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Appointment of one member to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 24 November 2021, the Secretary-General was informed of the resignation of Marta Acosta Zúñiga (Costa Rica), who had been appointed to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2021/201 F of 22 July 2021. Ms. Acosta Zúñiga's term of office would have expired on 31 July 2025.
2. The Secretary-General has nominated Patricia Arriagada Villouta (Chile) for consideration by the Council to fill the unexpired portion of Ms. Acosta Zúñiga's term of office. Biographical information on Ms. Arriagada Villouta is contained in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Biographical information on a candidate for appointment to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration*

Patricia Arriagada Villouta (Chile)

Patricia Arriagada Villouta is a Chilean lawyer, a graduate of the Universidad de Chile with extensive experience in public and administrative law, audits, special investigations and information technology management. She is also a specialist in anti-corruption matters. Her experience has been gained through various positions at the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile and in international organizations. Her posts at the Comptroller General's Office included Head of the Municipalities Division, from 2002; Head of the Administrative Audit Division, from 2006; and Deputy Comptroller General from 2011 to 2016. She also served as acting Comptroller General in 2015.

From 2013 to 2016 she was Executive Director of the Organization of Latin American and Caribbean Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS), a regional arm of INTOSAI whose functions include analysing the different realities of public law in the region.

Patricia Arriagada Villouta has participated as an expert in assessments conducted in Ecuador, Dominica and Venezuela on the compliance of those countries with the Inter-American and United Nations Conventions Against Corruption. From 2013 to 2019 she was a member of the United Nations Independent Audit Advisory Committee (IAAC), serving as Vice-Chair of the Committee in 2015 and Chair in 2019. In 2015, she was elected member of the Board of Governors of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), a pro bono role she continues to perform to date. She served as its Chair from May 2022 to May 2023.

Ms. Arriagada Villouta currently chairs an arbitration committee responsible for resolving disputes and controversies between infrastructure concessionaires and the Chilean Ministry of Public Works. Since November 2023 she has also served as Vice President of the Commission for Setting the Remuneration of High-level Authorities of Chile, a position for which she was proposed by the President of the Republic and approved by the Senate of the Chilean Republic. In December 2022, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award of the Nido de Aguilas Alumni Association.

* Biographical information is issued without formal editing.