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ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT AUDIT BODY

BALLOT PROCEDURE

Note by the Director

Summary:	<p>As set out in document IOPC/NOV23/6/1, the 1992 Fund Assembly will be invited at the November 2023 sessions to elect six members of the joint Audit Body of the 1992 Fund and the Supplementary Fund.</p> <p>Since the election will take place in person, the Director proposes that the ballot procedure should follow established practice of previous in-person elections, as set out in section 2 below.</p>
Action to be taken:	<p><u>1992 Fund Assembly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Take note of the information contained in this document; (b) decide whether to adopt the proposed ballot procedure for the election of the Audit Body as set out in section 2 of this document; and, if so, (c) appoint two scrutineers from 1992 Fund Member States present at the meeting, who shall scrutinise the votes cast. <p><u>Supplementary Fund Assembly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the information contained in this document; and (b) note the decision of the 1992 Fund Assembly in respect of the ballot procedure for the election of members of the Audit Body in November 2023.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The term of office of the present members of the Audit Body will expire at the end of the November 2023 sessions of the governing bodies. As set out in document IOPC/NOV23/6/1, the 1992 Fund Assembly will be invited to elect by secret ballot six members of the Audit Body from the eight candidates nominated by Member States and put forward for election.
- 1.2 In previous years, the 1992 Fund Assembly has adopted a ballot procedure for the election of members of the Audit Body which is in accordance with the relevant Rules of Procedure and which has become established practice. However, at the December 2020 sessions, due to the global pandemic, the governing bodies decided, on an exceptional basis, to use an online voting system to elect members of the joint Audit

Body on that occasion. They temporarily suspended the relevant Rules of Procedure for that purpose (Document IOPC/NOV20/11/2 , paragraphs 6.1.21-6.1.22).

- 1.3 The November 2023 meeting will be held in person, complemented by a passive streaming service. Only those Member States represented in person will be able to cast a vote in the election of members for the joint Audit Body. Therefore, the Director proposes that the governing bodies return to the previously established practice and ballot procedure, as set out below.

2 Ballot procedure and current established practice

2.1 This standard ballot procedure is as follows:

- (a) Under Rule 38 of the 1992 Fund Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Assembly shall, on the proposal of the Chair, appoint two scrutineers from 1992 Fund Member States present at the meeting, who shall scrutinise the votes cast;
- (b) election of members of the Audit Body will be by secret ballot;
- (c) only 1992 Fund Member States whose credentials are in order at the time of the vote will be entitled to participate in the vote;
- (d) before holding the ballot, each Member State present whose credentials are in order shall receive a list of the names of all candidates standing in that ballot in alphabetical order by Member State;
- (e) in each ballot, a Member State whose credentials are in order shall indicate the candidate(s) it supports by ticking the relevant box. If a list indicates support for six or fewer candidates, the vote is valid. If a list indicates support for more than six candidates, the vote is invalid;
- (f) the six candidates who obtain the most votes shall be declared appointed as members of the Audit Body. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes for the last seat or seats to be filled, there shall be a further ballot among these candidates only. Should the votes again be divided equally, the Chair shall draw by lot the name of the candidate to be eliminated in the subsequent ballot.

3 Action to be taken

3.1 1992 Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited to:

- (a) Take note of the information contained in this document;
- (b) decide whether to adopt the proposed ballot procedure for the election of the Audit Body as set out in section 2 of this document; and, if so,
- (c) appoint two scrutineers from 1992 Fund Member States present at the meeting, who shall scrutinise the votes cast.

3.2 Supplementary Fund Assembly

The Supplementary Fund Assembly is invited to:

- (a) note the information contained in this document; and

- (b) note the decision of the 1992 Fund Assembly in respect of the ballot procedure for the election of members of the Audit Body in November 2023.
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