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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (SIAP)**

1. In accordance with Conference Bulletin No. 4, the secretariat closed nominations for election to the Governing Council of SIAP at 12:00 hours on Friday, 14 May 2010. At that time, nominations had been received from the following members of the Commission, in alphabetical order

Host: Japan
1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. China
4. India
5. Indonesia
6. Islamic Republic of Iran
7. Malaysia
8. Pakistan
9. Philippines
10. Republic of Korea
11. Russian Federation
12. Thailand

The Statute of SIAP stipulates that Governing Council is to consist of a representative designated by the host Government (Japan) and 8 representatives nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission. The members and associate members elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of five years but shall be eligible for re-election.

As the Secretariat received more than 8 nominations, an election to the Governing Council of SIAP will take place. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the Commission's terms of reference, the

rules of procedures, and the statute of SIAP, both members and associate members are eligible to vote and hold office in Governing Council of SIAP. Each member/associate member will have one vote. Voting will be by secret ballot. Ballot papers will be provided in Room 203, Level 2.

All member Governments present at the session are invited to cast a vote any time at their convenience, between 15:00 and 17:30 hours on Monday, 17 May 2010 in Room 203, Level 2. The designated Polling Officers and the ESCAP secretariat will be present to facilitate the voting. Members are invited to vote for up to (and not exceeding) eight member Governments from the final list of candidates. Delegations are welcome to observe the voting process. The votes will be counted immediately after the closure of voting (17:30 hours).

The results will be announced during the Ministerial Segment. In case there are equal votes for the eighth place, arrangements for a run-off ballot, if needed, will be announced.

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