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Appointment of a replacement member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

1. In November 2024, the Governing Body approved the appointments and extensions of the members of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) as well as the candidates to be kept on the reserve list.¹
2. In May 2025, Mr Marcel Jullier (Switzerland), who is currently serving his second term of three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027, tendered his resignation, effective 1 January 2026, due to his appointment by the United Nations General Assembly to the position of Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit.
3. The members of the IOAC, during their meeting in May 2025, reviewed the candidates on the reserve list as approved by the Governing Body. Taking into account the geographical distribution of its membership and the complementary skills and competences needed to conduct the Committee's work, the following candidate was recommended by the IOAC as the replacement member following Mr Jullier's resignation:
 - Mr Jayantilal M. Karia (Uganda/United States of America).
4. Mr Karia's curriculum vitae is appended to this document.
5. The proposed appointment is now referred to the Governing Body for its final consideration and decision.

¹ GB.352/PV, para. 1372; GB.352/PFA/7.

► Draft decision

6. **The Governing Body decided to appoint Mr Jayantilal M. Karia as a member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2026.**

► Appendix

Curriculum vitae of candidate for appointment

Mr Jayantilal M. Karia

Gender: Male

Nationality: Uganda and United States

Education

Qualifications

MBA Financial Management, Accounting, Audit and Oversight and Marketing, Long Island University, New York, United States

Programming and Systems Design, New York University, New York, United States

BCom (Honours), Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India, with specialization in accounting, auditing and business law

Diploma in Co-operative Societies (Credit Unions), Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India

Certificate in Foundations of Organizational Ombudsman Practice, Baltimore, United States

Certificate in Mediation Tools for Ombudsmen, Baltimore, United States

Languages: English

Professional experience

Organization	Location	Position	Years held
International Renewable Energy Agency	Abu Dhabi	Director, Administration and Management Services Division	2012–15
United Nations	New York	Deputy Controller	2009–11
United Nations	New York	Director, Accounts Division	1995–2009
United Nations	New York	Officer-in-Charge, Peacekeeping Financing Division	2008–09
United Nations	New York	Officer-in-Charge, Procurement Service	2005–06
United Nations	New York	Deputy Executive Officer, Department of Administration and Management	1990–95
United Nations Postal Administration	New York	Chief, Automated Systems, and various other positions	1972–90

Committee experience

Organization	Role/Committee	Years held
Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS)	Chair, Standing Committee on After-Service Health Insurance and Long-Term Care	2023–present

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Association of Former International Civil Servants/New York (AFICS/NY)	Member, Governing Board	2015–24
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Chair, Oversight Advisory Committee	2017–23
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)	President, Board of Trustees	2012–22
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Chair, Audit Advisory Committee	2017–23
World Health Organization (WHO)	Member, Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee	2018–21
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Member, Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee	2011–17
International Advisory and Monitoring Board for Iraq	Alternate Representative of the Secretary-General	2003–11
International Federation of Accountants	Member, Program Oversight Committee, professional accounting organization	2014–20