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The Commission held two sessions in 2004. In accordance with the decision by the Twentieth Session of the Commission to extend the terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from six months to one year with effect from 1 January 2004, HE Ambassador Yukio Takasu, Permanent Representative of Japan, chaired the Commission for the year 2004.

The Commission agreed on the procedures, time line and mandate for a review of the organizational structure of the PTS, to be carried out in the second half of 2004 and first half of 2005, as well as on the composition of the review team. The Commission also adopted the conditions of service and procedure for the appointment of the next Executive Secretary of the Commission and, at its Twenty-Third Session, appointed HE Ambassador Tibor Tóth (Hungary) as the next Executive Secretary for a four year term beginning on 1 August 2005.

The Commission's subsidiary bodies, Working Group A (WGA), Working Group B (WGB) and the Advisory Group, each held two sessions in 2004. To facilitate the timely consideration of matters related to the Programme and Budget, the Twenty-Third Session of WGB and the Twenty-Second Session of the Advisory Group were each divided into two parts with an interval of several weeks.

WGA, which was chaired by Ambassador Tóth, made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on administrative and budgetary matters, including human resources issues and amendments to Financial Regulations and Rules to implement the split currency appropriation and assessment system in the Commission.

WGB, chaired by Mr Ola Dahlman (Sweden), made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on a range of verification related issues. Special attention was devoted to OSI related issues, including the report of the external evaluation and a strategic plan for the development of the OSI Major Programme, and to the preparatory phase of SPT1.

The Advisory Group, chaired by Mr André Gué (France), considered and provided advice on financial, budgetary and administrative issues.