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OFFICE MEMORENDUM

Subject: -Election for Member of International Narcotics Control Board.

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) is an independent, quasi-judicial expert body established by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961. It also has some role under the subsequent two UN Conventions, viz. Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988. INCB has 13 members of which three are elected from a list of nominees of the World Health Organization (WHO) and ten are elected by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from among the nominees by the Government. The members of the INCB hold office for five years. The members of the INCB, however, serve in their personal capacities and do not represent their countries and are also expected to be impartial in determining about the implementation of international drug control treaties by different countries.

2. Ministry of External Affairs has informed that the next elections for 6 vacant seats, including one seat from the list of persons nominated by WHO will be held in April 2019. As of now, no country has so far declared its candidature.

3. Embassy of India, Vienna has informed that the nominated candidates should fulfil the criteria as laid down in the Article 9 and 10 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, as well as the article 20 of the 1972 Protocol. Some of which are highlighted below:

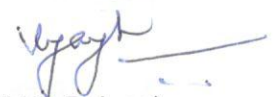
- a) each candidate should have a wide and deep knowledge or expertise of the drug situation. It is not essential, however, that the candidate so nominated be technically qualified as medical doctors, chemists or pharmacists, as the INCB will always have at its command the benefit of such qualifications due to the presence of its scientific members

nominated by WHO. It is, however desirable that the candidates nominated by Governments possess a good knowledge of national and international narcotics administration.

- b) In electing candidates, the ECOSOC gives importance to suitable geographic distribution and equitable proportion, persons possessing a sound knowledge of the drug situation in the producing, manufacturing and consuming countries and connected with such countries
- c) The members of the INCB receive a per diem allowance which participating in Board sessions or in official notification. Members travelling expenses are defrayed by the United Nations according to current administrative practice. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56 /272 of 27 March 2002, members of the Board receive a honoraria of US \$ 1 per year.

3. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) is considering nomination of a candidate for the said election to the appointment of a Member of the INCB. Interested and eligible serving/ retired Government employees are advised to submit their bio data giving all relevant details directly to the undersigned.

4. Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Board of Excise & customs are requested to give wide publicity to this among their organizations/ officers. This communication is being posted on the website of this Department (dor.gov.in).



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