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LEGAL COMMITTEE – 38TH SESSION

(Virtual Meeting, 22 – 25 March 2022)

Agenda Item 5: Election of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee

NOTE ON THE ELECTION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. The last election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee took place at the end of the 37th Session in September 2018. The list of elected officers was as follows:

Chairperson

Ms. S. H. Tan
(Singapore)

Vice-Chairpersons

Mr. N. Luongo (Argentina), First Vice-Chairperson
Ms. S. Metsälampi (Finland), Second Vice-Chairperson
Ms. E. Manga (The Gambia), Third Vice-Chairperson
Mr. B. AL Mubarak (Kuwait), Fourth Vice-Chairperson

2. In accordance with Rule 6 a) of the *Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee* (Doc 7669-LC/139/6), the above-mentioned officers would, as a rule, remain in office until the end of the 39th Session. However, the offices of the First and Fourth Vice-Chairpersons have been vacated since the end of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee.

3. In accordance with Rule 6 b), if any of the offices of the Vice-Chairpersons are vacated during the term, the next Vice-Chairperson in line shall automatically succeed to the vacated office for the unexpired portion of the term. Accordingly, Ms. S. Metsälampi (Finland) and Ms. E. Manga (The Gambia), automatically became First and Second Vice-Chairpersons, respectively, upon the vacating of the office of First Vice-Chairperson.

4. Pursuant to Rule 6 c), if the office of a Vice-Chairperson is vacated during the term which cannot be filled under the procedure set out in Rule 6 b), the Committee shall, at the end of the first session following the vacancy, elect from among Representatives of States, a Vice-Chairperson to fill the vacant office for the unexpired portion of the term. Accordingly, the Third and Fourth Vice-Chairpersons need to be elected at the end of the 38th Session. They will hold office for the unexpired portion of the term, i.e. until the end of the 39th Session.

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