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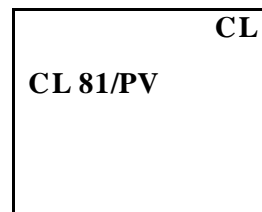
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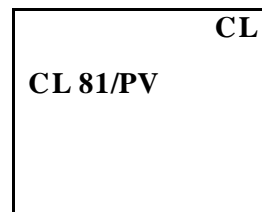
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FIRST PLENARY MEETING  
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PRIMERA SESION PLENARIA

(26 November 1981)

The First Plenary Meeting was opened at 09.45 hours,  
M.S. Swaminathan, Independent Chairman of the Council, presiding

La première séance plénière est ouverte à 9 h 45 sous la  
présidence de M.S. Swaminathan, Président indépendant du Conseil

Se abre la primera sesión plenaria a las 09.45 horas bajo la  
presidencia de M.S. Swaminathan, Presidente Independiente del Consejo

B. SHAIB (Nigeria): Mr. Director-General, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, as you know, a new Independent Chairman was elected by Conference the other day at the end of my own term of office. It is the tradition here for the outgoing Chairman to open the Council and then hand over to the elected Chairman who will then proceed. All the speeches have been made, both here and in Council with regards to myself and in Conference in regards to the new Chairman as well, by the Director-General, by yourselves, your representatives, etc. Therefore, this ceremony is really to hand over.

There is one thing while I still have this seat that I would like to say because when a tribute was paid to the Deputy Director-General, Dr. Ralph Phillips, in Conference because of his coming retirement I was not there and this is because I did not know. This Council owes a great deal to Dr. Phillips and I would have liked to have been there to speak on behalf of you my thanks and gratitude to Dr. Phillips as others have done. I am sure that Dr. Phillips will go down in the FAO history as one of those most dedicated officers, Delegate Officer, and in the end as an historian and I am very glad the Conference has agreed to have his photograph put up in the Library. This I want recorded so that the Council's own attitude and gratitude is reflected.

Having said that I would like to come back to my successor, to Dr. Swaminathan. He is going to walk a very long journey from today. I have been down that journey, and before me Ambassador Gonzales Bula Hoyos has been down the journey and before him Professor Cépède, etc., as along the wall there. I can assure Dr. Swaminathan that the journey is sometimes very difficult and rough but he can take comfort in that, as I found and as my predecessors found, he has two groups always with him. The first group is the Director-General and his colleagues in the Secretariat, they have always been ready to help, ready to assist and ready to give whatever support necessary to make his work easy; certainly they did do this for me. The other group, of course, is the members of the Council themselves without whose cooperation it would be impossible for the Chairman to operate. I have found along my journey that members of the Council have been extremely helpful to me, and very understanding and they did all they could to make my work easy. I am quite sure that they will do the same thing for Dr. Swaminathan and I now have the pleasure to ask Dr. Swaminathan to come up to the Podium to take over.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

CHAIRMAN: I think the first task is to use the gavel which has been handed over to me.

Mr. Director-General, distinguished members of the Council, other participants, ladies and gentlemen, while accepting this high honour the other day I mentioned my feelings of inadequacy to shoulder this • heavy responsibility but nevertheless your trust and confidence should serve as a source of strength and I shall do my best to prove worthy of this trust.

As Dr. Bukar Shaib has said already, much has been said about both him and me. I feel that we should get on with the task, the Agenda before us but nevertheless I want to once again express my sincere gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Bukar Shaib, for his kind words and he has also been good enough to brief me how to function in this, position and this I am sure will be of great help.

I am particularly encouraged to find in the audience today not only our Chairman of the whole Conference, the Honorable Minister from Argentina, but two of the outgoing Chairmen of the Council, Dr. Bula Hoyos and Dr. Bukar Shaib, and many other very eminent members. I think representation at the Council meetings at the highest level will certainly enhance the effectiveness and the importance of the Council and I am indeed grateful that there is such a distinguished participation at today's meeting.

You all have the Agenda before you, Document CL 81/0D/1, the Order of the Day. Now there is a small addition to the programme today. Under Item 8, Any Other Business, we have the Site of the Ninth Forestry Congress 1984. There will be an additional item, Appointment of the Deputy Director-General.

We have passed a Resolution at the Conference expressing our deep admiration and appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Ralph Phillips and you know that the time has come for finding a successor. I would suggest that after Item 1, when we come to Item 2 we will take up first the election of three Vice-Chairmen for today's Council meeting and then proceed to the appointment of the Deputy Director-General. The rest of the Agenda will be as it is. I hope this will meet with the approval of Council Members.

I. INTRODUCTORY

I. INTRODUCTION

I. INTRODUCCION

1. Adoption of the Agenda

1. Adoption de l'ordre du jour

1. Aprobación del Programa

CHAIRMAN: If there are no comments, the Agenda, as amended, is adopted.

2. Election of Three Vice-Chairmen

2. Election des trois vice-présidents

2. Elección de los tres vicepresidentes

A.G. NGONGI NAMANGA (Cameroon): I have pleasure to present the name of Ambassador C. Ntsane of Lesotho for one of the posts of Vice-Chairman of the Council. We all know Ambassador Ntsane; he has been very active here at FAO. He has been attending various Committee meetings and he has participated at various Committee meetings actively, especially on the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes where he has made very useful contributions. I am sure Ambassador Ntsane will be able to help you in discharging your duties at this Council Session.

J. TCHICAYA (Congo): Monsieur le Président, je n'avais pas demandé la parole, mais puisque vous me la donnez je voudrais dire que j'appuie la proposition faite par le délégué du Cameroun pour proposer au poste de vice-président l'Ambassadeur du Lesotho M. Ntsane.

G. BULA HOYOS (Colombia): La delegación de Colombia se complace en apoyar la propuesta hecha por el colega y amigo del Camerún ya refrendada por el distinguido Embajador del Congo, No obstante la brevedad de este período de sesiones estamos seguros que el Embajador de Lesotho Sr. Chaka Ntsane será un eficaz colaborador suyo.

W.A.F. GRABISCH (Germany, Federal Republic of): My delegation wishes to second wholeheartedly the nomination which has been put forward of the Ambassador of Lesotho.

H. HERNANDEZ CARABAÑO (Venezuela): Para apoyar la proposición que se ha hecho y también para tener el privilegio de proponer la candidatura del representante del Ecuador D. José Luis Tamayo para una de las Vicepresidencias, que además de sus credenciales personales ejerce en la actualidad la Presidencia del Grupo Latinoamericano ante la FAO.

CHAIRMAN: Does the nomination of Ambassador C. Ntsane of Lesotho have the support of the Council Members?

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

CHAIRMAN: The name proposed by Venezuela is Ambassador J.L. Tamayo-Rigail, former representative of FAO, from Ecuador.

A.F.M. DE FREITAS (Brasil): Mi delegación quería apoyar la nominación del Sr. Tamayo digno representante del Ecuador, para Vicepresidente del Consejo.

CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegation wish to speak? Then shall we take it that we have as second Vice-Chairman Ambassador Tamayo-Rigail of Ecuador?

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

P.S. McLEAN (United Kingdom): I have great pleasure in proposing Mr. C. Muszalski, the former alternate representative to FAO and now leader of the Polish delegation to this Council, for the post of third Vice-Chairman.

T. SEYOUM (Ethiopia): My delegation would like to support the election of Mr. C. Muszalski of Poland to third Vice-Chairman.

P.A. MORALES CARBALLO (Cuba): La delegación de Cuba siente gran satisfacción al expresar su apoyo a la candidatura del Sr. Muszalski para ocupar la tercera Vicepresidencia de este período de sesiones.

CHAIRMAN: Is it the sense of the House that we have as third Vice-Chairman Mr. C. Muszalski of Poland?

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

CHAIRMAN: So we have just elected Ambassador Ntsane from Lesotho, Mr. Tamayo-Rigail from Ecuador and Mr. Muszalski from Poland as the three Vice-Chairmen. May I on behalf of all of you congratulate them.

#### IV. OTHER MATTERS

#### IV. QUESTIONS DIVERSES

#### IV. OTROS ASUNTOS

8. Any Other Business

8. Autres questions

8. Otros asuntos

- Appointment of the Deputy Director-General
- Nomination du Directeur general adjoint
- Nombramiento del Director General Adjunto

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates: On Monday, the Conference paid tribute to Dr. Ralph Phillips, who will relinquish the post of Deputy Director-General at the end of the year.

I now wish to put before the Council my proposal to appoint Mr. Edward M. West of the United Kingdom as the new Deputy Director-General of FAO, as from 1 January 1982.

Mr. West needs hardly any introduction. He made his mark in sessions of our Conference and Council as a delegate of the United Kingdom long before he joined us as a staff member, in March 1970. In the period of just over a decade he has served my predecessor and myself in an outstanding manner, first as Director of Programme Formulation and more recently as Assistant Director-General of Programme, Budget and Evaluation. For a period he was also in charge of the Administration and Finance Department.

I do not need to sing Mr. West's praises. He has impressed us all, both the governing bodies and his colleagues, by his quick and thorough grasp of the issues which face world food and agriculture, his quick perception of the goals to be worked for and his pragmatic and determined efforts to achieve these. At all times he is sensitive to the diverse view points of every Member Nation and understanding in explaining, fighting for and defending the programmes of his colleagues.

He is, of course, well known to you all as you have had many opportunities of working with him over the years and becoming acquainted with his capabilities.

