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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 1985/17, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish a Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to undertake functions relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Covenant. The members are elected from a list of persons nominated by States parties to the Covenant.
2. In 2010, the Council is to elect nine members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011 to fill vacancies that will occur upon the expiration, on 31 December 2010, of the terms of the following members: Clément Atangana (Cameroon), Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation), Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines), Maria Virginia Brás Gomes (Portugal), Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India), Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria), Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador), Eibe Riedel (Germany) and Alvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia).
3. In a note verbale dated 26 October 2009, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months. The names of the persons nominated are set out below, together with the States parties that nominated them. Biographical information on the candidates will be issued in document E/2010/9/Add.11.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
1. Mr. Clément Atangana*	Cameroon
2. Mr. Aslan Abashidze*	Russian Federation
3. Ms. Maria Virginia Brás Gomes*	Portugal
4. Ms. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan*	Philippines
5. Mr. Chandrashekhhar Dasgupta*	India
6. Mr. Azzouz Kerdoun*	Algeria
7. Mr. Jaime Marchán Romero*	Ecuador
8. Mr. Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão	Brazil
9. Mr. Eibe Riedel*	Germany
10. Ms. Heisoo Shin	Republic of Korea
11. Mr. Marc Somda	Burkina Faso
12. Mr. Alvaro Tirado Mejía*	Colombia
13. Mr. Dhari Rasheed Yassin	Iraq

* Nominated for re-election.

4. Currently there are 160 States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The number of States parties by regional group is listed below, together with the number of seats to be allocated to each region in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, subparagraph (b):

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>States parties as at 15 February 2010</i>	<i>Seats allocated</i>
African States	48	4
Asian States	35	4
Eastern European States	23	3
Latin American and Caribbean States	27	to be determined
Western European and other States	27	to be determined
Total	160	18

5. Accordingly, the number of vacancies in each geographical region to be filled by the Council in 2010 is as follows:

<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>
African States	2
Asian States	2
Eastern European States	1
Latin American and Caribbean States	to be determined
Western European and other States	to be determined
Total	9

6. The current membership of the Committee is given in the annex to the present note.

Annex

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(18 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2010

Term expires on 31 December

Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2012
Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation)*	2010
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)*	2010
María del Rocío Barahona Riera (Costa Rica)	2012
Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines)*	2010
Maria Virginia Brás Gomes (Portugal)*	2010
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)*	2010
Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland)	2012
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)*	2010
Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)*	2010
Sergei N. Martynov (Belarus)	2012
Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius)	2012
Eibe Riedel (Germany)*	2010
Waleed M. Sa'di (Jordan)	2012
Philippe Texier (France)	2012
Nikolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands)	2012
Alvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia)*	2010
Zhan Daode (China)	2012

* Retiring member.