



**General Council
24-25 July 2023**

**WTO PENSION PLAN MANAGEMENT BOARD
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, ALTERNATE MEMBERS AND A CHAIR
FOR THREE YEAR TERMS**

PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Article 4 of the Regulations of the WTO Pension Plan (WT/L/282) provides for a Management Board comprising, *inter alia*, a Chair, four members and four alternates elected by the General Council.
2. The Management Board is currently composed of the following persons elected by the General Council:

Chair: Mr. Jean-Marc Van Dril (Switzerland)

Members: Ms. Alicia Goujon (Mexico)
Mr. Conor Harrington (United States)
Mr. Darryl Leong (Singapore)
Vacant

Alternates: Mrs. Brigitte Lueth (Austria)
Mr. Rodolfo Rivas (Israel)
Vacant
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3. Three vacancies in the WTO Pension Plan (WTOPP) Management Board have been announced due to the fact that Mrs. Wendy Goico Campagna, Ms. Wei-Ting Chiu and Ms. Chiara Santangelo are no longer available to serve as members/alternates on the Management Board. Elections would be for three-year terms and subject to renewal in 2026.
4. On 15 May 2023 a communication was sent to all delegations with an invitation to communicate any expression of interest in serving on the Management Board by no later than 22 May 2023. An overview of the role, including a description of the desired characteristics and the commitment involved was enclosed.
5. Mr. Jean-Marc Van Dril, Chair of the WTOPP Management Board has been consulting with those individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Board. As a result of these consultations, a further communication was sent to all delegations on 28 June 2023, in which it was announced that the following representatives had agreed to have their names put forward for elections as member or alternate:
 - Mrs. Bahar Doğan (Türkiye) as member,
 - Mr. Jaime Coghi Arias (Costa Rica) as alternate,
 - Ms. Katarzyna Stecz (Poland) as alternate.
6. As also announced in the same communication, an additional opportunity for consultations with the Chair of the WTOPP was provided on 5 July 2023.
7. Based on this process, my intention is to propose to the General Council to elect these three representatives to the Management Board and to renew the terms of the others able to continue serving on the Board at its meeting of 24-25 July 2023.

8. I would invite Members still wishing to submit comments to me on the proposed nominations to do so by close-of-business on 14 July 2023.
