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**APPOINTMENT OF FUTURE SECRETARIES-GENERAL:
REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENT**

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

- Executive summary:*** This document concerns the Council's decision at its eighty-seventh session to review contractual aspects of the appointment of future Secretaries-General.
- Action to be taken:*** Paragraph 4
- Related documents:*** C 88/27(a) and C 89/29(a)

1 For its eighty-eighth session, the Secretary-General provided the Council (document C 88/27(a)) with background information concerning the Council's wish to review contractual aspects of the appointment of future Secretaries-General, as reflected in the Council's decision, at its eighty-seventh session, to include in the agenda for the eighty-eighth session the following Council item:

“a review of the contract document for the appointment of the Secretary-General, in the light of experience gained, and whether the Rules of Procedure of the Council allow observer Member States to be present in discussions on matters in connection with the appointment of the Secretary-General.”

2 The Council will recall that the matter of the participation of non-Council Members in the appointment process for Secretaries-General was addressed in Council document C 88/27(b) and the Council took a decision at its eighty-ninth session (C 89/D, paragraph 29(b).1) that observer Member States invited to participate in the Council under Rule 4 of the Council's Rules of Procedure would be allowed to participate as observers also at meetings considering matters in connection with the appointment of the Secretary-General.

3 At its eighty-eighth session, the Council decided that discussion of contractual aspects should be deferred until the eighty-ninth session of the Council in November 2002. At its eighty-ninth session, the Council similarly decided to defer its discussion of the matter until the Council's ninetieth session in June 2003.

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Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to consider the information contained in this document and to comment and decide as appropriate.
