolio was the application of Security Council sanctions regimes and Security Council activities in the prevention of armed conflict, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding.

In 2008, he was elected as Chairman of the Committee on Conferences. He is the first and only Filipino diplomat to hold the post. Mr. Chuasoto was elected Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budget) for the 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (2008–2009). He is only the fourth Filipino diplomat to have the distinction of being elected to serve in the Bureau of the Fifth Committee. He returned to the United Nations in May 2010 as a member of the Philippine delegation to the successful 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference where the Philippines held the Presidency of the conference.

Before his posting in New York, Mr. Chuasoto served for five years (1998–2002) as Director for ASEAN Economic Cooperation where he handled all aspects of Philippine participation in ASEAN matters concerning trade, investment and finance, including the economic aspects of agriculture, energy, information technology, science & technology, tourism and transport & communications. He was also the focal point for ASEAN cooperation in combating transnational crime, particularly terrorism.

Mr. Chuasoto was conferred the Gawad Mabini Award with the Rank of Commander during the 115th Department of Foreign Affairs Foundation Day celebration on 31 July 2013.

He graduated cum laude from the Ateneo De Manila University with a Bachelor of Science degree Major in Management, Honors Program. He has a Diploma in Trade and Commercial Diplomacy from the Foreign Service Institute and masteral units in International Studies from the University of the Philippines. Mr. Chuasoto also completed the Strategic Management and Leadership Program for Career Ministers conducted by Asian Institute of Management.

Mr. Chuasoto is a member of American MENSA.

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

## Udo Klaus Fenchel (Germany)

*A passion for financial matters and multilateral approaches to problem-solving has been the recurring theme of my professional career. In the various positions I have held in Africa, Europe and the United States, I have come to know and value global solutions and the people behind them. I am a firm believer in seeking consensus among parties with differing sets of knowledge and experience, and it is on that basis that I am submitting my candidacy for the ACABQ. I hope to bring my financial expertise, international experience and excellent understanding of political communications to bear in that forum as a contribution to the better functioning of the United Nations.*

### Personal details

Born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 6 November 1966

### Professional experience

As of March 2019	First Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York; administrative and budgetary questions of the United Nations; financing of peacekeeping operations; Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly
September 2016 to February 2019	Head of the Public Relations Division at the Federal Ministry of Finance, editor-in-chief of all the Ministry's online presence and mobile communications using apps, and head of the social media team: production of multimedia content; event management and production of print materials; communications on Germany's G20 Presidency and the Compact with Africa (CwA)
March 2010 to August 2016	Desk officer in the Public Relations Division at the Federal Ministry of Finance
October 2006 to January 2010	Desk officer for financial affairs at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva: United Nations budgetary and administrative matters; spokesperson for Group B at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); consultations with the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC); spokesperson for the Geneva Group at the ILO, WHO, ITU and other United Nations specialised agencies; observation of the Strategic Heritage Plan
January 2007 to August 2007	Desk officer for financial affairs at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York during Germany's EU Council Presidency: coordination of the EU position in the Fifth Committee; budgetary and administrative matters, peacekeeping operations, cross-cutting issues

July 2004 to September 2006	Desk officer in the Division “Germany as a Financial Centre and European Financial Market Integration (Basic Issues)” at the Federal Ministry of Finance
January 2004 to June 2004	Desk officer for financial affairs in the Financial Affairs Branch of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels
September 2000 to December 2003	Desk officer in the Securities Division at the Federal Ministry of Finance
March 1999 to August 2000	Desk officer for public relations and deputy spokesperson at the Federal Securities Supervisory Office in Frankfurt am Main
July 1997 to February 1999	Lawyer in Wiesbaden
<b>Education</b>	
June 1994 to May 1997	Practical legal training with a focus on the role of the state and administration (internship with the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi); gained Second State Examination in Law
October 1988 to April 1994	University studies in law with a focus on international and European law in Frankfurt am Main; gained First State Examination in Law
	Licensed exchange trader at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange
<b>Languages</b>	
	German: native speaker English: proficient French: fluent

## **Olivio Fermín (Dominican Republic)**

Experienced Foreign Service diplomat, with deep knowledge of administrative and budgetary matters, peacekeeping and peace operations. As a multilateral negotiator, Mr. Fermin has accomplished a vast number of concrete results showing an undeniable ability to exercise leadership and technical skills. As a facilitator to multiple resolutions related to United Nations management reforms, budget and peace operations, he successfully achieved full consensus among the membership of the Organization for the adoption of such fundamental resolutions.