Having reached a level of distinction in the service of his own government, he has brought a rich heritage to international civil service.

The past six years of his collaboration with me have been exemplary. I can truly say that this is the man I want by my side. His intellectual, moral and human qualities make him eminently worthy for the position I propose for him. He has my full confidence. May I therefore commend to the Council the appointment of Mr. West as Deputy Director-General of FAO.

CHAIRMAN: We have just heard the proposal of the Director-General that he would like to have Mr. Edward West to succeed Dr. Ralph Phillips.

F. PETRELLA (Argentina): El Grupo Latinoamericano me ha conferido el honroso privilegio de respaldar la proposición que acaba de efectuarse en el sentido de designar al Sr. Edward West para el cargo de Subdirector General de FAO.

Lo hacemos con entusiasmo por varias razones: como argentino, porque el Sr. West es ciudadano de un país con el cual la Argentina mantiene intensos y cordiales vínculos; un país del cual los argentinos hemos adquirido tradiciones y recibido un significativo y valioso aporte cultural. Respaldamos, además, al Sr. West porque se ha distinguido al servicio de nuestra Organización con coraje, iniciativas y eficacia; porque está compenetrado con los objetivos de FAO y porque conoce acabadamente el rol y las posibilidades que los mecanismos multilaterales poseen hoy en la escena internacional.

Lo apoyamos porque proviene de una región cuyo aporte, en el más amplio sentido, resulta imprescindible para el normal desenvolvimiento de nuestros objetivos; una región que ha dado personas ilustres a FAO y a los Organismos Internacionales.

Estamos seguros que el Sr. West enriquecerá más aún esta honrosa tradición que el tan dignamente representa.

El Sr. West es además un fino caballero. En el tiempo que llevamos alternando con él hemos podido apreciar sus cualidades de franqueza, humor y sabiduría. Debo expresar que confiamos seguir beneficiándonos con sus opiniones y con sus consejos. La decisión de nominar al Director General Adjunto es una de las más trascendentales que debemos hacer. Encontrar quien pueda ejercer las funciones de Ralph Phillips, que es una leyenda en su propio tiempo, resulta complejo.

El Sr. West deberá, además, complementar a nuestro Director General, asistirle, asesorarlo y reemplazarlo de la manera más directa. Deberá armonizar su personalidad para responder a las obligaciones que le corresponden en el nuevo cargo. Nada de esto resultará fácil; pero deseamos asegurar al Sr. West que al igual que en el pasado en las nuevas tareas podrá contar con nuestras opiniones y nuestro respaldo, tanto en lo funcional como en lo personal. Será un placer hacerlo y también una grata obligación que no nos privaremos de ella.

J. TCHICAYA (Congo): Le départ de M. Phillips a été ressenti par le groupe africain avec une certaine émotion en raison de l'importance du poste qu'il occupe et des liens qu'il avait tissés avec bon nombre d'entre nous et aussi de l'admiration qu'il s'était forgée auprès de nous.

Un ami s'en va, un autre arrive. Nous voulons donc profiter de cette occasion pour vous dire que nous partageons entièrement le choix que vient de faire le Directeur général en la personne de M. West. Nous ne voulons pas présenter M. West, puisque le Directeur général l'a fait avec beaucoup de brio. Nous pensons en effet que M. West, qui a occupé déjà d'importantes fonctions au niveau de la FAO, sera satisfait de la nouvelle tâche qui vient de lui être confiée. Nous lui souhaitons bon courage et nous lui disons qu'il faut compter sur l'appui du groupe africain dans l'accomplissement de sa mission.

B. SHAIB (Nigeria): The decision by the Director-General to recommend the appointment of Mr. Edward West as the Deputy Director-General to replace Dr. Ralph Phillips is a most welcome one.

We in Nigeria, and I particularly, have the greatest respect for Mr. West because I have worked with him personally in this Council and as a Member of the Programme Committee when he took over the Budget and, of course, when I was Chairman of this Council.

When Mr. West was a delegate he filled this room with laughter and wit and good humour and we all enjoyed his approach to the problems that confronted us.

I would like just to tell you an incident which happened which probably many of you here can remember. At one of the Conferences, the UK was one of the Vice-Chairmen, and at that Conference, at one of the sessions the debate got so heated that the Chairman actually left the podium and walked off. I am glad this did not happen to the Chairman, the Minister from Argentina, but this did happen, and Mr. West, who was then representing the United Kingdom, quietly walked up to the podium, took over the Chair, calmed everybody down and work proceeded as usual.

Now, we who have worked with Mr. West in the Programme Committee and in the Council know that he has in fact completely transformed the budgeting system of this Organization from something which nobody could understand to a modern system of accounting, modern system of budgeting which most people can understand, almost everybody can understand, and I think for this he will go down in the annals of the FAO as one of those who contributed greatly to the progress of this Organization.

When I spoke on the podium the other day, I said that Mr. West was one of my examples when I came here and I emulated him, and I am sure that he will continue to be an example to others within the Organization, even to delegates, even though he is no longer a delegate, and that he is a most worthy choice to replace Dr. Ralph Phillips.

I have also noted in the book written by Mr. Phillips about the history of FAO that many of the United Kingdom citizens who have been Deputy Director-General before were knighted and I recommend to the UK delegation that they recommend to the Queen to knight Mr. Edward West.

Mr. Director-General, we support your proposal very much.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

M. ZEIDAN (Liban) (langue originale arabe): M. le Président, je voudrais vous féliciter pour votre élection au poste de Président indépendant de ce Conseil en espérant que les travaux de celui-ci, sous votre autorité, seront couronnés de succès. Nous félicitons également les vice-présidents pour leur élection. Le slogan du jour est que celui qui succède soit aussi bon que celui qui précède.

Au nom de l'ensemble des pays du Proche-Orient, je tiens à remercier le Directeur général pour l'excellent choix qu'il propose. Le Directeur général, en choisissant M. Phillips comme proche collaborateur avait fait le meilleur choix. C'est ainsi qu'aujourd'hui, pour succéder à M. Phillips, il choisit M. West de la même façon brillante. Aujourd'hui nous quitte un monsieur qui est resté un exemple de sincérité et d'intelligence, qui était entré dans cette fonction par la grande porte et qui la quitte aujourd'hui encore plus honoré. Il a brillé lorsqu'il représentait son pays au sein de ce Conseil et nous essayions alors de nous inspirer de sa sagesse, de son éloquence et de sa maturité chaque fois qu'il s'est exprimé devant nous.

Le Directeur général l'avait pressenti pour l'aider dans l'administration de cette Organisation où il a démontré ses grandes capacités de gestion et de direction. Nous l'en remercions.

Monsieur le Président, le temps passe, les hommes passent. Reste cette caravane qui marche toujours de la même façon et voilà que Monsieur West vient aujourd'hui aider à la bonne marche de cette caravane avec un coeur sincère, avec une main tendue toujours vers plus de compréhension et plus d'ouverture vers les autres.

L'Organisation l'a connu comme délégué excellent, puis comme non moins excellent gestionnaire et comme directeur. Le Conseil ainsi que tous les autres organes de l'Organisation lui reconnaissent une grande vision et une grande sagesse. Il sait trouver une situation d'équilibre entre l'efficacité et la souplesse. Il a toujours été un homme de dialogue, d'un dialogue ouvert, subtil et plein d'humour. Il a toujours su renforcer son travail par une grande expérience et démontrant toujours une plus grande volonté, jusqu'à devenir une référence en la matière.

Le Directeur général le récompense en le choisissant comme Directeur général adjoint. Je vous félicite, Monsieur West, et je félicite celui qui vous a choisi faisant, cette fois-ci encore, le meilleur choix.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

M.M. MUKOLWE (Kenya): My delegation is indeed grateful to all previous speakers in favour of the Director-General's proposal of Mr. Edward West; Edward, I may repeat, please, to replace Dr. Ralph Phillips. As for Dr. Phillips, I thank him for a job well done, and I am sure he will not regret it.

As for Mr. West, previous speakers have already given wonderful adjectives, and I do not need to add more adjectives to describe all the qualities that Mr. West has, but from my own experience and my delegation's experience, the intellectual parts of Mr. West, the understanding, the wisdom, the eloquence and personality and above all the humour and wit, as it has been described, are very wonderful attributes that will make this Council and the entire operation of FAO, of course, move forward, and that is what we are here for, and if I may say, the word "cooperation" has already been used, and it is ever used in all our debates, and these are some of the qualities that Mr. West has.

May I say we support entirely the election of Mr. West to take over from this able Dr. Phillips who is leaving us.

G. IJIGU (Ethiopia): The delegation of Socialist Ethiopia wholeheartedly supports the Director-General's proposal that Mr. Edward West be appointed Deputy Director-General. My delegation could have gone into describing the excellent qualities which Mr. West possesses, but since those who spoke before me have done that, I will only reiterate our satisfaction upon this appointment to the post of Deputy Director-General.

M. TRKULJA (Yugoslavia) : I was privileged to be in the Plenary the other day when homage was paid to Dr. Phillips. I privately, of course, expressed my feelings, and I think that while Dr. Phillips is fully aware of the sentiments that I personally and my delegation feel at this particular moment, Ralph Phillips will always be remembered as a profile of competence and integrity, a man who has deeply imprinted himself in the long history of FAO, a man who has been associated with the Organization in various capacities from the very beginning.

Now we want to support enthusiastically the proposal of the Director-General to appoint another able man of enormous capacities, Mr. Edward West, for the post of Deputy Director-General. Here again, I do not need to be long. I am very glad to continue my cooperation with Edward for some time at least and I am more than positive that it is perhaps one of the best choices the Director-General had before him.

