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FAO Audit Committee Membership

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Membership of the FAO Audit Committee is fully external as agreed by the Council on the recommendation of the Director-General and Finance Committee. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications as senior audit and/or investigation professionals. In selecting new members, due regard is to be paid to the gender and geographic representation of the Committee. The Audit Committee terms of reference endorsed by the Finance Committee at its 148th session provides that members may be renewed up to a maximum of six years' service on the Committee.
- The FAO Audit Committee currently comprises two men and two women, with representation from four geographical regions. Following the departure of the previous Chairperson of the Audit Committee at the end of 2015, a position is vacant on the Committee.
- Upon advice received from the Inspector General, taking into account the professional criteria and considerations of gender and geographic balance, and additionally to ensure a variety of oversight experience is represented in the Committee, the Director-General is recommending the appointment to this vacant position of Ms Daniela Graziani, for an initial period of three years, renewable thereafter up to a maximum of six years in total.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to consider the document and make a recommendation to the Council regarding the appointment of one new Audit Committee Member recommended by the Director-General.

Draft Advice

- **The Committee considered the document in which the Director-General recommended that Ms Daniela Graziani be appointed as a member of the FAO Audit Committee for an initial period of three years, and that this be renewable thereafter up to a maximum of six years in total. Such appointments would be made by the Director-General effective from the date in November 2016 agreed by the Council.**
- **The Committee supported the Director-General's recommendation and agreed to submit its endorsement to the Council.**

I. Introduction

1. The Audit Committee serves as an expert advisory panel to assist the Director-General on the internal control arrangements, risk management processes, financial reporting and internal audit, inspection and investigation functions of the Organization. The Audit Committee advises on these matters taking into consideration the Financial Rules and Regulations as well as policies and procedures applicable to FAO, and its operating environment. The Audit Committee's annual report is also presented to the Finance Committee, accompanied by any comments of the Director-General thereon. Revised terms of reference were endorsed by the Finance Committee at its 148th session.
2. The Audit Committee consists of five external members, and the Inspector General is Secretary *ex-officio*. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications as senior audit and/or investigation professionals and these criteria were confirmed by the Finance Committee at its 147th session. The Committee elects its own Chairperson.
3. The Committee's revised terms of reference provides that new members serve for an initial period of three years renewable up to six years. Ms Carolyn Dittmeier (Italy), who was a member of the Committee since 2012 and who was renewed for three years in June 2014, decided to step down for personal reasons. The present proposal is made to fill the vacancy left by Ms Dittmeier's departure.

II. Current Members of the Committee

4. The current members of the Committee, and their present terms, are as follows:
 - Ms Lesedi Letesedi (Botswana), Director of Internal Audit, Botswana International University of Science and Technology. Member since June 2013. Her current term, which is not renewable, ends in June 2019.
 - Mr Juan Manuel Portal Martinez (México), Auditor Superior de la Federación. Member since June 2013. His current term, which is not renewable, finishes in June 2019.
 - Ms Eney Quinones (USA), former Chief Compliance Officer at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Member since June 2014. Her current term, which is renewable, finishes in June 2017.
 - Mr Verasak Liengsriwat (Thailand), retired former Director of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Member since June 2014. His current term, which is renewable, finishes in June 2017.

III. Actions on Appointments

5. Upon advice received from the Inspector General, taking into account the professional criteria and considerations of gender and geographic balance, and additionally to ensure the Committee is composed of members with a variety of oversight experience, the Director-General is recommending the appointment of Ms Daniela Graziani, for an initial period of three years, renewable thereafter up to a maximum of six years in total.
6. A summary curriculum vitae of Ms Daniela Graziani is attached.

SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms DANIELA GRAZIANI

Ms. Daniela Graziani is the Manager for “Ethics Governance” Function, within the Internal Auditing Department and Manager for “Audit Planning” Function at Poste Italiane S.p.A.

She joined the Poste Italiane in 2003 and is responsible for overall activities regarding the full implementation of the Organizational Model adopted by the Company in accordance with the provisions set out in the Italian Legislative Decree nr. 231/2001 (including risk assessment and gap analysis to identify the required improvements of internal control system) and supporting the Supervisory Body (which coincides with the current Board of Statutory Auditors) in performing its control and advisory function, ensuring the updating of the Model in a dynamic sense and verifying its effectiveness on a continuous basis.

Ms. Graziani is also responsible for coordinating and overseeing audit projects for operational audit, financial audit, compliance audit and fraud audit, on the basis of an integrated approach. The main areas of audit are: anti-money laundering process, market abuse, financial processes, purchasing process, sales and marketing processes, HR management.

Ms Graziani is an active member of the Confindustria, the main association representing manufacturing and service companies in Italy, working group on construction of organization, management and control models. Ms. Graziani is also an acting member of the Board of Statutory Auditors of FONDOPOSTE, a supplementary pension fund.

Prior to joining the Poste Italiane, Ms Graziani started the internal audit function at Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A. and was member of the international working group of NATO on audit matters.

An Italian national, Ms Graziani received her university degree in economics and business administration from Tor Vergata University in Rome. Ms. Graziani is a Chartered Accountant and a certified Accounting Auditor from La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy.