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**ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICERS FOR 2005**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

The purpose of this document is to provide the Executive Council with the necessary background information to enable it to elect its Officers for 2005, in accordance with the relevant rules.

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1. In accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for 2005.

### Officers of the Council

#### *Rule 5*

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*

2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*

3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*

4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*

2. Although rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

3. By the date of this report, one State Member of the Council intends to submit its candidature for the chairmanship of the Council in 2005. This is **the Republic of Korea**, which on 4 October 2004 notified the Secretariat of its intention to present its candidature for the chairmanship of the Council.

4. It should be mentioned that at its last session the Council adopted decision 27(LXXIII) regarding the rotation of the chairmanship on a geographical basis, by which it confirmed the principle of the desirable geographical rotation of the chairmanship among the regions, which should be applied with the necessary flexibility with a view to the smooth functioning of this organ.

5. In conformity with this decision and as follows from Annex I, it seems that the region of East Asia and the Pacific, to which the Republic of Korea belongs, has not performed the duties of chairmanship since 1987. In principle, therefore, the post is to be assumed by a Member from this region in 2005.

6. The tables of Annexes II and III show the States elected to the vice-chairmanship of the Council, respectively, since the Organization's inception.