### **Current position**

2008-current

Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Representative to the Fifth Committee of the Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

### **Previous positions and activities**

Minister Counsellor, Representative to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Administrative and Budgetary matters.

### **Main Achievements**

Facilitator of the resolution on Programme budget for the biennium 2018-Construction and Property Management: New office and conference facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA); United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON); Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

Facilitator on the resolution of Questions relating to the Programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011: Special Political Missions; safety and security accountability framework, including United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP); and strengthening the Department of Political Affairs.

Facilitator of the resolution on financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA). 2017–2018.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (2016)

Facilitator of the resolution financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). 2016–2017

Facilitator of the resolution financing of the United Nations in Sudan (2009).

**Having achieved on time the conclusion of this resolution.**

Facilitator of the resolution on the proposed program budget for the biennium 2016–2017, including: the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the Office of Internal Oversight Services, Development Account, Limited budgetary Discretion; the Joint Inspection Unit on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Joint Inspection Unit on the Archives and Records Management Section.

Facilitator of the resolution on Human Resources Management. 2014–2015.

**An all Member States Consensus achieved on this key management resolution.**

Facilitator of the resolution on Human Resources Management/Mobility Reform. 2014–2015

Facilitator on the resolution financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia.

**Membership of the Fifth Committee Bureau.**

Vice-Chairman, Fifth Committee (Administrative and Financial) of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly in representation of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States.

**2000–2007  
(Most relevant activities)**

Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Representative to the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

**Strategic guidance to Regional Groups**

Focal Point and Coordinator of the Rio Group on Fifth Committee matters during the Dominican Republic Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Rio Group. 2007–2008.

Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) established by General Assembly resolution 56/125. 2003–2004.

Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation in the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC). 2003–2004.

**1999–2000**

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Representative to the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

**Other relevant assignments**

Member of the Dominican Delegation to the Substantive Session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) years 2000–2012.

Coordinator for the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) on Fifth Committee matters.

Member of the Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE). 2013–2014.

Member of the Dominican Delegation on the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) during the country's membership of the body on 2013–2014.

Delegate to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as an Observer Member. 2002–2005.

Member of the Dominican Delegation on the United Nations Special Session on Children. 2003–2004.

Member (Observer) of the Dominican Delegation in the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC). 2003–2004

Member of the Dominican Delegation for the Preparation for the Special high-level meeting on Finance for Development: New York. 2003–2004

Member of the Dominican Delegation for the United Nations Millennium Summit of the General Assembly. 2000.

### **Educational Background**

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| 1991 | City University of New York -York College<br>Bachelor Arts degree (B.A.) in Political Science:<br>International Relations<br>New York, USA. |
| 1984 | Queensborough C. College of the City University of New York<br>Associate Bachelor Arts degree (A.A.) Liberal Arts<br>Bayside, New York, USA |

### **Training, Workshops and Seminars**

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| 1991–2000 | German management Academy (DMAN)-United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) series on Public-Private Partnership for sustainable Development: Public- Private Partnership for Education and Infrastructure Development, organized by UNITAR jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN), New York. |
|           | Annual Seminar on International Humanitarian Law for Diplomats accredited to the United Nations<br>Co-sponsored by New York University and the International Red Cross, New York. 1999 and 2000 editions.   |

Workshop on the United Nations Budgetary Process, organized by UNITAR, by UNITAR, New York. 1999.

1991

Internship program at the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic.

**Languages**

Fluent in Spanish and English with a sound Knowledge of French.



## Marcel Jullier (Switzerland)

born 3 July 1960

proficient in English, French, Spanish and German

Marcel Jullier is a certified internal auditor and an expert in accounting and controlling with long-standing experience and expertise in the financial management of international organisations. Throughout his career at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United Nations and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), he has held various executive positions and has overseen finance, treasury services, asset management, human resources, procurement, change management, project management, administrative services, and information systems. He is also the President of the Board of Directors of Jullier SA, a retail company based in Switzerland.

