On Tuesday 10 February 2009, the Economic and Social Council appointed Mr. Adil Najam (Pakistan) to the Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2009 to replace Mr. Tariq Banuri (Pakistan), who had resigned his seat.

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