I want to congratulate both the Director-General for his choice and Edward West who will take over from Ralph Phillips from the first of next January.

Ms. R. TIRONA (Philippines): Earlier, the Philippine delegation, as the current Chairman of the Asia Group, had the privilege of congratulating you, Mr. Chairman, as the new Independent Chairman of the FAO Council and to express likewise our sentiment on the retirement of Dr. Ralph Phillips as outgoing Deputy Director-General of FAO, as well as to convey our best wishes to Dr. Bukar Shaib of Nigeria as previous Independent Chairman of the FAO Council.

On this occasion, the Philippine delegation is privileged to offer on behalf of the Asia Group felicitations and congratulations on the proposal of the Director-General to appoint Dr. Edward West as Deputy Director-General of FAO, effective January 1, 1982. The Asia Group is confident that Dr. West will prove himself equal to the task. As he is a distinguished FAO luminary and illustrious son of the United Kingdom, we are confident that he will be able to contribute to the further strengthening of the FAO as a world institution in the field of food and agriculture primarily concerned with the twin global objectives of the elimination of hunger and malnutrition. The Asia Group believes that Dr. West

will bring to his new office a wealth of experience and knowledge which will undoubtedly enhance the achievements of the FAO. The Asia Group is happy to welcome Dr. West and to affirm our full support for the realization of the noble objectives of the Organization. We would like to wish Dr. West a meaningful and fruitful assignment as FAO Deputy Director-General.

R.A. SORENSON (United States of America): Earlier this week it was my great honour on behalf of my own country and on behalf of the North American Region to pay tribute to my distinguished countryman, Dr. Ralph Phillips, for the service he rendered to this Organization as its Deputy Director-General. Today again it is my honour on behalf of my country and North America to express our pleasure at the appointment of our friend, Dr. Edward West, as the Deputy Director-General.

A great deal of mention has been made today of Mr. West's vast experience in FAO, his diplomatic skill, his great sense of humour, and his superb sense of tact. I have been a Permanent Representative to FAO during the past two years during which it has been my pleasure to work on the Programme Committee, and I can speak personally of his many skills. I can add also that he is formidable on occasion, but he is magnanimous and gracious, and I consider him a friend. He is from a country which has had its share of problems, like my own, but he is one of our warmest friends, and that epitomizes the relationship we expect to have with Dr. West in his new role.

M. DESSOUKI (Egypt) (original language: Arabic): A few days ago we spoke about a great personality who was leaving us, who has given the Organization the benefit of his long experience. We spoke about Dr. Phillips, the Deputy Director-General, and today we speak about Mr. West with the same esteem, this great personality whose qualities and competence we have been able to appreciate. There can be no doubt that these two great personalities have provided the Director-General with highly valued support and he has been able to choose his Deputy extremely well.

Although we see Mr. Phillips leave with great regret, we now welcome the new Deputy Director-General whose great qualities we know, with the same emotion and the same esteem that we feel for Mr. Phillips. We would like to wish him full success in his new post.

C. MUSZALSKI (Poland): On behalf of the Eastern and socialist countries, I would like to support the proposal of the Director-General to nominate Mr. West as the Deputy Director-General. We know very well Mr. West's qualifications and experience, and therefore we share the opinion that Mr. West will be a very good Deputy Director-General.

Mr. Chairman, allow me once again to express our gratitude and thanks to Dr. Phillips for his work for FAO.

W. A. COCHRANE (New Zealand) : It is a landmark for the Organization, and a very sad moment, to say goodbye to Dr. Ralph Phillips. However, we have been very glad this morning to learn of the fine choice which the Director-General has made for his successor. There have been many eloquent words spoken about Mr. West this morning, and we support them fully.

We are also very impressed to hear the Director-General's full confidence in Mr. West, which is perhaps the best recommendation of all for the nomination for the position. We are sure Mr. West will fully live up to all the words that have been spoken about him this morning.

On behalf of the South-West Pacific Group we fully support the Director-General's suggestion that Mr. West be appointed Deputy Director-General.

K. OULAI (Côte-d'Ivoire): A la suite de tant d'éloges à l'endroit de M. West, vous comprenez que la Côte-d'Ivoire ne peut qu'être brève. Comme les autres orateurs qui nous ont précédés, nous pensons que le choix du Dr. West est bien venu et nous l'appuyons. Nous souhaitons au Dr. West une bonne chance dans ses nouvelles fonctions.



A. CONTE MAROTTA (Italy): First of all, I wish to underline the deep appreciation of my Government for the work done by Mr. Ralph Phillips. I wish him all the best for his future.

I would like also to record the very fine rapport between Mr. Edward West and my Government. Recently Mr. West had a very fruitful meeting with the Italian Parliament to explore all possible means to fight the Third World miseries.

S.P. MUKHERJEE (India): Mr. Chairman, may I say, on behalf of my delegation, that this is an occasion of both happiness and pride, individually and nationally, when you have assumed this office of Chairman of this august body this morning. We wish you a very successful innings.

My delegation extends its felicitations to the three Vice-Chairmen who have been elected.

We are very sad that we shall miss Dr. Phillips from now on. We have great regard for him, and my delegation wishes him a very long and fruitful life. We hope that his association with world organizations in ameliorating the conditions of the poorest will continue with as much vigour as he has shown so far.

My delegation fully endorses and supports the Director-General's choice of Mr. Edward West for this office of Deputy Director-General. Mr. West is known for his vast experience, sympathy for and sensitivity towards the problems of the developing countries. We are sure he will be able to build bridges between the countries. There are differences, but with his competence and professional skill he will be able to orchestrate the symphony of global action and global progress for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition from the face of the earth. Let us hope that during the term of his office we will be able to go very far in achieving that particular goal when, with Dr. Edouard Saouma as Director-General and Mr. Edward West as Deputy Director-General, we are sure that the future of mankind and the future of FAO will be safe in the hands of the two Edwards.

W.A.F. GRABISCH (Germany, Federal Republic of): On behalf of the Western European countries my delegation wishes, regarding the appointment of Mr. West - just to be brief - to echo what has already been stated by the various speakers before me.

In thanking Dr. Phillips for his outstanding services rendered to FAO, we are looking forward now to fruitful cooperation with Mr. West as Deputy Director-General.

K.A. BABIKER (Sudan) (original language Arabic): Mr. Chairman, first of all I would like to tender sincere congratulations from Sudan on your election as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council, and I wish you every success in your new task.

I should also like sincerely to congratulate and to express my very high esteem to Mr. Phillips, wishing him a very happy life.

To Mr. West we would like to offer our congratulations, saying that the Director-General continues to prove to us the quality of his choice. I would like to say how much we feel that today this is a judicious choice. I have heard and learned much of Mr. West's abilities since I have been attending the meetings of FAO; it is nearly ten years now, perhaps even longer, since I have been Permanent Representative of the Sudan. I have once heard it said that Mr. West was a living computer in the financial affairs of this Organization, but I would say he is rather a human being with the capacities of a computer. The Sudanese delegation is very glad to see Mr. West appointed to this post with the same unanimity with which the previous Deputy Director-General was appointed.

C. NTSANE (Lesotho): Mr. Chairman, I wish first to congratulate you on your election to this important position in which you will be guiding the work of the functional arm of the governing body of this Organization. Your task is onerous, and therefore we wish to pledge our full support during the time we are working together. We are thankful for the wisdom of the Director-General in appointing Mr. West as his Deputy. There is no doubt in our minds that there could never be a better combination at this trying time in the most important aspects of world affairs.

We appreciate the kind words of welcome addressed to us new members of this body, and in turn my delegation would like to welcome our contemporaries and wish them godspeed in attempting this unique task of reconciling the world with itself.

Our gratitude goes to the outgoing Chairman of Council for having set the healthy and inspiring mood and tempo for this body as it faces new challenges. In this regard, we pay special tribute to Dr. Ralph Phillips. The new challenges are defined by the new attitudes towards international organizations and international cooperation. We have emerged into a new world in which what were the precious pearls of yesterday - FAO, IFAD and UNDP - are now looked upon as golden rings on the snout of a swine.

The predicament which this Organization and its sisters face is man-made and can only be thwarted by the deeds of men, and those men are sitting right here in this gathering. We implore all to leave no stone unturned by engaging in open, honest and frank talk.

The Director-General and his lieutenants should pluck up courage and render themselves open to constructive criticism and guidance. We in our turn should pluck up courage to accept loyal counsel and service. Plot and counterplot would only lead to total collapse and disruption. It is the responsibility of this body to do justice in the interests and for the sake of humanity, and as we do so we are assured that the lifeblood of this Organization will be with us in the person of the able son of Great Britain, Mr. Edward West.

LIN GAN (China) (original language Chinese): The Chinese delegation would like to add its voice in supporting the proposal made by the Director-General appointing Mr. West as the new Deputy Director-General of FAO. We are confident that Mr. West will surely be worthy of our expectations and will make great contributions to our work.

G. BULA HOYOS (Colombia): No podemos permanecer en silencio porque al Sr. Edward West nos une una larga amistad de más de 15 años, a través de la cual los dos hemos sido colegas en el Consejo y en el Comité del Programa como representantes del Reino Unido y de Colombia. La flexibilidad y las dotes diplomáticas que todos reconocemos en el Sr. West, sin duda están influidas por el hecho de que él, a sus conocimientos técnicos, agrega también las artes de la pintura y del piano que sin duda contribuyen a relajar su mente y su espíritu.

