

## **General Assembly, Security Council fill final vacancy for the International Court of Justice**

On 20 November 2017 the General Assembly and the Security Council elected the fifth judge to the International Court of Justice ([ICJ](#)) concluding the 2017 elections to the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.

Justice Dalveer Bhandari, (India), received the absolute majority of votes in elections – conducted independently, but concurrently – at the Security Council and the General Assembly.

He remained the sole candidate for the position after the United Kingdom withdrew the nomination of Christopher Greenwood.

Mr. Bhandari [joins](#) Ronny Abraham (France), Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade (Brazil), Nawaf Salam (Lebanon), and Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia) as the five judges who will serve along with ten other judges at the ICJ.

Their nine-year terms begin 6 February 2018.

The Court is composed of 15 judges, who are elected by an absolute majority in both the General Assembly and Security Council. Five seats come up for election every three years. There is no bar on consecutive terms.