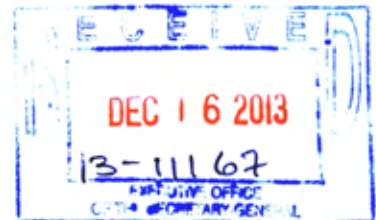


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16 December 2013

**Note to the Deputy Secretary-General**

**United Nations Democracy Fund**  
**Advisory Board**  
**Composition 2014-2015**

This note sets out recommendations for your consideration on the composition of the UNDEF Advisory Board for a two-year term starting in January 2014.

UNDEF's governance structure is set out in its Terms of Reference. The key governance body is the Advisory Board, which consists of 19 members whose terms expire on 31 December 2013. The seats on the Board fall into four categories:

- Category I Seven largest contributors
- Category II Six States reflecting geographical diversity and commitment to democratic principles
- Category III Four individuals
- Category IV Two civil society organizations

**Category I. Seven largest contributing Member States**

Under the Terms of Reference, the determination of the seven largest Member State contributors will be based on their actual contributions to UNDEF during the previous three calendar years – i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013. This category has the following composition:

Member State	Cumulative contributions 2011-2013
United States	\$ 14,336,000
India	\$ 11,562,543
Sweden	\$ 7,187,873
Germany	\$ 3,871,740
Australia	\$ 968,850
Poland	\$ 318,014
Chile	\$ 90,000

**Category II. Six Member States reflecting diverse geographical representation**

Under UNDEF's Terms of Reference, the Secretary-General appoints one representative each from six Member States reflecting geographical diversity and commitment to democratic principles, taking into account their capacity and willingness to serve on the Board. We propose the following, who have informally indicated their capacity and willingness:

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Africa: Sierra Leone (succeeding Tanzania)  
 Arab States: Libya (succeeding Tunisia)  
 Asia: Bhutan (succeeding Timor-Leste)  
 Europe: Latvia (succeeding Lithuania)  
 Latin America: El Salvador (succeeding Uruguay)  
 Small Island Developing States Network: Suriname\* (succeeding Jamaica)

*\*Although not itself a small island, Suriname is the Capital Based Focal Point for the Small Island Developing States Network and is therefore well-placed to reflect the concerns of the developing small islands community.*

### **Category III. Four individuals**

To ensure continuity, we recommend the re-appointment as Chair:

**Professor Michael Doyle (USA)**, Columbia University, who has been highly active and supportive.

To continue the outreach activities of UNDEF's celebrity Board member, we also recommend the re-appointment **Mr. Jeffrey Wright (USA)**, actor and founder of the Taia Peace Foundation, which works to empower rural communities in Africa. Mr. Wright has raised considerable awareness of the importance of community empowerment as a basis for lasting peace in post-conflict environments. He recently presented and narrated a UNTV documentary about UNDEF's work in Sierra Leone.

Under the Terms of Reference, an *ex officio* seat on the Board is designated for the Executive Director of the UN Office for Partnerships. As this post remains vacant, the seat on the Board remains unfilled.

There is therefore one individual seat to be filled. We recommend **Ms. Marjorie Tiven**, who at the end of 2013 completes her 12-year appointment as Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs. Ms. Tiven will soon lead the Bloomberg Philanthropies' global initiative on cities. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

### **Category IV. Two civil society organizations**

We propose the following:

**Action Aid**, which works in more than 40 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America to provide relief from conflict, empower women, hold governments accountable, and make education accessible.

**Avaaz**, a global civic campaign organization that promotes activism on human rights, climate change, corruption, poverty, and conflict in 194 countries, described by *The Guardian* as "the globe's largest and most powerful online activist network".

### **Advisory Board 2014-15**

Accordingly, we recommend the following composition of the 2012-13 UNDEF Advisory Board:

United States of America

India  
Sweden  
Germany  
Australia  
Poland  
Chile  
Bhutan  
El Salvador  
Latvia  
Libya  
Sierra Leone  
Suriname  
Dr. Michael Doyle  
Mr. Jeffrey Wright  
Ms. Marjorie Tiven  
Action Aid  
Avaaz

We hope the above meets with your approval.



Roland Rich  
Executive Head  
16 December 2013

cc: Mr. Montiel  
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