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ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICERS FOR 2009

Note by the Secretary-General

The purpose of this document is to provide the Executive Council with the necessary background information to enable it to elect its Officers for 2009, in accordance with the relevant rules.

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1. In accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for 2009.

Officers of the Council

Rule 5

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*

2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*

3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*

4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*

2. Although rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

3. By the date of this report, **India**, the current Chairman of the Council, on 10 July 2003 officially communicated to the Secretariat, on 30 July 2008, its intention to be re-elected to preside over the Executive Council in 2009.

4. The tables of Annexes I, II and III show the States elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the Council, respectively, since the Organization's inception.