



**WORKING PAPER**

**ASSEMBLY — 38TH SESSION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

**Agenda Item 59: Appointment of External Auditor**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF ICAO  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2014, 2015 AND 2016**

(Presented by the Council of ICAO)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper reports on the action taken by the Council to appoint a new External Auditor for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 and provides information on the results of the review, by a working group of the Council, of the nominations received from Member States for the position of External Auditor of ICAO.

**Action:** The Assembly is invited to:

- a) confirm the appointment of the Mr. Giuseppe Cogliandro, President of the Audit Chamber for Community and International Affairs of the Corte dei Conti as ICAO's External Auditor for the accounts of the financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016; and
- b) adopt the attached draft Assembly Resolution.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper refers to Supporting Implementation Strategy: Management and Administration: Budget and Financial Management.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	The cost of services to be provided by the External Auditor will be CAD 494 000 for the next triennium.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 9958, <i>Assembly Resolutions in force</i> (as of 8 October 2010) Doc 7515, <i>The ICAO Financial Regulations</i>

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Article XIII of the Financial Regulations provides that the Council shall appoint an External Auditor, subject to confirmation by the Assembly.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In Assembly Resolution A37-31, the Assembly confirmed the action taken by the Council to extend the appointment of Mr. Didier Migaud, First President of the Cour des comptes, as the External Auditor for the accounts of the financial years 2011, 2012 and 2013 in accordance with Financial Regulation 13.1. The First President of the Cour des comptes of France has been ICAO's External Auditor since 1 January 2008.

2.2 To ensure a rotation of the appointment of the External Auditor, the Council has set a time limit for the mandate of the External Auditor at a maximum of six years, comprised of an initial term of three years with the possibility of one extension, subject to a satisfactory performance assessment by the Council and successful negotiations about the terms and cost of a renewed appointment. Therefore, after two terms of three years ending in 2013, the nomination of a new External Auditor for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 was required.

## **3. ACTION TAKEN**

3.1 In December 2012, a State letter was issued asking for nominations for the position of ICAO's External Auditor for the financial years 2014, 2015, and 2016. Nominations were received from nine States. All applications have been evaluated by a Working Group of the Council on the basis of the criteria approved by the Council and, as a result, five applications were further evaluated by means of individual interviews. Based on its evaluation, the Working Group has recommended to the Council the appointment of an External Auditor for a three-year period commencing on 1 January 2014.

## **4. APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL**

4.1 The Council reviewed the evaluation of the nominations at its tenth meeting of the 199th Session. Taking into consideration the quality of services proposed by nominees and the cost of the audit services, the Council approved the appointment of Mr. Giuseppe Cogliandro, President of the Audit Chamber for Community and International Affairs of the Corte dei Conti as the External Auditor of ICAO for the accounts of the financial years 2014, 2015, and 2016.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE DECISION**

5.1 The cost of the services of the External Auditor for the next triennium will be CAD 494 000, and has been provided for in the Budget for 2014-2015-2016.

## APPENDIX

### DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE 38TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Resolution 59/1

#### **Appointment of the External Auditor**

*The Assembly:*

1. *Notes that:*

- a) the Financial Regulations provide that, subject to confirmation by the Assembly, the Council shall appoint an External Auditor to the Organization; and
  - b) the Council reviewed the nominations submitted by Member States in 2013 and approved the appointment of Mr. Giuseppe Cogliandro, President of the Audit Chamber for Community and International Affairs of the Corte dei Conti, a member of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies, as ICAO's External Auditor for the accounts of the financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016, in accordance with Financial Regulation 13.1.
2. *Expresses* its sincere appreciation to Mr. Didier Migaud, Premier président of the Cour des comptes of France, for the high quality of his service to the Organization as its External Auditor (2008-2013) and for his effective and cooperative assistance during that period to the officials and organs of ICAO; and

3. *Confirms:*

- a) the action taken by the Council in appointing Mr. Giuseppe Cogliandro, President of the Audit Chamber for Community and International Affairs of the Corte dei Conti as ICAO's External Auditor for the accounts of the financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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