Por el conocimiento personal y directo que tengo del Sr. West, puedo afirmar que es un gran trabajador, un hombre leal y de enorme inteligencia. La delegación de Colombia felicita al Reino Unido por esta merecida escogencia de uno de sus mejores hijos, y al felicitar al Sr. West le ofrecemos nuestra más plena colaboración.

M. S. ZEHNI (Libya) (original language Arabic): Perhaps it is not customary for an Observer to ask for the floor on such an occasion as this. Nevertheless, since we have known Mr. West and have cooperated with him in various fora for quite some time, I would like to associate myself with all those who have spoken about him, particularly since the choice of Mr. West as Deputy Director-General is a decision which is of importance for all of us, the Members of the Council as well as the Observers.

As far as I am concerned I would like to admit that I disagreed with Mr West for the pleasure of having a difference of opinion with him because I could always perceive his acute intelligence, his perspicacity because he appreciates constructive differences of opinion. I also knew that if I readily agreed with him, he would be disappointed.

I am therefore fully convinced that while he is listening to the tributes which are being paid to him and that, listening to all this, he is not entirely happy. We are very glad to note this choice and we are looking forward to cooperating with Mr. West in his new task. We trust that his new function is not going to lessen his artistic activities to which the delegate of Colombia referred.

What really reassures us is that this post has gone from one person for whom we had the greatest respect and friendship, to another person for whom we have the same feelings. We would like to thank the Director-General for having been so wise in his choice.

SYED HASSAN AHMED (Bangladesh): The delegation of Bangladesh fully supports the proposal of the Director-General to appoint Mr. West as Deputy Director-General. Mr. West, as we know, is a man of great ability and confidence, and we feel that the Director-General has made a very good choice. We are quite sure that Mr. West will prove himself equal to the task of replacing Dr. Phillips which by itself would be difficult task indeed. We congratulate Mr. West on his nomination of Deputy Director-General and wish him complete success in his new position.

I should also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Director-General on making such a judicious choice enabling him to have such a good deputy. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the three Vice-Chairmen of this Council who have just been elected. We are sure this august body will be immensely benefited by their contributions.

P. S. McLEAN (United Kingdom): As the Representative of the United Kingdom and a fellow countryman of Edward West, I hope you will allow me to offer my felicitations and sincere good wishes to him on this announcement of his forthcoming appointment which has met clearly with the approval of the whole Council, and for which I would like to express appreciation. As a Deputy Director-General designate of FAO, he is to become the eighth person to hold this high office, and the third citizen of the United Kingdom to do so. This is a great honour to him and to my country and I acknowledge with great appreciation this expression of confidence to a British subject which the Director-General has shown by his decision.

Last month at a ceremony commemorating two other British subjects who had served FAO for many years, I referred to the qualities which have come to characterize international civil servants; and certainly, as has been amply demonstrated by the remarks of many colleagues this morning round this table, Mr. West has himself more than demonstrated these qualities in his many years with FAO. His immense knowledge of this Organization, his dedication to its cause and his absolute conviction in the importance of its work is such that the post of Deputy Director-General could be in no better hands over the next few years.

I note with interest the remarks made by the Libyan Representative. It would be no secret to say that the United Kingdom Representative and the Assistant Director-General for Budget, Programme and Evaluation have not always seen eye to eye on certain matters, yet in the years that I have represented the United Kingdom, I have received unflinching help and courtesy from Edward West; and whenever we have had cause to differ, it has always been with good humour and with mutual respect for each other's point of view.

It would have seemed appropriate to tell a story or a joke on this occasion - providing, of course, that it made no reference to wildlife! - but I confess that nothing which seems apt immediately comes to mind. Inevitably, and perhaps unoriginally, I recall a well-known saying by a prominent English writer which goes something like "East is East and West is --" well, West is surely just West. My memory fails me at times.

However, like my Colombian and Libyan colleagues, I hope Mr. West's new duties will not reduce the time he is able to devote to his undoubted artistic talent, although whether there will be a change of style, - artistically of course, no other way — remains to be seen. Once again, may I offer him my sincere good wishes on his new appointment.

M. SALAMEH (Syria) (Original language Arabic): As Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and in view of these two very important events which have taken place this morning, I would like to congratulate Mr. Edward West as the new Deputy Director-General, and Mr. Swaminathan as the new Independent Chairman of the Council. I would also like to congratulate the Vice-Chairmen. I congratulate all of them for the trust which has been placed in them and for the broadmindedness they have demonstrated. I would like to wish them full success in their work which they will carry out in the service of all the nations and peoples represented in this Organization concerned by its activities.

CHAIRMAN: I think, distinguished Members of the Council, there have been more than adequate expressions of support to the proposal submitted by the Director-General to fill the vacancy which will be caused by the retirement of Dr. Phillips. I will therefore now call upon the Secretary to read a formal Resolution which, if you approve it, we will adopt, concerning the appointment of Mr. Edward West.

SECRETARY-GENERAL:

DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF MR. EDWARD M. WEST TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

THE COUNCIL

Noting the decision of the Director-General to appoint Edward M. West to fill as from 1 January 1982 the vacancy created by the retirement of Ralph W. Phillips, and

Being aware of Edward M. West's wide experience and familiarity with the affairs and activities of the Organization,

1. Confirms the appointment of Edward M. West to the Office of Deputy Director-General of the Organization in accordance with the terms of Rule XXXIX-1 of the General Rules of the Organization; and
2. Conveys to Edward M. West its satisfaction at his acceptance of the post.

Resolution adopted by acclamation

La résolution est adoptée par acclamation

Se adopta la resolución por aclamación

CHAIRMAN: Now that we have adopted this Resolution by unanimous acclamation, may I also add a few words. First of all, may I congratulate you, Mr. Director-General, on your choice. It is very obvious that from the unanimous and overwhelming support given here, that you have the same wavelength as the Members of the Council and we wish you great success in having an able colleague who has your trust.

Secondly, may I on behalf of the members of the Council say a word of congratulations to Mrs. West, whom I'm happy to see in the audience. You will all agree that for the many things which have been said about Mr. West, the success of a man to a very great extent depends on the support of a woman, and therefore we should like to offer to Mrs. West our sincere congratulations on the way in which she has been able to give support to her husband.

Thirdly, to Mr. Edward West; I have had the privilege of knowing during the last 15 years successive Deputy Directors-General, Mr. Oris-Wells, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Ralph Philipps and now Mr. West. I can say without hesitation that he will fill the role, this line of succession of a very eminent people.

You all refer to the many qualities of head and heart, of his combination of wit and wisdom and many other things have been spoken of. I think we can go on speaking about him, those who have had the privilege of knowing him. All I would like to say is that as your Chairman I would like to add my words of congratulations to him and best wishes. The distinguished Representative of the United Kingdom stopped by saying, "East is East, and West is West". Those of you who know the original Kipling, it goes on to say that the twain shall never meet but here is a West who is going to make an exception. He will build bridges between East and West, North and South, and everywhere and he and the Director-General together should make an outstanding combination and therefore once again I should like to congratulate the Director-General on his choice, Mr. West on his appointment, and also the Council should be proud to have such a team.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: Mr. Chairman, your predecessor, Dr. Bukar Shaib, quite rightly said this morning that the speeches had been made so I do not intend to burden you with another. I would only like on this very happy occasion to say three things. First, of course, I would like to express my thanks to all those who have taken note here of such services I have been able to render to FAO over the years. I appreciate their remarks very much.

Secondly, regarding FAO itself I would just like to leave a thought. It is I believe inherent in human affairs that they grow ever more complex; that applies both to relations between individuals and between and among countries. The problems that the world faces in the field of food and agriculture are not going to go away, they are going to be with us in varying degrees for a long time. Governments set up FAO 36 years ago in order to provide a mechanism to help them deal more effectively with those problems. If the Organization were suddenly to disappear through some magic governments would, I believe, have to set about devising something very similar to replace it. In other words, it is an essential part of the world scene if there is to be effective treatment of the problems the world faces in the agricultural and food fields. I would therefore recommend to all FAO Member Governments that they set about finding more effective ways of utilizing it, for the benefit of all their peoples in all countries.

My final point relates to my successor, Mr. West. I congratulate him most heartily on the appointment. I should perhaps add a few felicitations because he will have some headaches that he has not encountered in his present post but I am sure he can deal with them all most adequately. I agree fully with all the words of praise that have been voiced around the table and would only wish him the best of luck as he undertakes to prepare himself to move into this new assignment.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

CHAIRMAN: Finally, of course, after having heard all this we should give the floor to Mr. West himself

E.M. WEST (Assistant Director-General, Office of Programme, Budget and Evaluation): Mr. Chairman, I take this opportunity of also offering my congratulations to you and to say how happy I will be to have the opportunity of working with you in the next few years.

This is a very proud and emotional moment for me. The Director-General, with your consent, has conferred upon me what I truly regard as a great honour and privilege, to continue serving FAO in future as Deputy Director-General.

It is very gratifying to me that the Director-General's choice has been received so well by spokesmen on behalf of all the regional groupings at this Council and by individuals. I am extremely grateful to you for the very kind things you have said to me today.

