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Note by the Secretariat

1. By a letter of 26 March 1965 addressed to the Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Victor Kanga submitted his resignation from the Commission.
2. There is therefore one casual vacancy in the membership of the Commission. Article 11 of the Commission's Statute prescribes:

"In the case of a casual vacancy, the Commission itself shall fill the vacancy having due regard to the provisions contained in articles 2 and 8 of this Statute."

Article 2 reads:

"1. The Commission shall consist of twenty-five members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law.

2. No two members of the Commission shall be nationals of the same State.

3. In case of dual nationality a candidate shall be deemed to be a national of the State in which he ordinarily exercises civil and political rights."

Article 8 reads:

"At the election the electors shall bear in mind that the persons to be elected to the Commission should individually possess the qualifications required and that in the Commission as a whole representation of the main forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems of the world should be assured."

3. The term of the member to be elected by the Commission will expire at the end of 1966.