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Elections

Election of UN/CEFACT Bureau Vice Chairs

Note by the UN/CEFACT Chair

Summary

The twenty-sixth Plenary should elect at least four UN/CEFACT Bureau Vice Chairs. Eight nominations have been received. The UN/CEFACT Chair proposes that the Plenary elect all eight candidates by acclamation.

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1. The elections for Vice Chair of the UN/CEFACT Bureau was circulated to Missions and Heads of Delegation on 29 January 2020. UN/CEFACT procedures requires a minimum of four Vice Chairs.
2. Eight candidature nominations were received within the prescribed deadline and were circulated to Missions and Heads of Delegation on 18 March 2020:
 - Australia nominates Mr. Ian Watt
 - Canada nominates Mr. Marek Laskowski
 - France nominates Ms. Hanane Becha
 - India nominates Mr. Tahseen Khan
 - Italy nominates Ms. Liliana Fratini Passi
 - The Netherlands nominates Mr. Benno Slot
 - Nigeria nominates Ms. Estelle Igwe
 - The Russian Federation nominates Mr. Aleksei Bondarenko
3. Activity within UN/CEFACT is continually growing as reflected by the number of documents presented to this Plenary as well as the 1280 experts registered to volunteer within UN/CEFACT. The Chair of UN/CEFACT believes that a Bureau composed of eight Vice Chairs would help to share and distribute this increase in activity.
4. There have been several member States who have suggested that all eight candidates be elected by acclamation.
5. The Chair of UN/CEFACT proposes that the Plenary considers positively the election of all eight candidates by acclamation.