I would like to say that I am proud to be a citizen of my country and also to have served it in government for 23 years. The training and experience I had were invaluable in equipping me for the tasks I have carried out in these last 12 intensive and exciting years in FAO. I would like to say that since I first came in contact with FAO, I considered the continual spectacle of millions of people suffering from cruel and destructive hunger and malnutrition to be humanly unacceptable, and accordingly FAO's mission to be supremely important. The ideal of international cooperation to rid the world of this cruel phenomenon and to ensure world peace and stability for our children and our grandchildren became overwhelmingly convincing to me. So did the role and competence of FAO, which in the last six years has been firmly re-established as first and foremost in the scale of global priorities and of international institutions.

FAO's contributions to solving the world food problem may seem relatively small and unimportant to some large and rich countries, but I know from deep and detailed experience how important it is, qualitatively and, in certain areas and sub-sectors, quantitatively.

In short, I have come to realise more and more what a unique and vital contribution to world development and peace FAO makes. And I am all the more happy to be placed in a position in which I can try even more to make my small and humble contribution through continued service to FAO, supported by the international community.

In doing so, I hope I will be able to benefit from the example given by former Deputy Directors-General. I have in mind particularly those whom I have known personally and whose official comradeship and personal friendship I have had the good fortune to enjoy. I refer particularly to Oris Wells, Roy Jackson and Ralph Phillips, who each taught me something different and valuable.

Ralph Phillips deserves a very special word. I humbly subscribe to the very fine tributes he has received in the Conference and here. I have known him since my earliest contacts with FAO. He was already then a most respected veteran of FAO Conferences and meetings. I was very fortunate because, owing to alphabetical fate, his country's seat was often next to mine. Then we were neighbours in the Programme Committee, and finally in the last few years at this rostrum. I have been able to benefit deeply from Ralph's vast knowledge of FAO, his tolerance, his courtesy, and his kindness. My wife and I also greatly treasured our friendship with his dear wife, Mary, whose loss we all share. Thank you, Ralph.

I should also like to thank my colleagues and, in particular my own staff, who have collaborated in and helped me so greatly in my work, as well as giving me pleasure in their friendship.

The same applies to the very many delegates and Permanent Representatives and yourselves here today who have given me their comprehension, their support, and friendship over the years in Committees, Council and Conference.

These friendships among people of all cultures, which are especially characteristic of FAO, have formed a rich and valuable strand in the life of myself and my wife - to whom I owe so much - in FAO and in Rome.

Finally, Mr Chairman, I should like to say a few words about what has been really crucial in my life within FAO in the last six years. What I am about to say is very far indeed from a conventional expression of gratitude or admiration. I feel it very deeply and sincerely.

I have had the great privilege over the last six years of working very closely with the Director-General. It is for you, not for me, to judge his performance. And you have done so at the Conference, very decisively and very unambiguously.

I would, however, like to presume upon this moment to say that I have also been able to see the Director-General at work internally in the exercise of each of his responsibilities and functions. I have seen him dealing with great policy issues and, with the smallest financial or personnel details. I have seen him being strong, determined and courageous; and also comprehending, pragmatic, and flexible.

I have also seen the extent of his self-knowledge, his knowledge and love of all aspects of civilization and the arts of all cultures, his tremendous sense of humour, his sensitivity, and his deep compassion for those in difficulty, not only for the faceless masses of the poor and hungry, but also for individual delegates and the humblest members of FAO's staff.

In all my experience, I have never before served anyone so dedicated, industrious, courageous, brilliant, human, and inspiring.

I am certain that with Mr Saouma's continued leadership, FAO will continue to go from strength to strength. Even if there may be some difficult and testing times ahead, he will ensure that FAO comes through it even more vital, more efficient, and stronger than ever with your full support.

I am therefore greatly honoured to be chosen by Mr. Saouma as his Deputy and I shall do my best to be worthy of his choice and of the very heartwarming support you have so generously given to me today. Thank you, Mr. Director-General. Thank you all.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

II. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

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II. ELECCIÓN DE COMITES

3. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Programme Committee (CL 81/2; CL 81/LIM/1)

3. Election du Président et des membres du Comité du Programme (CL 81/2; CL 81/LIM/1)

3. Elección del Presidente y miembros del Comité del Programa (CL 81/2; CL 81/LIM/1)

CHAIRMAN: We now proceed with the other items on our Agenda. The Members of the Council will observe that Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 relate to elections. According to General Rule XII.9 (a) a secret ballot is not required when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of vacancies. I would therefore like to suggest for your consideration that we proceed with the election for those positions where there is no need for a ballot. These are Chairman of the Programme Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and five Members of the CFA. If it meets with your approval I would suggest that we proceed first with the election of the Chairman of the Programme Committee. We have a single nomination, Mr. Milan Trkulja from Yugoslavia who has also been chairing the Programme Committee earlier. I take it that it is the wish of the Council to declare Mr. Trkulja unanimously elected as Chairman of the Programme Committee.

Elected by acclamation

Elu par acclamation

Elegido por aclamación

M. TRKULJA (Yugoslavia) : I could not but express my deep gratitude to the Council for renewing their confidence in me. For me personally it is indeed a very great honour and privilege. I wish to pledge to you, Mr. Chairman, and the Council that I will spare no effort to create an informal, friendly and constructive atmosphere in the Committee, an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect, for I believe that such an atmosphere is an essential prerequisite for the success of our common endeavour.

I want also to pledge to do my best to continue the constructive and harmonious relationship with the Director-General and his very able team, for again I firmly believe that mutual confidence and respect between the Committee and the Director-General is also essential for our common cause.

Finally, I would like to address you, Mr. Chairman, to congratulate you on your unanimous election to the very important post of Independent Chairman of the Council and to pledge to you my full loyalty, I will do whatever I can to cooperate closely with you and follow your advice.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

B. SHAI B (Nigeria): I just want to say a few words about the good decision we have just made to elect Professor Trkulja as Chairman of the Programme Committee, I have worked with Professor Trkulja as a Member of the Programme Committee and later on as Chairman of the Programme Committee and I as Independent Chairman of the Council,

Professor Trkulja has been extremely hardworking and he has a tremendous capacity to see quickly very complex issues and this has helped, especially when he came to explain to Council the decisions of the Programme Committee which, as you know, are most important. For this I would like to thank him very much because he has made the work of this Council seem very easy, but, in fact he has put in hours and hours of work in reading all the documents and bringing up what his Committee has done. Therefore the Council is very fortunate that he has agreed to serve again, I congratulate him and wish him a good term of office in his appointment.

CHAIRMAN: We are grateful to Professor Trkulja for accepting this position.

4. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee

4. Election du Président et des membres du Comité financier

4. Elección del Presidente y miembros del "Comité de Finanzas

CHAIRMAN: Shall we now proceed with the election of Chairman of the Finance Committee, a very important Committee of the Council. You will have seen from document CL 81/LIM/2 that we have a single nomination, Mr. D.H.J. Abeyagoonasekera from Sri Lanka. I take it this has the approval of the Council, the election of Mr. Abeyagoonasekera as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Elected by acclamation

Elu par acclamation

Elegido por aclamación

D.H.J. ABEYAGOONASEKERA (Sri Lanka): May I congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your appointment to the prestigious post of Independent Chairman of the Council. As you know, Sri Lanka was a Member of the Council for the last six years and we have had the good fortune to meet you on several occasions in regional conferences as well as in the conferences held in Rome.

I consider the offering of this prestigious post of Chairman of the Finance Committee, which has been so generously offered to Sri Lanka, as a great honour to my country as well as to myself.

I have served on the Finance Committee for the last two years. It has been a most rewarding experience, and I have no hesitation in saying that all the members of the Finance Committee gave me their fullest cooperation as a member of the Committee. I have no doubt that in the very responsible task of Chairman, I will continue to receive the same degree of cooperation and assistance from the members who will be elected to the Finance Committee, and of course from you, Mr. Chairman, as well as the Director-General, to carry out my duties honourably, responsibly and with the fullest of confidence.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

### III. WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

### III. PROGRAMME ALIMENTAIRE MONDIAL

### III. PROGRAMA MUNDIAL DE ALIMENTOS

6. Election of Five Members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes
6. Election de cinq membres du Comité des politiques et programmes d'aide alimentaire
6. Elección de los cinco miembros del Comité de Políticas Y Programas de Ayuda Alimentaria

CHAIRMAN: We can now proceed with the consideration of the proposal for the election of five members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. I draw your attention to document CL 81/LIM/4. You will find from this document that five Members Nations, Brazil, Congo, Mali, The Netherlands, and Thailand, have been nominated to the position of five of the members to be nominated to this Committee. I therefore deem it that the nomination of these five countries, Brazil, Congo, Mali, The Netherlands, and Thailand, as five members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes meets with your approval.

Elected by acclamation

Elu par acclamation

Elegido por aclamación

CHAIRMAN: We can now proceed with the rest of the elections and I call upon the Secretary to explain the position.

- II. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES (continued)
- II. ELECTION AUX COMITES (suite)
- II. ELECCION DE COMITES (continuación)
3. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Programme Committee (continued)
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4. Election du Président et des membres du Comité financier (suite)
4. Elección del Presidente y miembros del Comité de Finanzas (continuación)

LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL: Le vote commencera par celui des membres du Comité du programme. Les indications sont contenues dans le document CL 81/2 et la liste des candidats figure à la page 2 du même document et sur les feuilles de vote est indiquée la manière de cocher les noms des candidats pour



lesquels vous avez marqué votre préférence. Les isolements pour les votes se trouvent à la gauche de la tribune en sortant de cette salle et les scrutateurs vous seront mentionnés tout à l'heure par le Président du Conseil... Je me reprends, il s'agit des deux élections ensemble: Comité du Programme et des Finances. Mais je crois que le Sénégal demande la parole.