### Curriculum vitae

Since 2017	Member of the <b>Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)</b> at the United Nations in New York
2015–16	Senior adviser to the Director General of the <b>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</b> , Switzerland
2013–14	Regional Head of Finance / Cooperation, <b>Swiss Embassy Office</b> for Cooperation and Consular Affairs in Monrovia, Liberia
2012	CEO of <b>Jullier SA</b> in Zermatt, Switzerland (and President since 2004) Strategic management of the family-owned retail company, and in 2012 responsible for its reorganisation and reengineering
2010–11	<b>UN-Women</b> , New York Officer-in-charge for financial management, procurement, administrative services and information systems
2008–10	<b>UNIFEM-UNDP</b> , New York Chief of Finance, Procurement and Administrative Services
Since 2007	<b>Helene Arnold Foundation</b> , Zermatt President of the Board of Trustees
1986–2007	<b>International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</b> , Geneva and worldwide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Treasury Services</li> <li>• Head of Project Management and Head of Asset Management</li> <li>• Regional Coordinator for East Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok and Manila</li> <li>• Deputy Head of Operations and Head of Insurance Sector</li> <li>• Administrative Coordinator, based in Colombo, Sri Lanka; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and San Salvador, El Salvador</li> <li>• Responsible for the Myanmar country office, based in Yangon</li> <li>• Administrator in Managua, Nicaragua, and Davao, Philippines</li> </ul>
Education	<b>Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)</b> , University of Zurich <b>Swiss Chartered Expert in Financial and Managerial Accounting and Reporting</b>

## Yosef Levi Sfari (Israel)

*DoB:* 8 August 1972

*Country of birth:* Israel

*Languages:* Hebrew, English, Spanish

Mr. Levi Sfari has a vast professional background both as a legal practitioner as well as after 13 years of distinguished service in the diplomatic arena. Mr. Levi Sfari founded and was head of a law firm between 1997 and 2006 and since joining the MFA his work has focused on management, administrative, and budgetary matters, most recently taking a leading role in a widespread reform of the conditions of service of Israeli diplomats and personnel serving abroad.

Mr. Levi Sfari's most recent position is Israel's Consul General in Istanbul and previously served as Chargé d'affaires in the Israeli Embassy to Turkey and as Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Administrative and Consular affairs in the Israeli Embassy in Montevideo, Uruguay. Within the Israeli MFA Mr. Levi Sfari gained managerial and administrative experience as Director of the Department for Conditions of Service for Overseas Personnel in the Human Resources Division. This experience includes deep understanding of Human Resources related matters, with specific expertise in relocation payments and allowances. This work has entailed applying several internal reorganization initiatives within the Israeli MFA, which provide a good platform for evaluating the implementation of the recent reform initiatives in the United Nations.

Mr. Levi Sfari's academic background includes Bachelor and Master of Law degrees and a Master in Conflict Research Management and Resolution. Mr. Levi Sfari is qualified in Mediation and has been trained in dialogue-based methods of managing and resolving conflicts.

His extensive multilateral experience and education as well as his training and work as a lawyer, have helped to provide him with the skills and ability to both reach out and build consensus by engaging all sides, as well as the needed negotiations skills critical in the work of the ACABQ.

### Experience

2017 to date	<b>Consul General, Istanbul, Turkey</b>
2015–2017	<b>Director of Department, Conditions of Service for Overseas Personnel, Human Resources &amp; Personnel Training Division</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsible for the conditions of service of Israeli diplomats and personnel abroad</li> <li>- Management of diplomats' relocation budget and practices</li> <li>- Responsible for restructuring and negotiating a new salary scheme for the Israeli Civil Servants abroad</li> <li>- Responsible for setting education, accommodation, transportation, vacations, representation, and per-diem allowances</li> </ul>
2011–2014	<b>Chargé d'affaires/Head of Embassy, Ankara, Turkey</b>
2010–2011	<b>Chief of Staff of the Deputy Director General for Administration, MFA Jerusalem</b>

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2007–2010	<b>Deputy Ambassador and Head of Administration and Consular Service, Montevideo, Uruguay</b>
2006	<b>Joined the MFA Diplomatic Service</b>
1997–2006	<b>Founder and head of a private law firm in Jerusalem, with specialization in juvenile delinquency, civil law and real estate law</b>

