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Report of the Director-General

Seventh Supplementary Report: Appointment of a Deputy Director-General and an Assistant Director-General

1. In accordance with the Staff Regulations, appointments at the Deputy and Assistant Director-General levels are made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body. On entering upon duties, a Deputy Director-General and an Assistant Director-General shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
2. After duly consulting the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Ms Martha Newton (United States of America) as Deputy Director-General for Policy, with effect from 1 September 2020 and Ms Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa (Japan) as Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 1 August 2020.
3. These appointments are communicated to the Governing Body for information. Brief statements concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Ms Newton and Ms Asada-Miyakawa are given overleaf.

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4. **The Governing Body took note of these appointments made by the Director-General after having duly consulted the Officers of the Governing Body, and invited Ms Martha Newton and Ms Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa to make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty as provided under article 1.4(b) of the ILO Staff Regulations.**

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Ms Martha Newton (United States)

Appointed Deputy Director-General for Policy, with effect from 1 September 2020.

Born in 1966, Ms Newton holds a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from Western Kentucky University.

Previously, Ms Newton was the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs at the United States Department of Labor, helming the Department's Bureau of International Labor Affairs and leading the formulation of international economic, trade and labor policies and programmes focused on combating international child labour, forced labour and modern slavery. Earlier in her career, Ms Newton was the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, Ms Newton has extensive non-governmental organization and public-private partnership experience, including working for the International Justice Mission and the Halifax International Security Forum. She began her career in a prosecutor's office, as the Chief of Violent Crime Victim Services Division for a State Attorney General.

Ms Chihoko Asada-Miyakawa (Japan)

Appointed Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 1 August 2020.

Born in 1961, Ms Asada-Miyakawa holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a Bachelor's degree in Law from Tokyo University.

Ms Asada-Miyakawa started her career when she joined the Ministry of Labour in 1983. Since then, she has built up extensive professional experience in labour and social policy at both national and international levels. She worked for the permanent delegation to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development between 1996 and 1999, where she was responsible for employment issues. She served as Deputy Assistant Minister for International Affairs in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan from 2009 to 2011. At the time, she was responsible for a wide range of multilateral and bilateral negotiations and cooperation activities. Since 2018, she has served as Assistant Minister for International Labour Affairs and played an active role as an ILO Governing Body member and the Chairperson of G20 Employment Working Group in preparation for the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting under the Japanese Presidency in 2019.

Throughout her career, she has been involved in gender-related activities, such as the promotion of work-family balance and equal opportunity. Ms Asada-Miyakawa has also held leadership positions in local government, private enterprises and research institutions.