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ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document concerns the Council's election of its Vice-Chair pursuant to its decision, at C 119, to postpone the election to C 120 following the request by Council Members for more time to consult on candidatures for this position

Strategic direction, if applicable: Not applicable

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related document: C 119/D

1 Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provides that the Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among the representatives of its Members. The elections shall take place at a special meeting following each regular session of the Assembly. Furthermore, rule 19 provides that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall both be eligible for re-election for up to two further consecutive terms of office. In exceptional circumstances they may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term of office.

2 The Council will recall that, at its 119th session held on 7 December 2017, following the thirtieth regular session of the Assembly, the Council elected Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (China) as its Chair. However, with regard to the election of its Vice-Chair, the Council noted the request by its Members for more time to consult on candidatures for this position.

3 Therefore, based on the interventions of a majority of its Members, the Council invoked rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure and suspended the part of rule 19 which required the election of the Vice-Chair at that session of the Council, and postponed the election to its 120th regular session (C 119/D, paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2).

4 Arrangements have been made accordingly to hold the aforementioned election of the Vice-Chair of the Council during the 120th session of the Council scheduled to take place from Monday, 2 July 2018 to Friday, 6 July 2018. The election will be conducted immediately after the adoption of the agenda.

Election procedure

5 In accordance with rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, elections shall be determined by a majority of the Members present and voting. Rule 31 provides that each Member shall have one vote. Furthermore, pursuant to rule 35, all elections shall be decided by secret ballot.

6 Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provides as follows:

"If one person only is to be elected and no candidate obtains a majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken confined normally to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the election shall be deferred until the first suitable subsequent opportunity during the same session of the Council, when, if another tie results, the Chair shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots."

Election by acclamation

7 The practice of the Council in relation to the election of its Chair and Vice-Chair has been that, where there is only one nominated candidate for one position, duly seconded and supported, that candidate would be elected by acclamation.

Action requested of the Council

8 The Council is invited to note the information provided and to take action, as appropriate.
