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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The General Assembly is required, in accordance with the Convention Article 7.7(e), to elect the Secretary-General from amongst nationals of the member States in accordance with the General Regulations.

The approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization will be conducted before the election of the Secretary-General. Consequently, the election of the Secretary-General will be organized based on the newly approved General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization. Below the presumed election procedure is explained based on the final draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations as submitted to the General Assembly as input paper GA01-b.1.2 and to be approved by the General Assembly before the elections.

Election Procedure (draft General Regulations Art. 5)

6.3 A vote to elect the Secretary-General from amongst those nominated will be conducted by secret ballot.

6.4 The Chair shall appoint two scrutineers from amongst the Member States who have not nominated candidates, who shall proceed to scrutinize the votes cast and the counting of votes by the Secretariat.

6.5 The candidate winning a simple majority of votes will be elected. When several candidates compete for the position, and no candidate obtains a simple majority of votes, rounds of votes will be conducted, in order to eliminate each time, the candidate with fewer votes. [Should a simple majority not be possible due to an equal division of votes amongst the remaining two candidates for two subsequent ballots the Chair will draw by lot the name of the candidate who will be appointed to the position.]

5.7 When voting and counting are completed the Chair shall confirm the election and invite the newly elected Council members to take up their duties.



Candidates seeking election

The Secretary-General has in accordance with the Circular Letter IGO 01/2024 of 22 August 2024 invited interested Member States to submit candidates for the position of Secretary-General until 17 January 2025. Nominations for Secretary-General have been notified to Member States as soon as they were received.

2. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the process of electing the General Assembly is invited to take note of the information provided in this document.