

Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Mechanism for the establishment of the Pool of Experts for the third cycle of the Regular Process

In its resolution 75/239, the General Assembly requested the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process to review and update the mechanism to establish the Pool of Experts for the third cycle of the Regular Process, and to provide oversight of the establishment of the Pool of Experts, including by inviting individuals who served in the Pool of Experts during the second cycle of the Regular Process to indicate to the secretariat of the Regular Process whether they would be interested in serving in the Pool of Experts for the third cycle and beyond.

Bearing in mind the lessons learned from the second cycle, the mechanism to establish the Pool of Experts for the third cycle is outlined as follows:

Step 1: Invite experts from the Pool of Experts for the second cycle

The secretariat would write to all members of the Pool of Experts of the second cycle in the second and third quarter of 2021, requesting them to indicate whether they would be interested in serving in the Pool of Experts for the third cycle and beyond.

Interested experts would be invited to provide an up-to-date CV in English and an up-to-date Personal History Form, and to update their entry in the database on the Regular Process website. Once complete, the secretariat would issue a letter confirming the expert's appointment to the Pool of Experts.

Step 2: Invite nominations and recommendations of additional experts to the Pool of Experts for the third cycle

Identify expertise needed for the assessment(s) of the third cycle

In parallel with the scoping exercise for the assessment(s) to be conducted under the third cycle, the Group of Experts will develop the preliminary annotated outline(s) for the assessment(s), which would also list the specific expertise needed for each topic to be addressed in the assessment(s). The first draft of the preliminary annotated outline(s) is expected to be completed in early 2022, upon which nominations and recommendations of additional experts to the Pool of Experts will be invited.

Invitations to nominate experts

The secretariat would write to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations and the National Focal Points inviting them to nominate experts for appointment to the Pool of Experts. States would then send the names of their nominated experts, along with an up-to-date CV and completed Personal History Form for each expert. Once received, nominations would be processed by the secretariat, and an account created for each expert on the Regular Process website. The experts would be asked to complete their entry in the database on the Regular

Process website. Once complete, the secretariat would issue a letter confirming the expert's appointment to the Pool of Experts.

Invitations to recommend experts for nomination

The secretariat would also invite intergovernmental organizations, the funds, bodies and programmes of the United Nations and the secretariats of relevant conventions and intergovernmental processes to recommend experts for nomination to the Pool of Experts. A general invitation to recommend experts for nomination would be placed on the Regular Process website, for use by non-governmental organizations and other interested parties. All recommendations would need to include an up-to-date CV in English for the expert(s) nominated and completed Personal History Form.

Recommendations for nomination can be submitted by:

- States (if they are not the State of nationality of the expert).
- Intergovernmental organizations, the funds, bodies and programmes of the United Nations and the secretariats of relevant global and regional conventions and intergovernmental processes.
- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.
- Members of the Group of Experts.
- Interested individuals with expertise needed for the assessments(s) of the third cycle, including scientists and holders of traditional, indigenous and local knowledge.

Consent procedures related to recommendations from States and intergovernmental organizations

Recommendations received from States (if they are not the State of nationality of the expert) and intergovernmental organizations would be forwarded to the State of nationality of the expert for consideration. If the State confirms the nomination of the expert, the secretariat will process the nomination as listed in the section on nominations above. If the State expressly objects to the nomination of the expert, the expert would not be nominated. If no response is received within one month, the nomination would be processed by the Bureau in accordance with the procedure for implied consent, listed below.

Implied consent

When a recommendation of an expert is received from States (if they are not the State of nationality of the expert) or intergovernmental organizations, the secretariat would forward the name of the expert, along with their CV and completed Personal History Form to the expert's State of nationality. If no response is received within one month of the initial transmission, the Bureau would decide whether or not to nominate the expert to the Pool of Experts on behalf of the State. Once the nomination is confirmed by the Bureau, the expert's information would be processed by the secretariat, and an account created for the expert on the Regular Process website. The expert would be asked to fill out their entry in the database on the Regular Process website. Once complete, the secretariat would issue a letter confirming the expert's appointment to the Pool of Experts for the third cycle.

Procedures related to other recommendations

Recommendations received from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, from members of the Group of Experts, and from interested individuals as outlined above would be forwarded to the State of nationality of the expert and the Bureau for consideration. If the State confirms the nomination of the expert and the Bureau approves such nomination, the secretariat will process the nomination as listed in the section on nominations above. If the State expressly objects to the nomination of the expert, the expert would not be nominated.

Step 3: Additional calls for nominations and recommendations of experts

Identify gaps in expertise needed for the assessments(s) of the third cycle

The Group of Experts, in revising the outline(s), identifying potential members of writing teams and in the preparation of the assessment(s) of the third cycle, will identify and inform the secretariat of gaps in needed expertise on topic(s) or region(s).

Additional calls for nominations and recommendations

As needed, the secretariat will send out additional calls for nominations and recommendations of experts to the Pool of Experts for the third cycle, in order to fill gaps in expertise identified by the Group of Experts, as well as to promote geographical distribution and gender balance in the Pool of Experts.

