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Note to the Secretary-General

Appointment of chairperson of the Internal Justice Council

1. In resolution 62/228, the General Assembly decided to establish by 1 March 2008 a five-member Internal Justice Council (IJC) as part of a new internal justice system. The IJC will play an important role in selecting and recommending to the General Assembly candidates for the positions of judges of the future United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.
2. The General Assembly decided that the IJC would consist of a staff representative, a management representative, and two distinguished external jurists - one nominated by the staff and one by management. The fifth member would be a distinguished jurist chosen by consensus by the four other members, and would chair the IJC.
3. In my note dated 20 March 2008 (copy attached for ease of reference) I outlined the process by which the initial four members of the IJC were nominated. You approved their appointment on 21 March 2008.
4. Since their appointment, the four members of the IJC have held a number of consultations and have reached agreement among themselves on a fifth member who would chair the IJC. They have endorsed Justice Kate O'Regan, member of the Constitutional Court of South Africa (her *curriculum vitae* is attached). She has accepted the choice of the four members and participated in a meeting of the IJC by teleconference last week.
5. In light of the fact that Justice O'Regan was chosen by consensus by the four other members, I recommend that you approve her appointment as member and chairperson of the IJC, effective 8 May 2008. I also recommend that her tenure be synchronized with those of the four other members, who were informed on 27 March 2008 that they had been appointed for a period of four years.

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