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LEGAL COMMITTEE – 40TH SESSION

(Montréal, 26 – 30 October 2026)

Agenda Item 4: Election of the Vice-Chairperson 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 39th Session in June 2024. The list of elected officers was as follows:

Chairperson

Ms. A. Serpa Braga
Della Nina
(Brazil)

Vice-Chairpersons

Ms. S. Metsälampi (Finland), First Vice-Chairperson
Mr. M. Mansoor Ali Hamed Al-Ruqaishi (Oman), Second
Vice-Chairperson
Mr. J. W. Lee (Republic of Korea), Third Vice-Chairperson
Ms. M. Memba (Tanzania), Fourth Vice-Chairperson

2. In accordance with Rule 6 a) of the *Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee* (Doc 7669-LC/139/7), the above-mentioned officers would, as a rule, remain in office until the end of the 41st Session. However, the office of the First Vice-Chairperson has been vacated since the end of 2025.

3. In accordance with Rule 6 b), if any of the offices of the Vice-Chairpersons is 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, Mr. M. Mansoor Ali Hamed Al-Ruqaishi (Oman), Mr. J. W. Lee (Republic of Korea) and Ms. M. Memba (Tanzania), automatically became First, Second and Third 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 Fourth Vice-Chairperson needs to be elected at the end of the 40th Session who will hold office for the unexpired portion of the term, i.e. until the end of the 41st Session.

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