Figures

Figure 1: Nomination of experts by their State of nationality

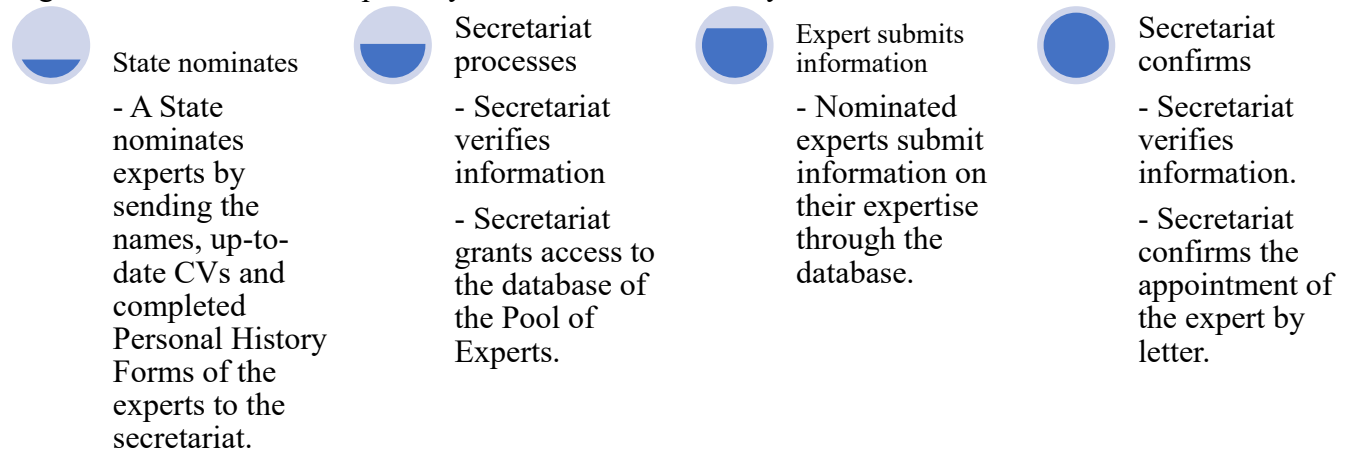


Figure 2: Recommendation from States and intergovernmental organizations

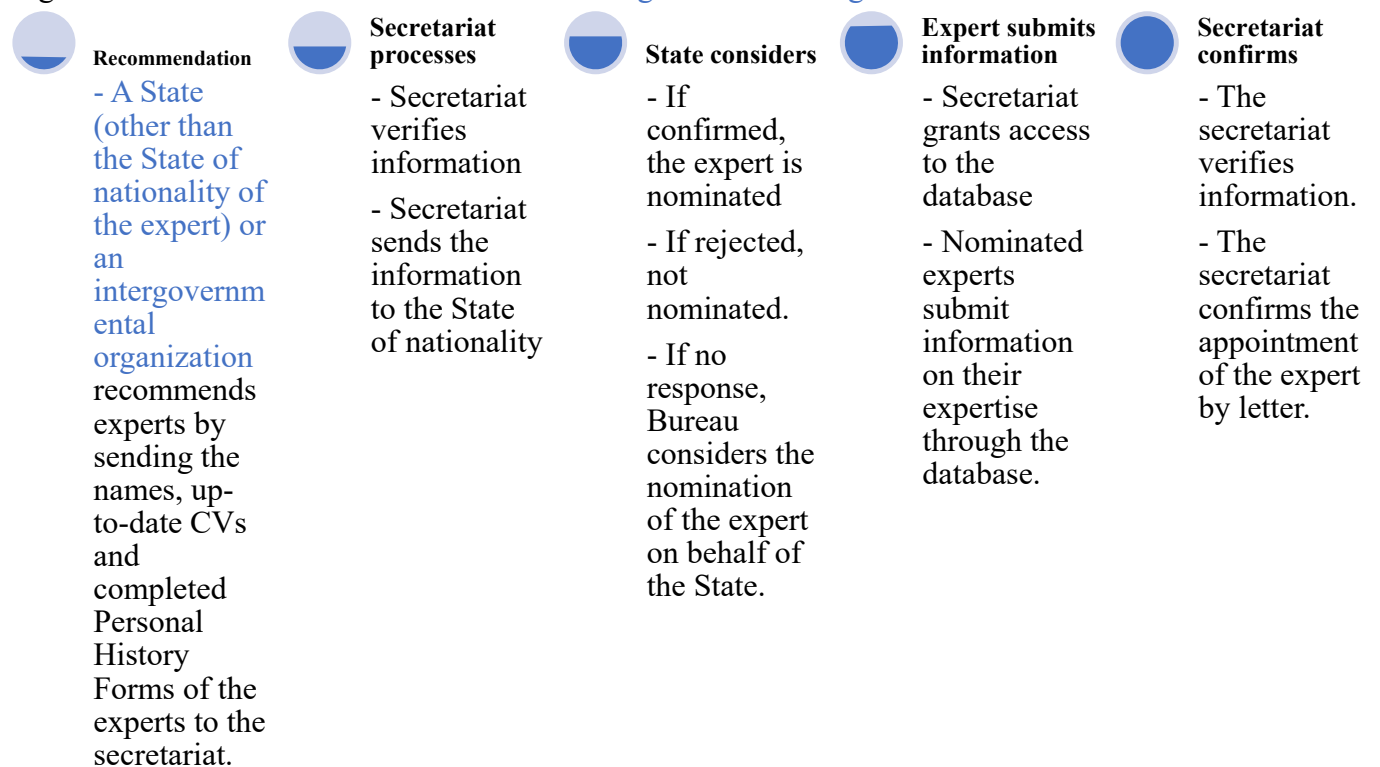
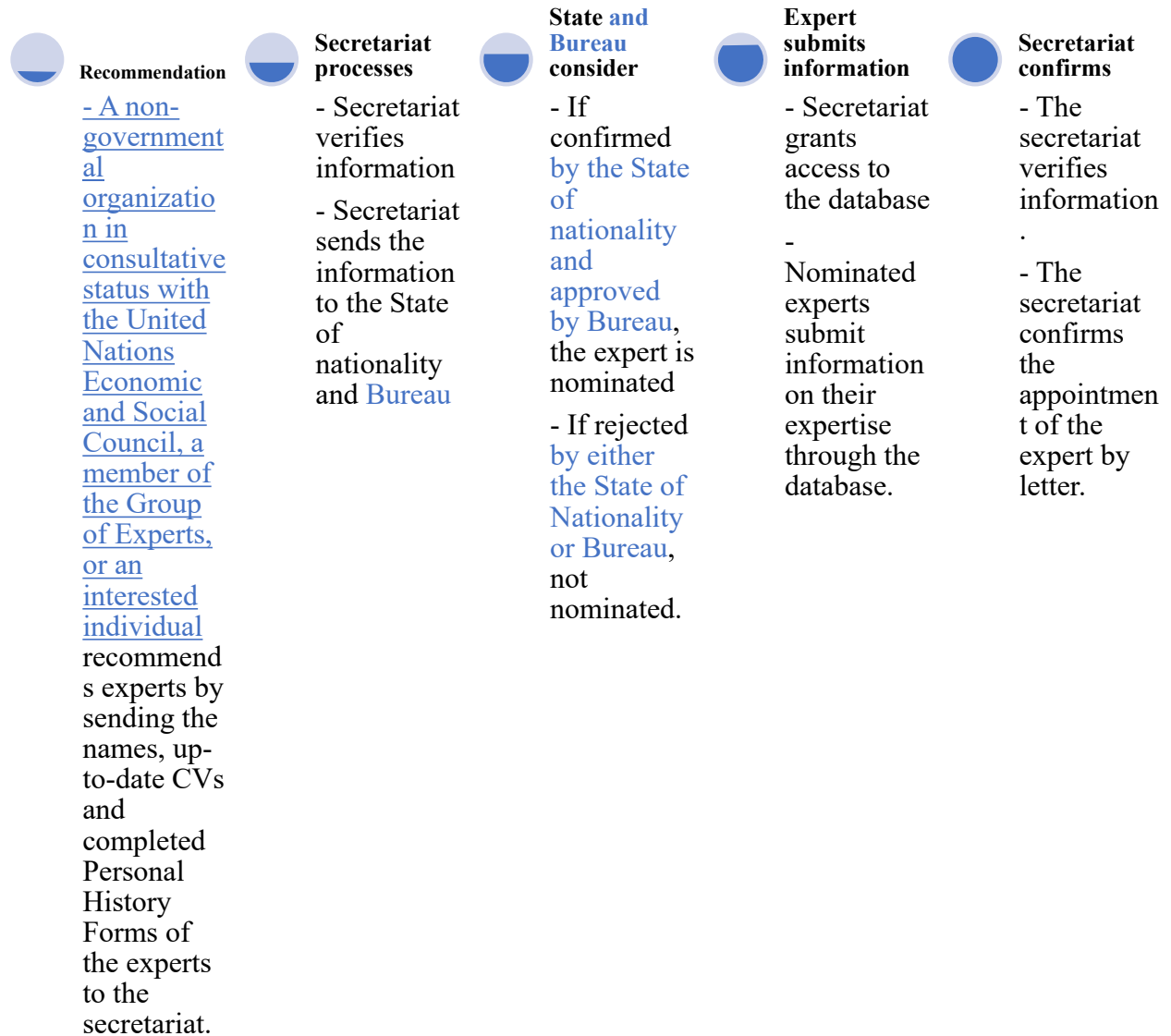


Figure 3: Recommendation from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, from members of the Group of Experts, and from interested individuals



Sample CV

[Name of expert]

[email address]

Summary

- [Essential information regarding skills or experience]
- [Essential information regarding skills or experience]
- [Essential information regarding skills or experience]

Current position

[Institution/organization/agency, city, country]

[start date – current]

Education

[Institution, city, country]

[start date – end date]

[Institution, city, country]

[start date – end date]

[Institution, city, country]

[start date – end date]

Relevant research experience

[Institution, city, country]

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[Position]

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Relevant professional experience

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