S. AIDARA (Observateur pour le Sénégal): Je m'excuse très sincèrement auprès du Secrétariat de devoir l'interrompre mais c'est simplement pour faciliter nos travaux.

Il y a une délégation qui, au cours d'une réunion importante du Groupe des 77, avait retiré sa candidature pour permettre d'avoir le même nombre de candidats que de sièges au niveau du Comité du programme. Il s'agit de la Guinée qui pourrait éventuellement confirmer ici ce retrait. Malheureusement, cette annonce, qui avait été faite au niveau du Groupe des 77, n'a pas été faite au niveau du Secrétariat si bien que dans le document qui nous est soumis CL 81/LIM/1 la candidature de la Guinée figure toujours. Je sais que mon ami de la Guinée a fait parvenir ce matin une rapide note au Secrétariat. Je ne sais pas si celui-ci a reçu cette note concernant le retrait de la candidature guinéenne. Si cela a été fait, je crois que l'on pourrait procéder, comme pour les membres du Comité des politiques et programmes d'aide alimentaire, à l'élection des membres du Comité du programme, par acclamation certainement. Cela ne nécessiterait pas de passer au scrutin étant donné que nous avons le même nombre de candidats que de sièges.

Puisque j'ai la parole, j'en profite pour vous présenter mes félicitations et vous dire que la délégation du Sénégal ne manquera pas de vous apporter son appui pour la tâche qui vous est confiée.

CHAIRMAN: Is the Representative of Guinea here? Yes, please, can you take the floor?

S.M. CAMARA (Guinée): Effectivement nous confirmons ce que vient de dire le délégué du Sénégal; la Guinée a eu à retirer sa candidature.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Now, if members of the Council would consult document CL 81/LIM/1 relating to the Programme Committee, you will see we have already elected the Chairman, under the nominations for the eight seats from Africa, Asia, Near East and Latin America, we have nine nominations but with the withdrawal of Guinea there are only eight names for eight positions.

The Legal Counsel says it will be quite in order to elect the eight candidates, since the number of vacancies and the number of candidates are the same, so if we have your approval, we will elect the eight countries and their representatives as Members of the Programme Committee to represent Africa, Asia, Latin America and Near East. I guess it has your approval.

Elected by acclamation

Elu par acclamation

Elegido por aclamación

CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Senegal, for simplifying the procedure.

Then we have for the regions of Europe, North America and Southwest Pacific, France, Sweden, and the United States of America, but we have already elected Professor Trkulja from Yugoslavia, who also belongs to this region, as the Chairman, and since the membership is restricted to eleven, we will have to select two out of these three, France, Sweden and the United States of America. The Secretary has just explained the position relating to balloting.

I will now request him to continue the explanation with reference to the election to the Finance Committee.

LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL: Il n'y a pas d'explications supplémentaires à donner. Toutes les informations sont contenues dans le document C 81/2 et les conditions de vote sont également indiquées sur les feuilles de vote avec le nom des candidats. Il suffira simplement de procéder, comme nous l'avons fait durant la Conférence. Comme je l'ai dit, les isolements se trouvent à la gauche de la tribune en sortant de la salle.

CHAIRMAN: I believe the position is clear. You will find from document CL 81/LIM/2 the names of the countries from the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and Near East. One is extra in this region because Sri Lanka has already been elected as Chairman, and then from Europe, North America and Southwest Pacific.

I would request the delegate of Cape Verde, Ireland, Norway and Sudan to serve as tellers.

S.V. HAGEN (Norway): Mr. Chairman, I would be very glad to serve as a teller, but I am alone in my delegation for the time being and then I will not be able to vote, so could you please suggest another country.

CHAIRMAN: Would any other country like to offer? We already have Cape Verde, Ireland and Sudan. We would want some other delegation which is not involved which has an extra member. Venezuela? No. Thank you, we will then have Zambia.

Vote

Vote

Votación

5. Election of the Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

5. Election des membres du Comité des questions constitutionnelles et juridiques

5. Elección de los miembros del Comité de Asuntos Constitucionales y Jurídicos

CHAIRMAN: While the counting is in progress I suggest we proceed with item 5, which is also an election. If you look at document CL 81/LIM/3, the Election of the Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, against 7 positions there are 9 nominations: El Salvador, Hungary, Italy, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America. The members of the Council will again have to go through the processes of electing, and I suggest we complete this work now and then adjourn for lunch, because it will take about 45 minutes before we know the results of the counting.

Vote

Vote

Votación

The meeting rose at 12.15 hours

La séance est levée à 12 h 15

Se levanta la sesión a las 12.15 horas

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SECOND PLenary MEETING  
DEUXIEME SEANCE PLENIERE  
SEGUNDA SESION PLENARIA

(26 November 1981)

The Second Plenary Meeting was opened at 15.15 hours,  
M.S. Swaminathan, Independent Chairman of the Council, presiding

La Deuxième séance plénière est ouverte à 15 h 15 sous  
la présidence de M.S. Swaminathan, Président indépendant du Conseil

Se abre la segunda sesión plenaria a las 15.15 horas, bajo la  
presidencia de M.S. Swaminathan, Presidente Independiente del Consejo

CHAIRMAN: I will first call upon the Secretary to read out the results of the ballots held this morning.

LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL: Les résultats du vote de ce matin sont les suivants

- II. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES (continued)
- II. ELECTION AUX COMITES (suite)
- II. ELECCION DE COMITES (continuación)
- 5. Election of the Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (continued)
- 5. Election des Membres du Comité des questions constitutionnelles et juridiques (suite)
- 5. Elección de los miembros del Comité de Asuntos Constitucionales y Jurídicos (continuación)

REPORT OF BALLOT RESULTAT DU SCRUTIN RESULTADO DE LA VOTACION	No. 1	COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS COMITE DES QUESTIONS CONSTITUTIONNELLES ET JURIDIQUES COMITE DE ASUNTOS CONSTITUCIONALES Y JURIDICOS
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1. Ballot papers issued Bulletins distribués Papeletas distribuidas	49
2. Defective ballots Bulletins nuls Papeletas defectuosas	0
3. Abstentions Abstentions Abstenciones	0

4. Valid ballots Bulletins valables Papeletas validas	49
5. Seats to be filled Sièges à pourvoir Puestos que hay que cubrir	7
6. Votes cast Suffrages exprimés Votos emitidos	49

7. Majority Majorite Mayoria	25
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Elected - Elus - Elegidos		Not Elected - Pas Elus - No Elegidos	
ITALY	46	EL SALVADOR	32
NIGERIA	45	NICARAGUA	31
PHILIPPINES	42		
SWITZERLAND	42		
HUNGARY	36		
UNITED KINGDOM	35		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	34		

Tellers/Scrutateurs/Escuradores

A.R. Pires (Cape Verde)

A.A. Khalil (Sudan)

Signature .....  
Firma

Signature .....  
Firma

26 November 1981

Date .....  
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B. Linley

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Elections Officer  
Fonctionnaire electoral  
El oficial de elecciones

- 3. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Programme Committee (continued)
- 3. Election du Président et des membres du Comité du Programme (suite)
- 3. Elección del Presidente y miembros del Comité del Programa (continuación)

REPORT OF BALLOT RESULTAT DU SCRUTIN RESULTADO DE LA VOTACION	No. 1	PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (Europe, North America, Southwest Pacific) COMITE DU PROGRAMME (Europe, Amérique du Nord, Pacifique du Sud-Ouest) COMITE DEL PROGRAMA (Europa, América del Norte, Pacífico Sudoccidental)
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1. Ballot papers issued Bulletins distribués Papeletas distribuidas	49
2. Defective ballots Bulletins nuls Papeletas defectuosas	1
3. Abstentions Abstentions Abstenciones	-

4. Valid ballots Bulletins valables Papeletas válidas	48
5. Seats to be filled Sieges à pourvoir Puestos que hay que cubrir	2
6. Votes cast Suffrages exprimés Votos emitidos	48

7. Majority Majorite Mayoría	25
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Elected - Elus - Elegidos		Not Elected - Pas Elus - No Elegidos	
FRANCE	36	SWEDEN	25
USA	35		

Tellers/Scrutateurs/Escrutadores

B.O.M. Chiyabwe  
(ZAMBIA)  
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P.O'Donoghue  
(IRELAND)  
Signature .....  
Firma .....

