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(c) Election of the Auditors for the period 2010-2011

Note by the Secretary-General

In this document the Secretary-General conveys to the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 26 of the Statutes, information concerning the election of the Auditors for the period 2010-2011.

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1. It should be recalled that, pursuant to Article 26 of the Statutes, Financial Regulation 15 provides the following:

“1. The Assembly shall elect from among its Full Members, on the recommendation of the Council, two Auditors to audit the accounts of the Organization.

2. The Auditors shall be elected for a two-year term of office. Their term of office shall be renewable.”

2. In accordance with the procedure established in Detailed Financial Provision 7.01, once elected by the General Assembly, each of the two Member States entrusted with the audit of the Organization's accounts will be required to propose for this function a person who is a national of the Member State and who performs the function of controlling public accounts in his home country.

3. At its seventeenth session the General Assembly in its resolution [A/RES/527(XVII)] decided to designate France and Spain as the Auditors for the period 2008-2009, and to entrust to India the function of special Auditor in charge of inspecting the accounts relating to the activities carried out by the UNWTO in its capacity as an executing agency of the UNDP, with the funds coming from this Programme.

4. It is recalled that Spain, the host country of the Organization, has occupied since 1979 one of the two posts of Auditor of the UNWTO in recent years, as a convenient solution owing to the proximity and accessibility of the Auditor, who is moreover in a position to deal with the Organization's accounts established in Spanish. It also represents a saving for the Organization, since in this case there are no travel costs involved. The other post of Auditor, also by election of the General Assembly, has been filled successively by Egypt, the Netherlands, Kenya, Romania, Guinea, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Chile, Poland and India. This second auditor has traditionally been responsible for the inspection of the expenditures incurred by UNWTO in its capacity as an executing agency of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

5. At the date of preparation of this document, the Secretariat has not yet received expressions of interest from any Member State for the posts of Auditors for the period 2010-2011. In this regard, Members that wish to present their candidature are informed that the deadline for submissions is 10 September 2009.