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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FAO Oversight Advisory Committee Membership

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The membership of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee consists of five external Members. The Committee's Terms of Reference provide that Members serve for a three-year period, which may be renewed for a maximum of three further years after the initial term, by a decision of the FAO Council.
- The FAO Oversight Advisory Committee currently comprises three women and two men. In December 2020, one Member of the Committee – Mr Gianfranco Cariola - will have completed his initial three-year term.
- Mr Cariola provides to the Committee senior level experience in the private sector, which responds to Recommendation 5 of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report *Review of audit and oversight committees in the United Nations system*¹ for a balanced skills mix.
- Upon the advice received from the Oversight Advisory Committee, taking into account Mr Cariola's active and positive contribution; the need to balance the Committee in terms of continuity and turnover; and to maintain the Committee's range of collective professional experience, the Director-General is recommending the extension of appointment of Mr Gianfranco Cariola for a further, final three years.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to consider the document and make a recommendation to the Council regarding the extension of appointment of Mr Gianfranco Cariola as Member of the Oversight Advisory Committee for a further, final three years, as recommended by the Director-General.

Draft Advice

The Committee:

- **considered the document in which the Director-General proposed that Mr Gianfranco Cariola's term on the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee be extended for a further, final three years;**
- **noted such extension would be made by the Council effective from December 2020;**
- **supported the Director-General's proposal and agreed to submit the recommendation to the Council.**

¹ JIU/REP/2019/6

INTRODUCTION

1. The Oversight Advisory Committee serves as an independent expert advisory panel to assist the Director-General and the Finance Committee on the internal control arrangements, risk management processes, financial reporting and internal audit, investigation and ethics functions of the Organization. The Committee advises on these matters taking into consideration the Financial Rules and Regulations, as well as policies and procedures applicable to FAO, and its operating environment.
2. The Oversight Advisory Committee consists of five external Members. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications and relevant experience at senior level in the areas of: oversight including audit, investigation and ethics, financial management, governance, risks and controls. Due regard is paid in their selection to gender and geographic representation in the Committee.
3. The Committee's Terms of Reference provide that Members serve for an initial period of three years, which may be renewed for a maximum of three further years after the initial term, by a decision of the FAO Council.
4. The FAO Council at its 158th Session (4-8 December 2017) endorsed the appointment of Mr Gianfranco Cariola as Member of the Committee for an initial period of three years.² In December 2020, Mr Cariola will have completed his initial three-year term.

Current Members of the Committee

5. The current members of the Committee, and their present terms, are as follows:
 - Mr Fayezul Choudhury (Bangladesh / UK / USA), Chairperson of the Committee, former Chief Executive Officer, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and former Vice President, Corporate Finance and Risk Management, World Bank. His current term, which is renewable, ends in June 2022;
 - Mr Gianfranco Cariola (Italy), Chief Audit Executive of Telecom Italia S.p.A., former Group Chief Audit Executive of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane S.p.A., former Chief Audit Executive of RAI S.p.A. and Senior Vice President - Head of Audit Plans, Methodologies & ICS of ENI S.p.A. Member since December 2017. His current term, which is renewable, ends in December 2020;
 - Ms Anjana Das (India), Executive Secretary, UN Board and Panel of External Auditors. Her current term, which is renewable, ends in June 2022;
 - Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent (Algeria / France / Switzerland), Independent Anti-Corruption Expert, International Speaker and Investigator. Her current term, which is renewable, ends in July 2023; and
 - Ms Hilary Wild (Ireland / UK), Independent Finance and Audit Committee Expert. Her current term, which is renewable, finishes in July 2023.

Actions on Extensions and Appointments

6. Taking into account the Committee's current composition and upon advice received from the Secretary, the Director-General is recommending the extension of appointment for Mr Gianfranco Cariola, for a further, final three years.
7. A Summary curriculum vitae of Mr Gianfranco Cariola is provided here below.

² CL 158/REP paragraph 12.1)

Summary Curriculum Vitae

Mr Gianfranco Cariola

Since December 2019, Mr Gianfranco Cariola is the Chief Audit Executive of Telecom Italia S.p.A.

Before joining Telecom Italia , Mr Gianfranco Cariola was Group Chief Audit Executive of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Ferrovie dello Stato, reporting directly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and to the Chief Executive Officer. He is a member of the Supervisory Body 231 (whose duty is to supervise the functioning of and compliance with the Organization and Management Model and to ensure its updating) and Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane.

Prior to joining Ferrovie dello Stato in 2016, Mr Gianfranco Cariola was Chief Audit Executive of RAI S.p.A. for three years, reporting directly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and to the Chief Executive Officer. He was a member of the Supervisory Body 231, the Ethics Committee of RAI and was also a member of the Steering (Internal Audit Group) of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), composed by leading international broadcasters. He was also Responsible for 'Preventing Corruption and Transparency' of RAI (Law Decree 190/2012). He oversaw the internal audit activities carried out on RAI's Internal Control System and its subsidiaries in Italy and abroad.

Before joining RAI, Mr Gianfranco Cariola was Senior Vice President - Head of Audit Plans, Methodologies & Internal Control Statements at Eni S.p.A. for six years. He was responsible for establishing and developing the Internal Audit plan and methodologies at the Group Level, evaluating the Internal Control and Risk Management System for the Eni Group (350 legal entities, 85 countries) coordinating and managing risk assessment campaigns, monitoring activities (Insight Review) and special audit engagements on operational and compliance risks. He supported the Chief Audit Executive in carrying out evaluation on the adequacy of the Eni's Internal Control System (ICS) to be issued annually to the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee and the CEO.

Before these high level positions, Mr Gianfranco Cariola was an audit manager/officer with ENI, KPMG and the Italian Guardia di Finanza.

Mr Gianfranco Cariola is an active member of the Italian Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. An Italian national, Mr Gianfranco Cariola, who is Dottore Commercialista and Revisore dei conti (Certified Public Accountant), graduated in economics from the Messina University and has an Executive MBA in General Management at SDA Bocconi and Politecnico di Milano (MIP).