F. Rossano  
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Elections Officer  
Fonctionnaire électoral  
El oficial de elecciones

4. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee (continued)  
 4. Election du Président et des membres du Comité financier (suite)  
 4. Elección del Presidente y miembros del Comité de Finanzas (continuación)

REPORT OF BALLOT	No.  1	FINANCE COMMITTEE (Africa, Asia and Pacific, Near East, Latin America)
RESULTAT DU SCRUTIN		COMITE FINANCIER (Afrique, Asie et Pacifique, Proche-Orient, Amérique Latine)
RESULTADO DE LA VOTACION		COMITE DE FINANZAS (Africa, Asia y Pacífico, Cercano Oriente, América Latina)

1. Ballot papers issued Bulletins distribués Papeletas distribuidas	49
2. Defective ballots Bulletins nuls Papeletas defectuosas	3
3. Abstentions Abstentions Abstenciones	1

4. Valid ballots Bulletins valables Papeletas validas	45
5. Seats to be filled Sieges à pourvoir Puestos que hay que cubrir	5
6. Votes cast Suffrages exprimés Votos emitidos	45

7. Majority Majorité Mayoría	23
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Elected - Elus - Elgidos		Not Elected - Pas Elus - No Elgidos	
PERU	41	BENIN	26
PANAMA	40		
SENEGAL	40		
GHANA	37		
SAUDI ARABIA	36		

Tellers/Scrutateurs/Escurtadores

Signature .....  
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 B.O.M. Chiyabwe  
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REPORT OF BALLOT	No.	FINANCE COMMITTEE (Europe, North America, Southwest Pacific)
RESULTAT DU SCRUTIN		COMITE FINANCIER (Europe, Amérique du Nord, Pacifique du Sud-Ouest)
RESULTADO DE LA VOTACION		COMITE DE FINANZAS (Europa, América del Norte, Pacífico Sudoccidental)

1. Ballot papers issued Bulletins distribués Papeletas distribuidas	49
2. Defective ballots Bulletins nuls Papeletas defectuosas	5
3. Abstentions Abstentions Abstenciones	1

4. Valid ballots Bulletins valables Papeletas válidas	43
5. Seats to be filled Sièges à pourvoir Puestos que hay que cubrir	3
6. Votes cast Suffrages exprimés Votos emitidos	43

7. Majority Majorite Mayoría	22
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Elected - Elus - Elègidos		Not Elected - Pas Elus - No Elegidos	
CANADA	34	ITALY	19
AUSTRALIA	32		
<u>TIED</u>			
GERMANY	22		
GREECE	22		

Tellers/Scrutateurs/Escrutadores

Signature .....  
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B.O.M. Chiyabwe  
(ZAMBIA)

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LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL : Je disais donc que "si à un stade quelconque de l'élection il est impossible de pourvoir un ou plusieurs des postes vacants par suite d'un partage de voix égal entre plusieurs candidats, il est procédé à un tour de scrutin distinct, conformément aux dispositions de l'alinéa de l'Article XII du Règlement général pour savoir qui sera élu. Cette procédure se répète autant de fois que nécessaire."

CHAIRMAN : I will recapitulate the results which have just been announced. We have completed the composition of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, with Italy, Nigeria, Philippines, Switzerland, Hungary, United Kingdom and the United States as Members. I want to congratulate the Members of this Committee and thank them also for offering, because this is a labour of love, and we are grateful to El Salvador and Nicaragua also for offering to help in this Committee.

The composition of the Programme Committee is now complete. We elected Professor Milan Trkulja as Chairman, and Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, India, Kuwait, Libya, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, France and the United States. I would again like to congratulate the Chairman and Members of this Committee, which is a considerably important one. We are looking forward to their guidance in the course of the Council.

With regard to the Finance Committee, we already have a Chairman, Mr. D.H.J. Abeyagoonasekera of Sri-Lanka, and Ghana, Panama, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Senegal as well as Australia and Canada. We have a tie between Germany and Greece and we will have to take a call again.

G. BULA HOYOS (Colombia): Antes de concluir la elección de los miembros del Comité de Finanzas, permítanme una palabra sobre un colega y amigo querido que cuenta con la simpatía del Consejo y también del Director General y sus colaboradores, Mossem Bel Hadj Amor ex-Presidente del Comité de Finanzas.

La delegación de Colombia propone que en la parte de nuestro informe sobre la elección de Presidente y Miembros del Comité de Finanzas, se incluya un párrafo de reconocimiento a la excelente labor cumplida por Bel Hadj Amor en varios períodos como Presidente del Comité de Finanzas.

Applause

Applaudissements

Aplausos

C. BATAULT (France): Mon ami Bula Hoyos m'a volé le microphone parce qu'il a dit exactement ce que je voulais dire et je l'en remercie.

CHAIRMAN: I would also like to associate myself with the tribute to Mr. Bel Hadj Amor for the outstanding work that he has done.

Coming back to the completion of the composition of the Finance Committee, I suggest that we first deal with the other items on the Agenda, and then go back to the balloting to resolve the tie.

IV. OTHER MATTERS (continued)

IV. QUESTIONS DIVERSES (suite)

IV. OTROS ASUNTOS (continuación)

7. Calendar of 1982-83 Sessions of the Council and of those Bodies which Report to the Council

7. Calendrier 1982-1983 des sessions du Conseil et des organes qui lui font rapport

7. Calendario para 1982-83 de los períodos de sesiones del Consejo y de los órganos que le rinden informes

CHAIRMAN: The document concerned gives the provisional calendar of 1982-83 Sessions of the Council and those Bodies which report to the Council.

Of course, Council Members are aware that the General Conference has already taken a decision about the Conference dates: 5-24 November 1983.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: I think I need say only very little about this because the proposals are self-evident. This schedule has been arrived at after very careful thought and planning within the House, taking into account the desires of Member Governments who might be hosting various meetings, particularly the regional conferences, taking into account the Director-General's schedule, the schedule of the senior staff who would be involved in the respective meetings, and also of course anticipating what the decision of the Conference might be regarding its next Session, and then of course, scheduling the pre-Conference and post-Conference sessions of the Council in the usual manner in relation to that. So it is a bit like a chess board; if you try to move one piece on it, then you upset some other part of the board. So by and large we express the hope that the Council will find it acceptable because, as I say, it has involved a great deal of planning and negotiation to get it to what we think is a fairly well-balanced stage.

CHAIRMAN: Shall we adopt this calendar? As you will see, the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 22 November to 3 December 1982. Then we adopt this calendar for the 1982-83 Session.

It was so decided

Il en est ainsi décidé

Así se acuerda

8. Any other Business (continued)

8. Autres questions (suite)

8. Otros asuntos (continuación)

- Site of the Ninth World Forestry Congress, 1984
- Lieu du neuvième Congrès forestier mondial, 1984
- Lugar del Noveno Congreso Forestal Mundial, en 1984

CHAIRMAN: I mentioned this morning that we would take up two items here. One we have already completed, the appointment of the Deputy Director-General, and we have passed a resolution supporting the Director-General's decision to appoint Mr. West. The next point is the site of the Ninth Forestry Congress 1984. I request the Director-General to introduce this topic.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: The previous Session of the Council which was held on 3 November has already discussed this subject.

The Council had noted that three countries — India, Mexico and Philippines — had offered to host the Ninth Forestry Congress which is to be held in 1984.

After some discussion in the Council, it was decided that the Director-General should invite the Ministers of the countries concerned to consult on this matter while they attended the Conference.

The Council expressed a wish to decide at this Session about the site of the next World Forestry Congress.

The three countries are Members of the Council, Mr. Chairman, and you may wish to invite them to inform the Council on the outcome of the consultations which took place.

A. JUAN MARCOS ISSA (Mexico); Tal y como lo acordó el Consejo pasado, se reunieron los tres ministros involucrados en estos asuntos de los países de la India, Filipinas y Mexico, y después de intercambiar opiniones e ideas y manifestar el interés de cada país por ser la sede del próximo Congreso Forestal Mundial, los tres ministros acordaron presentar ante este Consejo la siguiente idea que espero transmitir fiel y objetivamente.

Primero, que consideraban que los congresos forestales dada la importancia en la materia y en la importancia de los propios congresos, se realizaban con intervalos de tiempo demasiado largos, por lo cual sugerían la conveniencia de que estos congresos forestales fueran celebrados con una periodicidad mayor, de preferencia cada dos o tres años.

Segundo, con respecto al proximo Congreso Forestal Mundial, consideraron que sería en México, pero que el siguiente Congreso el de 1984, fuese celebrado en alguno de los países restantes que han ofrecido la sede; y que el siguiente Congreso fuese celebrado en el país restante de los tres que han ofrecido ser sede.

Esto fue lo que los tres ministros involucrados pudieron convenir, y creo reflejar fielmente lo que acordaron los tres ministros.

J. VALERIO (Philippines): Pursuant to the decision of the 80th FAO Council Session that the matter of the Ninth World Forestry Congress be referred to the Ministers concerned of India, Mexico and Philippines for consultation and the results of consultation be reported during this FAO Council Session the three Ministers concerned had a friendly consultation.

Allow me to reiterate our decision on this subject. We believe that the problems of forestry are vital and crucial to development, so that these problems be dealt with in the world forestry congresses within a shorter interval than the usual six years. While we are aware that this Council's terms of reference do not include the determination of the intervals between world forestry congresses, we just want to have this noted and transmitted to the next World Forestry Congress for consideration.

As a result of the consultations of the three Ministers concerned, the Philippines supports that Mexico host the Ninth World Forestry Congress, and we would like to offer that the Philippines host the Tenth World Forestry Congress. We believe that this is a reasonable arrangement because of the consideration of the principle of rotation and the fact that the Philippines has never hosted a world forestry congress before, document CL 80/10.

Allow me on behalf of my Government to reiterate the offer of facilities and accommodation for the Tenth World Forestry Congress. We would like to request that this Council takes note and gives due consideration to this proposal.

The Philippine Government affirms its readiness and availability to provide everything necessary to maintain the high standards set at previous congresses. This includes a special financing arrangement for experts and students from developing countries to attend the congress and the full cost of any assistance necessary from FAO for the preparation and conduct of the congress, including any assistance after the congress in order to finalize the proceedings.

I would like to reiterate also the assurance of the availability of the premises, facilities and accommodation for the Tenth World Forestry Congress.

Furthermore, the Philippines as a site for various regional, sub-regional and bilateral matters supports an intensive national afforestation programme and can be the administrative site for forestry programmes and forestry situations mostly similar to those of the developing world, especially in Asia and Africa.

