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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Has there been any discussion about the process for Australia and the Pacific women for participation as there are no representatives on the UN Women board? If yes, please detail?

Answer:

Australia and New Zealand are both part of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), while the Pacific nations are part of the Asia group. Under the agreed rotation scheme of WEOG, Australia will have a board seat in UN Women's third year (2013).

Before the November election of the Executive Board, Australia encouraged Pacific member states to nominate within the Asia group to take one of the group's ten seats. No Pacific member state has agreed to nominate themselves for the Board at this stage.