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**Vacancies at the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT)**

1. Please find annexed the letter received from the Secretary to the Governing Boards on the following vacancies at the CSAT:

- (a) Member  
(b) President

2. The list of members currently serving on CSAT is at Annex 1, with New Zealand holding the position of Actg President. As indicated in Annex 2 there are two(2) seats allocated for Asia according to the CSAT rotation.

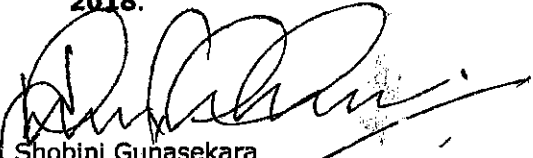
3. It may be noted that Asia is underrepresented at the Tribunal, with one(1) seat still remaining vacant. Therefore, the Secretariat has encouraged nominations from suitably qualified candidates for the 2017 – 2020 period.

4. As a significant part of the work of the CSAT involves employment related issues, nomination of candidates with experience of employment law or international administrative law is preferred. Female candidates have been encouraged. Furthermore, members of the CSAT are required to be of high moral character and must:

- have held, hold or be qualified to hold high judicial office in a Commonwealth country; or
- be jurists of recognized competence with experience as such for a period of not less than ten years

5. The link to the Statute of the CSAT, including the procedure for the Selection and Appointment of Members of the Tribunal is indicated in Annex 3. All nominations received will be presented for consideration by the Board of Governors.

6. It would be appreciated if the nomination together with a concise CV are sent to this Ministry, with copy to [dgeu@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:dgeu@mfa.gov.lk) for submission to the Secretariat **no later than 26 November 2018**.

  
Shobini Gunasekara  
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24 October 2018

Dear Excellencies

**Vacancy for President of the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT)**

**Vacancy for a representative on CSAT (Europe or Asia Region preferred)**

I have the honour to draw to your attention to the following CSAT vacancies:

- (a) Member vacancy
- (b) President (who may be either an existing Tribunal member or the candidate selected for the vacancy)

You are respectfully invited to nominate suitably qualified candidates from your regions for these existing vacancies in accordance with the requirements of the Statute.

Please find attached a list of the members currently serving on CSAT (Annex 1). Mr David Goddard QC (NZ, Pacific) is currently Acting President.

There is an agreed formula (Annex 2), which provides guidance on the geographic mix of members and a requirement to maintain an appropriate gender balance. There are currently five men and two women members. The Europe and Asia Regions are each entitled to two members for the 2017 to 2020 period yet each member is represented by only one member at present. Accordingly, it is my honour to encourage nominations for the Member vacancy from under-represented groups in particular the Europe and Asia regions and women.

A significant part of the CSAT caseload involves employment-related issues; nomination of candidates with experience of employment law or international administrative law is therefore highly desirable.

A copy of the Statute of the Tribunal including the Procedure for the Selection and Appointment of Members of the Tribunal (Annex 3) is attached for your reference. Pursuant to Article IV.3, members of CSAT are required to be of high moral character and must:

- (a) Have held, hold or be qualified to hold high judicial office in a Commonwealth country; or
- (b) be jurists of recognised competence with experience as such for a period not less than ten years.

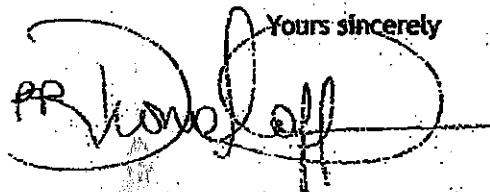
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All nominations submitted by Member Governments will be presented for consideration by the Board of Governors. Members may, of course, confer amongst themselves and present a single nomination.

Given the need to maintain the ongoing functioning of the CSAT, Member Governments may wish to consider making their selection by correspondence out of session regarding the current vacancy or forthcoming vacancies arising before the next regular Board meeting.

I look forward to receiving your nomination and a concise Curriculum Vitae of nominated candidates. Please send nominations to Ms Gayle Gedala ( [g.gedala@commonwealth.int](mailto:g.gedala@commonwealth.int) ), Assistant Secretary to the Governing Boards, by 30 November 2018 with a view to the Board making selections by correspondence no later than 14 December 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Gayle Gedala on 020 7747 6467 or [g.gedala@commonwealth.int](mailto:g.gedala@commonwealth.int) in case of any questions.

Yours sincerely  


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Secretary to the Governing Boards / Assistant Secretary-General

Cc: Commonwealth Secretary-General The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC  
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Commonwealth Lawyers Association  
Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association  
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## ANNEXES

1. List of current CSAT members
2. Rotation formula
3. Statute of the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal

## ANNEX 1: CSAT membership

Name	Country	Region	Term	End of term	Role
Goddard	NZ	Pacific	2nd	31.5.19	Acting President
Rajah	Singapore	Asia	2nd	14.1.20	Member
Eroctocritou	Cyprus/UK	Europe	2nd	31.5.20	Member
Faerua	Vanuatu	Pacific	2nd	31.5.20	Member
Azinghe	Nigeria	Africa	1st	31.5.19	Member
Narain	Mauritius	Africa	1st	31.7.21	Member
McDonald-Bishop	Jamaica	Caribbean	1st	31.7.21	Member
Vacant					

## ANNEX 2: CSAT Rotation

Extract from CSAT Activity Report (BG2(17/18)8:

*"5. On the basis of the current cycle of the rotation formula for the allocation of seats which expires in 2020, the distribution of seats should be as follows:*

*Africa 2*

*Asia 2*

*Caribbean 1*

*Pacific 1*

*Europe 2."*

## ANNEX 3:

The CSAT Statute is available online at:

<http://thecommonwealth.org/sites/default/files/page/documents/Tribunal%20%28amended%29%20Statute%20adopted%2028%20May%202015.pdf>

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