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**LEGAL COMMITTEE – 39TH SESSION**

(Montréal, 25 – 28 June 2024)

**Agenda Item 4: Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee**

**NOTE ON THE ELECTION**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. Rule 6 a) of the *Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee* (Doc 7669-LC/139/7) as amended at its 38th Session provides:

*“Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons*

The Committee shall elect at the end of every second session, from among the Representatives of States, a Chairperson and the First, Second, Third and Fourth Vice-Chairpersons. Such officers shall hold office from the time of adjournment of the session when they were elected until the end of the session during which their successors are duly elected. Subject to Rule 6 d), they shall not be eligible for re-election for the next succeeding term for the same position.”

2. The last election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee took place at the end of the 37th Session in September 2018; accordingly, new officers need to be elected at the end of the 39th Session and those elected will remain in office until the end of the 41st Session.

3. Since the establishment of the Legal Committee, the following have served as officers:

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Vice-Chairpersons</i>	<i>Session at which elected</i>
Mr. A. Garnault (France)	Mr. Justice E. Alten (Norway) Mr. C.S. Booth (Canada)	First Session September 1947
Mr. E.M. Loeza (Mexico)	Mr. L. Clerc (Switzerland) Mr. H.W. Poulton (Australia)	Fourth Session June 1949
Mr. E.T. Nunneley (United States)	Mr. P.A.T. De Smet (Belgium) Mr. A.A. Irungaray (Argentina)	Sixth Session June 1950
Mr. L. Clerc (Switzerland)	Gen. José Salvador Merino (Spain) Maj. K.M. Beaumont (United Kingdom)	Eighth Session September 1951
Mr. T. Cavalcanti (Brazil)	Mr. K. Sidenbladh (Sweden) Mr. A. Ambrosini (Italy)	Ninth Session August – September 1953
Maj. K.M. Beaumont (United Kingdom)	Mr. C. Gómez Jara (Spain) Mr. Diaeddine Saleh (Egypt)	Tenth Session September 1954

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Vice-Chairpersons</i>	<i>Session at which elected</i>
Mr. A. Ambrosini (Italy)	Mr. S. Komachiya (Japan) Mr. V.J. Delascio (Venezuela)	Eleventh Session September 1957
Mr. C. Gómez Jara (Spain)	Mr. G. Rinck (Federal Republic of Germany) Mr. R. Golstein (Belgium)	Twelfth Session August – September 1959
Mr. K. Sidenbladh (Sweden)	Mr. C. Berezowski (Polish People's Republic) Mr. J.B. Diaz (Philippines)	Thirteenth Session September 1960
Mr. R. Golstein (Belgium)	Mr. J.P. Houle (Canada) Mr. U.A. Fernández-Tavelli (Argentina)	Fourteenth Session August – September 1962
Mr. V.J. Delascio (Venezuela)	Mr. W. Guldemann (Switzerland) Mr. B.S. Gidwani (India) Mr. F.X. Ollassa (Congo/Brazzaville)	Fifteenth Session September 1964
Mr. W. Guldemann (Switzerland)	Mr. D. Pardo Tovar (Colombia) Mr. A. El Hicheri (Tunisia) Mr. N. Nakano (Japan)	Sixteenth Session September 1967
Mr. D. Pardo Tovar (Colombia)	Mr. G. Guillaume (France) Mr. L.R. Edwards (Australia) Mr. G. Andriambololona (Malagasy Republic)	Seventeenth Session March 1970
Mr. G. Guillaume (France)	Mr. A.W.G. Kean (United Kingdom) Mr. K.O. Rattray (Jamaica) Mrs. A.M. Donato (Argentina)	Nineteenth Session June 1972
Mr. D.A. Gutiez (Argentina)	Mr. M.D. Moutafchiev (Bulgaria) Mr. B.S. Gidwani (India) Mr. K.H.Y. Moustafa (Arab Republic of Egypt)	Twenty-First Session October 1974
Mr. A.W.G. Kean (United Kingdom)	Mr. G.F. FitzGerald (Canada) Mr. J. Junek (Czechoslovakia) Mr. M. Tirado (Venezuela)	Twenty-Third Session February 1978
Mr. A. Sciolla-Lagrange (Italy)	Mr. G.H. Kaunda (United Republic of Tanzania) Mr. M. Tirado (Venezuela) Ms Z. Szemes (Hungary) Mr. S.M. Anwar (Pakistan)	Twenty-Fifth Session April 1983
Mr. S.M. Anwar (Pakistan)	Mr. J. Garland (Peru) Mr. C. de la Verpillière (France) Mr. S.R. Tahou (Côte d'Ivoire) Mr. J. Capek (Czechoslovakia)	Twenty-Seventh Session April 1990
Mr. K. El Hussainy (Egypt)	Mr. C. de la Verpillière (France) Mr. E. Medina Urbizu (Mexico) Mr. G. Lauzon (Canada) Mr. H.B. Shrestha (Nepal)	Twenty-Ninth Session July 1994

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Vice-Chairpersons</i>	<i>Session at which elected</i>
Mr. G. Lauzon (Canada)	Dr. E. Chiavarelli (Italy) Mr. R.K. Maheshwari (India) Mr. A. Kalango (Nigeria) Mr. Y. El Zubi (Jordan)	Thirty-First Session August – September 2000
Mr. H. Kjellin (Sweden)/ Mr. M. B. Jennison (United States) <sup>1</sup>	Mr. M.B. Jennison (United States) Mr. A.H. Mutti (Argentina) Ms. S.H. Tan (Singapore) Mr. M. Sourang (Senegal)	Thirty-Third Session April – May 2008
Mr. T. Olson (France)	Ms. S.H. Tan (Singapore) Mr. A. Piera (United Arab Emirates) Mr. N. Luongo (Argentina) Mrs. H. Hitula (Namibia)  Mr. S. Eid (Lebanon) Mr. L. Mabaso (South Africa)	Thirty-Fifth Session May 2013  Thirty-Sixth Session <sup>2</sup> November – December 2015
Ms. S.H. Tan (Singapore)	Mr. N. Luongo (Argentina) Ms. S. Metsälampi (Finland) Ms. E. Manga (The Gambia) Mr. B. AL Mubarak (Kuwait)  Mr. M. Al Ruqaishi (Oman) Ms. A. S. Braga Della Nina (Brazil)	Thirty-Seventh Session September 2018  Thirty-Eighth Session <sup>3</sup> March 2022

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<sup>1</sup> At its 35th Session (Montréal, 6 – 15 May 2013), under consideration of agenda item 5, it was decided that the record of the Legal Committee should indicate that Mr. M. B. Jennison (United States) was the Chairman of the Legal Committee for a full term consisting of its 34th and 35th Sessions.

<sup>2</sup> At its 36th Session (Montréal, 30 November – 4 December 2015), under consideration of agenda item 6, the Legal Committee elected Mr. S. Eid (Lebanon) as the Third Vice-Chairman and Mr. L. Mabaso (South Africa) as the Fourth Vice-Chairman. Also, in accordance with Rule 6 b), Mr. N. Luongo (Argentina) became second Vice-Chairman.

<sup>3</sup> At its 38th Session (Virtual, 22 – 25 March 2022), under consideration of agenda item 5, the Legal Committee elected Mr. M. Al Ruqaishi (Oman) as the Third Vice-Chairperson and Ms. A. S. Braga Della Nina (Brazil) as the Fourth Vice-Chairperson. Also, in accordance with Rule 6 b), Ms. S. Metsälampi (Finland) and Ms. E. Manga (The Gambia) became first Vice-Chairperson and second Vice-Chairperson, respectively.