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#### **Education**

2006	<b>Master of Social Science, Conflict Research Management and Resolution</b> Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2000	<b>Master of Law, LL.M., Specializing in European Union Law</b> Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1996	<b>Bachelor of Law, LL.B.,</b> Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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#### **Training and Certifications**

- Lawyer, Member of the Israeli Bar Association, 1997 to date
- Mediator, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Negotiation Studies and Practices, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- The International HR Practitioner (theory and practical elements of management of international assignments), ECA International
- Global Mobility course by MERCER – Introduction to expatriates' compensation and benefits

## **Takeshi Matsunaga (Japan)**

Date of Birth: February 4, 1966

### **Professional Background**

2018	Member, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
2017	Minister, Head of Economic Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
2014	Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh
2011	Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office
2010	Director, International Press Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
2008	Director, Southeast Asia Economic Partnership Agreement Division, MOFA
2004	First Secretary, subsequently Counsellor, Budgetary and Administrative Section Permanent Mission of Japan to the U.N.
2002	First Secretary, Head of Development Section, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan
1999	Principal Deputy Director, Second African Division, MOFA
1989	Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan

### **Academic Background**

B.A. in Law, Hitotsubashi University (International Law), 1989

B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford, 1992

Mr. Matsunaga's wide-ranging experience and accomplishments as a former leader of the Japanese negotiation team for the Fifth Committee, as well as his current position as an active member of the ACABQ, allows him to handle the multi-faceted United Nations administrative and budgetary issues with ingenuity. His broader experience in various multilateral arenas, including the General Assembly and ECOSOC, has enhanced his ability to skilfully address complex technical issues which involve the interests of divergent stakeholders.

With his direct involvement in the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process as well as his leadership roles in promoting economic partnership with Asia-Pacific countries and implementing ODA projects, Mr. Matsunaga has extensive knowledge and experience on development-related issues. Most recently, as head of the Economic Section of the Japanese Mission, he was responsible for issues regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and negotiations on the repositioning of the United Nations Development System, playing constructive roles on both counts.

Mr. Matsunaga's distinctive expertise in budgetary and administrative questions and in development-related issues gives him a crucial competitive edge as he aspires to serve for the General Assembly.

## Ye Xuenong (China)

Mr. Ye Xuenong was born in China in 1968.

[Original: Chinese and English]

### Education Background

1999	Graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies with a Master's Degree of International Public Policy
1991	Graduated from China Foreign Affairs University with a Bachelor's Degree of Law
1989	Graduated from Tianjin University with a Bachelor's Degree of Arts

### Professional Background

2014–	Member, United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
2012–2014	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
2009–2012	Deputy Director-General, the United Nations Association of China
2004–2009	Deputy Director, Political and Legal Section, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of China in Macao Special Administrative Region
2001–2004	Deputy Director, First Secretary, Department of International Organization and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2000–2001	Second Secretary, General Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1991–2000	Attache, Third Secretary, Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Ye Xuenong served as member of United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) since 2014 and was re-elected in 2016. He has been deeply engaged in the work of ACABQ, and made significant contributions to the fulfillment of Committee's responsibilities and mandate.

Prior to serving as member of ACABQ, Mr. Ye Xuenong was Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and was in charge of the Fifth Committee issues from 2012 to 2014. As Chinese delegate to the Fifth Committee, he fully participated in meetings and negotiations in the 67th and 68th United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Ye Xuenong has served in Foreign Service for almost 30 years, and extensively involved in the United Nations issues with good knowledge and rich experience in budgetary and administrative issues in particular. From 1992 to 2004 Mr. Ye Xuenong served in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Chinese Foreign Ministry. He was responsible for the United Nations Security Council affairs, political issues in the General Assembly, peacekeeping operations, the Fifth Committee issue, Committee for Programme and Coordination, UNHCR affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal justice (CCPCJ) and participated in

relevant meetings as Chinese delegate and also involved in meetings of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the International Telecommunication Union as Chinese delegate. As Deputy Director of the Political and Legal section of the Office of the Commissioner of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in the Macao Special Administrative Region, Mr. Ye Xuenong was in charge of issues relating to the participation of Macao SAR in international organizations and conferences.

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