

BACKGROUND NOTE
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE
AND THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
November 23 - 24, 2015

The following elections to IDLO Committees are scheduled to take place at the meeting of the Assembly of Parties on November 23-24, 2015:

- Election of one *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee (for a two year term)
- Election of one member of the Audit and Finance Committee (for a two year term)
- Appointment of the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee (for a one or two year term)

Member Parties are requested to submit candidatures to the Secretariat through Note Verbale prior to the meeting of the Assembly of Parties. While candidatures can be presented up to the moment of election, Member Parties are encouraged to submit nominations as far in advance as possible to allow for circulation to and consideration by the Parties.

Standing Committee

Pursuant to Article VI(3) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended, and Articles III and V of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, the Assembly of Parties needs to elect an *ad hoc* member to the Standing Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the conclusion of the term of the Netherlands.

The present member, the Netherlands, is eligible to seek re-election to the Standing Committee.

Member of the Audit and Finance Committee

Article 2 of the Audit and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure states that the Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed of three or five members chosen from among members of the Assembly of Parties. The Assembly of Parties needs to elect one member for a two year term to fill the vacancy arising by Romania's withdrawal from the Committee.

Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Assembly of Parties needs to appoint a new Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Audit and Finance Committee to fill the vacancy arising by the resignation of Mr. Lex van der Hoeven on October 22, 2015, from his position as Chair of the Committee. Article 2 stipulates that the Chair “shall have relevant financial expertise or have direct access to financial advice”.

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