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**CAG OF INDIA TAKES OVER AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL OF  
EXTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, has been elected as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for the year 2020. He succeeds Mr. Gareth Davies, the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Like any other organization, the accounts and management operations of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies (WHO, FAO, WFP, WIPO, etc.) and the International Atomic Energy Agency are required to be audited and reported on periodically by independent external auditors. The General Assembly in 1959 established the Panel of External Auditors, comprising the individual external auditors of the United Nations system, who are also Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions, that is, Comptroller and Auditors General of their respective countries. Presently, the Panel consists of 11 countries viz. India, Germany, Chile, Canada, France, Italy, Philippines, Ghana, Indonesia, Switzerland and United Kingdom. The Panel held its annual meeting in Bonn, Germany from 2 to [3 December 2019](#).

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is currently on the UN Board of Auditors (2014-2020) and has also been appointed as External Auditor of World Health Organization (2020-2023) and Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025).