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General Council 22 -23 July 2020

## 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 come up for renewal in July 2020.
- 3. On 25 May 2020 a communication was sent to all Members to invite individuals to communicate expressions of interest in serving on the Management Board by no later than close of business Monday 8 June 2020. An overview of the role, including a description of the desired characteristics and the commitment involved, was attached thereto. The communication 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. Mr Robert Prochazka, Chair of the WTO Pension Plan Management Board, consulted with those individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Board during the week of 8 June.
- 5. On 22 June, via a second communication, he announced his availability to meet with Members wishing to discuss the candidates or the election process further on 26 June 2020. As a result of these consultations a consensus slate of candidates, including a Chair, was identified.
- 6. As a result of this process, I would like to inform Members that the following candidates have been identified for election to a three-year term:

Chairman: Mr. Jean-Marc van Dril (Switzerland)

Members:

Mr. Robert Cook (United Kingdom)

Ms. Alicia Goujon (Mexico)

Mr. Conor Harrington (United States)

Ms. Darija Sinjeri (Croatia)

Alternates:

Mrs. Wei-Ting Chiu (Chinese Taipei)

Mr. Loudon Mattiya (Malawi) Mr. Rodolfo Rivas (Israel)

Dr. Chiara Santangelo (Germany)

7. I would invite Members still wishing to submit comments they might have regarding the proposed nominations to me by close-of-business on 8 July 2020. It is my intention to propose the above names for election to the Management Board at the General Council meeting on 22-23 July 2020.