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Mrs. Inga Björk-Klevby, currently an Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT is an economist by training. She served as Ambassador of Sweden to Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and has an outstanding international career in diplomacy, international finance and development cooperation. Mrs. Björk-Klevby worked for over 20 years in international finance in various advisory and senior management capacities with the Central Bank of Sweden, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, culminating with the post of Executive Director for the African Development Bank where she represented Nordic countries, Switzerland and India.

During the period she served on the Board of the African Development Bank, she also chaired its Committee on Development Effectiveness to improve the Bank's evaluation and strategic planning functions.

She also served for several years as the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden in charge of international development cooperation policies, programmes and budget. Prior to her current assignment, Mrs. Björk-Klevby served as the Ambassador of Sweden to Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles and the Comoros and as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN-HABITAT. During this period, Mrs. Björk-Klevby was involved in the restructuring of the United Nations Centre of Human Settlements leading to its current status as a Programme.

Mrs. Björk-Klevby's long-standing experience with development policies and financing, fund-raising, fund management and disbursement, budget preparations, debt relief and capital-increase negotiations are ideally suited to her post and the post of Deputy Administrator of the Foundation and its Slum Upgrading Facility. In her capacity as board member of several multilateral institutions, Mrs. Björk-Klevby also holds a complement of timely experience in institutional management and reform.

She is married with two children.

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