



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 December 2018

Excellency,

In reference to the informal plenary of the General Assembly held on 27 November 2018, to hear the briefing from the Internal Justice Council, I have the honour to circulate a letter from Ms. Yvonne Mokgoro, Chairperson of the Internal Justice Council, dated 30 November 2018, which provides information requested by Member States at the meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MFEspinosa".

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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INTERNAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

30 November 2018

Dear Madame President,

The Internal Justice Council would like to express its gratitude for an opportunity to engage with Member States at the informal session held on 27 November 2018.

As requested on the occasion, the Council provides below information on nationalities of applicants to vacant judicial positions in the internal justice system at the United Nations during the selection exercise undertaken in 2018, as well as a breakdown of applications per regional group.

The Council would be most grateful if this information would be conveyed to the Member States.

Please accept, Madame President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Yvonne Mokgoro
Chairperson
Internal Justice Council

Her Excellency
Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés
President of the General Assembly
New York

Judicial selection exercise 2018
A. Number of applications per regional group

Group	No. of applications received	No. of applicants invited to written examination ¹
African Group	49	16
Asia-Pacific Group	16	1
Eastern European Group	23	9
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	4	0
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	83	26
Nationality not specified in application	7	1
Total	182	53

B. Nationalities of applicants

Country of nationality of applicant	No. of applications received
African Group	
Algeria	1
Burkina Faso	12
Cameroon	1
Côte d'Ivoire	1
Egypt	2
Ethiopia	1
Ghana	3
Kenya	4
Lesotho	1
Madagascar	4
Mali	2
Mauritania	1
Morocco	1
Mozambique	1
Nigeria	2
Rwanda	1
Senegal	2
South Africa	1
Sudan	2
Togo	1
Tunisia	1
Zimbabwe	4
Subtotal	49

¹ As indicated in paragraphs 23 and 24 of report A/73/203, upon receipt of the completed written examinations from the shortlisted candidates, the Office of Administration of Justice eliminated all identifying elements in the examinations before transmitting them to the Council for its review and marking. Accordingly, no Council member knew the name, nationality, gender or other identifying information about the candidates when assessing their examinations. To successfully pass the written examination and be selected for the interview, candidates had to display in their written assessments the writing skills and strength of legal analysis necessary for them to serve as excellent judges on the Tribunals. On the basis of the written assessment, the Council selected a total of 16 applicants for the interview.

Asia-Pacific Group	
China	1
India	2
Jordan	9
Malaysia	1
Myanmar	1
Philippines	2
Subtotal	16
Eastern European Group	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7
Bulgaria	1
Croatia	1
Czech Republic	1
Poland	3
Romania	7
Serbia	1
Slovenia	1
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1
Subtotal	23
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	
Brazil	4
Subtotal	4
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	
Australia	1
Belgium	3
Canada	9
France	6
Germany	12
Ireland	2
Italy	21
Netherlands	4
New Zealand	2
Portugal	7
Spain	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1
Turkey	4
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4
United States of America	5
Subtotal	83
Nationality not specified in application	
Subtotal	7
Total	182