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**General Council
26-27 July 2017**

**WTO PENSION PLAN MANAGEMENT BOARD
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Article 4 of the Regulations of the WTO Pension Plan (WT/L/282) provides for the establishment of a Management Board comprising, *inter alia*, a Chairman, four members and four alternates elected by the General Council, each for a period of three years.

2. The term of office of the current membership of the Management Board came up for renewal in May this year.

3. On 9 June 2017 a fax was sent to Heads of Delegation to invite Members to communicate expressions of interest in serving on the Management Board by no later than noon on Monday 19 June 2017. An overview of the role, including a description of the desired characteristics and the commitment involved, was attached to the fax. The fax also identified the current Management Board members and alternates willing to continue serving on the Management Board and have their names put forward for another term.

4. On my request, Mr Peter BRŇO, Chair of the CBFA, consulted with those individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Board during the week of 19 June. On 22 June, he provided an update on the process to the CBFA meeting and announced his availability to meet with Members wishing to discuss the candidates or the election process further on 7 July 2017. Additionally, a fax was sent to Heads of Delegations on 3 July 2017 reiterating Mr BRŇO's availability for consultations up until 13h00 on 7 July 2017. As a result of Mr BRŇO's consultations a consensus slate of candidates, including a Chair, was identified, as follows:

Chairman: Mr Robert Prochazka (Austria)

Members: Ms Alicia Goujon (Mexico)
Mr Eleni Patibouli (Greece)
Ms Claudia Hernández Vetsch (Dominican Republic)
Mr Christopher Wilson (United States)

Alternates: Mr Jean-Marc van Dril (Switzerland)
Mr Ian Medcalf (Canada)
Mr Faisal Al Nabhani (Oman)
Mr Rodolfo Rivas (Israel)

5. If there are Members wishing to submit comments they might have regarding the proposed nominations to me, they are invited to do so by close-of-business on 21 July 2017. It is my intention to propose the above names for election to the Management Board at the General Council meeting on 26 and 27 July 2017.
