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(d) Election of the members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the period 2012-2013

1. Following the affiliation of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) in 1996 and in conformity with Article 6 of the Fund's Regulations, the Organization established its Staff Pension Committee. This tripartite committee is composed of members and alternate members chosen by the General Assembly from among the Member States, by the Secretary-General and by the officials of the Organization who are participants of the Fund.

2. The first Staff Pension Committee of the Organization was established for the period 1996-1997. On the basis of a decision taken by the Executive Council at its 53rd session, later ratified by the General Assembly at its 12th session (A/RES/363(XII)), the following countries were designated as representatives of the States:

1. Spain	-	Member
2. India	-	Member
3. Argentina	-	Alternate Member
4. Côte d'Ivoire	-	Alternate Member

3. At this same session, the General Assembly decided to re-elect these countries for the period 1998-1999 (A/RES/363(XII)).

4. The General Assembly, at its succeeding sessions, took note of the willingness of Spain, India, Argentina and Côte d'Ivoire to continue serving in the Staff Pension Committee and decided to re-elect them (resolutions A/RES/403(XIII), A/RES/435(XIV), A/RES/465(XV)) for the periods 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005.

5. At its 16th and 17th sessions, the General Assembly took note that Argentina and Spain were ready to continue serving in this Committee, elected them as full members (A/RES/499(XVI) and A/RES/520(XVII)) for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, and requested the Secretariat to contact countries whose names had been put forward as alternates.

6. At its 18th session, the General Assembly thanked Argentina and Spain for their contribution and decided to re-elect them (A/RES/568(XVIII)) for the period 2010-2011.

7. The current mandate of the staff pension committee expires at the end of 2011. Once again, the General Assembly is invited to deliberate on this issue and to elect the full and alternate members to this Committee for the period 2012-2013.

8. In this regard, any Member State wishing to present its candidature to the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee may do so in writing to the Secretary-General. The deadline for the submission of candidatures will remain open until the corresponding agenda item is discussed at the General Assembly.