It is the hope of my Government that to host the Tenth World Forestry Congress in the Philippines after the Ninth Congress in Mexico will provide FAO Member Nations with a rewarding and meaningful experience and the Tenth World Food Congress can therefore contribute to the continuing success of these endeavours.

To summarize the Philippines proposals to this Council: first, we wish to propose that this Council notes and transmits to the next World Forestry Congress for consideration the proposal for shortening the interval between forestry congresses; and secondly, the Philippines delegation strongly supports that Mexico should host the Ninth World Forestry Congress. The Philippine Government will be pleased and will appreciate it very much if this Council will take note and give due consideration to the offer of the Philippines to host the Tenth World Forestry Congress.

S.P. MUKHERJEE (India): My delegation would like to make one or two points clear before this august House. First, when we received some communication from FAO we were under the impression that there was no other country in the field and perhaps reference had been made to us as one country for offering its preparedness to host this congress. On that basis we offered very gladly and happily to host this congress. As you know, our Prime Minister herself is very keen on forestry considerations, social forestry, and so on. It was in that light that we felt it to be a privilege and an honour to offer our hospitality for the Ninth World Forestry Congress. But later on when it came to our notice that other countries had also made similar offers the Minister's meeting was held here, as enjoined by the

previous meeting of the full FAO Council and my country's stand is that the question of which country would offer hospitality for the Ninth World Forestry Congress should not at all - I repeat, not at all - be a bone of contention or unhappiness among us. So I would not therefore insist that this should be taken to the stage of a controversy. But we always offer our hospitality for anything connected with forestry, and wherever this forestry congress may be held our Government will give the fullest support to the deliberations and participation in that congress.

We would however like to reiterate what has been said earlier, that perhaps the Council may consider compressing the period between two congress meetings so that a larger number of countries is able to host these congresses and incidentally thereby arouse a state of consciousness for forest conservation in a greater number of countries.

Ms. SAODAH SJAHRUDDIN (Indonesia): With due regard to the principle of rotation, my delegation is happy to state that Indonesia supports the offer made by the Mexican Government to host the Ninth World Forestry Congress, and taking into account the result of the consultation reached by the three governments concerned. We hope that this House, the Council, takes note with sympathy of the offer made by the delegation of the Philippines.

J.L. TAMAYO-RIGAIL (Ecuador): Solamente para manifestar a usted que el Grupo Latinoamericano ha decidido apoyar plenamente a que México acoja al Noveno Congreso Forestal Mundial.

DATUK AHMAD YUNUS (Malaysia): The Malaysian delegation welcomes the result of the consultations between the three Ministers in shortening the period between the congresses, and in favouring Mexico to be the host of the 9th World Forestry Congress.

We hope the Council will take note of the proposal made by the Philippines to host the 10th Congress in the Philippines.

CHAIRMAN: Distinguished members of the Council, it is clear now there is a unanimous view that Mexico should be the venue of the 9th Forestry Congress.

There are two other associated issues which have been mentioned. First, instead of six years between congresses, the time should be shorter. Two or three years were mentioned by the Philippines, but all here who are concerned with professional congresses will know that this is a decision to be taken by the congress. As the Director-General informs me, the Congress authorities have just referred to FAO about the venue; as you know, FAO only helps them. The Congress authorities in certain services as a tribute to the FAO and its forestry division state that the World Forestry Congress is utilizing its services on payment. Therefore first we take the decision that we recommend Mexico as the venue for the 1984 Congress.

The second point, about the shorter duration, we can certainly forward the views of the members to the Congress authorities for appropriate action on the 84th Congress.

Regarding the 10th Congress, it is for the next Congress in Mexico to take a decision. We are grateful for the offer of the Philippines. In fact I know in the case of several international congresses there are very few takers because of the expenses and other difficulties involved. It is a tribute to forestry as a science that there are so many different people competing to be hosts to the Congress. We wish to express our thanks and we are grateful to all those who have come forward.

So we recommend Mexico and remit the other issues to the World Forestry Congress.

A.C. NGONG NAMANGA (Cameroon): Your summation took part of my fears away! I welcome the offer to sponsor the next Forestry Congress. The calendar which was given in the beginning gave us some fears because the assumption was that if some African countries wanted to host the Congress they would have to wait until the year 2000.

So my delegation is happy to hear that you are leaving this to the next Forestry Congress to settle.

9. Date and Place of the Eighty-second Session of the Council
9. Date et lieu de la quatre-vingt-deuxième session du Conseil
9. Fecha y lugar del 82º período de sesiones del Consejo

CHAIRMAN: This item refers to the date and place of the 82nd Session of Council. It will be here in Rome, and the dates are as I read out earlier, 22 November-3 December 1982.

Before I go to the ballot to complete the composition of the Finance Committee, is there any matter which any member of the Council would like to mention, because if there is not we will proceed the voting and complete our session.

S.P. MUKHERJEE (India): Thank you for giving me this opportunity at very short notice. I would like to raise two minor points for the consideration of the Council.

Number 1 is that this year the World Food Day was celebrated in various countries with a lot of gusto, people's participation and enthusiasm, and I suppose that this is going to be an annual feature in future. I was wondering whether as a part of the World Food Day celebration every year it will not be fitting and perhaps useful functionally to take on one or two things in each year so that there is consciousness aroused as part of the World Food Day celebration? What I mean is, for instance, for the next World Food Day in 1982, whether this Council may decide whether our World Soil Charter which has been enshrined in one of the documents could not be taken as a theme for the participation of the people and governments in various countries. In future years, some other themes could be taken up, post-harvest conservation of food and so on. That is one of my suggestions.

My second suggestion concerns our resolutions regarding agricultural production and rural development where a number of action points have been identified. One of the action points was some sort of participation or involvement between developing countries with food resources, food production potential but less funds, and other countries with more funds but less food production potential, and whether some sort of informal get-together of these categories of countries should not be arranged so that some sort of working arrangement could be devised between these developing countries for mutual aid through trade or increase of agricultural production.

- II. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES (continued)
- II. ELECTION AUX COMITES (suite)
- II. ELECCION DE COMITES (continuación)
4. Election of the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee (continued)
4. Election du Président et des membres du Comité financier (suite)
4. Elección del Presidente y miembros del Comité de Finanzas (continuación)

CHAIRMAN: I am quite sure the Director-General will take note of this.

Shall we now proceed with the voting? We will have as tellers Cape Verde, Ireland, Sweden, and Zambia, if they will be good enough to serve again as tellers.

VOTE

VOTE

VOTACION

The meeting was suspended from 15.50 hours to 16.20 hours

La séance est suspendue de 15 h 50 à 16 h 20

Se suspende la sesión de las 15.50 a las 16.20 horas

REPORT OF BALLOT RESULTAT DU SCRUTIN RESULTADO DE LA VOTACION	No. 2	FINANCE COMMITTEE (Europe, North America, Southwest Pacific) COMITE FINANCIER (Europe, Amérique du Nord, Pacifique du Sud-Ouest) COMITE DE FINANZAS (Europa, América del Norte, Pacífico Sudoccidental)
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1. Ballot papers issued Bulletins distribués Papeletas distribuidas	49
2. Defective ballots Bulletins nuls Papeletas defectuosas	0
3. Abstentions Abstentions Abstenciones	0

4. Valid ballots Bulletins valables Papeletas válidas	49
5. Seats to be filled Sièges à pourvoir Puestos que hay que cubrir	1
6. Votes cast Suffrages exprimés Votos emitidos	49

7. Majority Majorité Mayoría	25
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Elected - Elus - Eligidos		Not Elected - Pas Elus - No Elegidos	
GREECE	34	GERMANY FED. REP.	15

Tellers/Scrutateurs/Escurtadores

A.R. PIRES (Cape Verde)	P.O'DONOGHUE (Ireland)
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	B. Linley
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CHAIRMAN: I think this brings us to the finalization of the composition of the different Committees. I would again try to recapitulate the composition of the Finance Committee: Sri Lanka Mr. Abeyagoonasekera, Chairman, Guinea, Panama, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Australia, Canada and Greece. I would like to congratulate the members and wish them a successful term. I also wish to thank the other countries who were good enough to offer to help this Committee.

D.J. ABEYAGOONASEKERA (Chairman, Finance Committee): With your kind permission I take the floor to make a statement as the newly elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee has a major responsibility of advising the Council on the financial implications of the Programme of Work and Budget of this Organization. It consists of a team of members, not only to reflect the geographical basis of representation, but also to include individuals with proven experience and knowledge to undertake this responsibility.

I have had the benefit of attending the meetings chaired by the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Bel Hadj Amor, the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to FAO who has served nearly six years as Chairman, as well as Vice-Chairman, of this Committee. I must say seldom have I, or for that matter any other member of the Committee, any cause for regret for having served on a Committee chaired by him. In him we have a capable, efficient, hard-working and dedicated Chairman who was able to inspire and mould us into the cast of financial analysts in a short time, which enabled the Finance Committee to perform the duties diligently and with great responsibility. As a newcomer to the Committee I saw for myself the great insight and knowledge he has in this Organization. He was at times ruthless in his search for details which he needed from the Secretariat for the justification of programmes and proposals which he repeated to us. He never took anything for granted but always accepted them after careful scrutiny and only after having given the members of the Committee the opportunity to air their views. The members of the Secretariat, I would say, were inspired by his clear thinking and his incisive analysis of things. It is this trait in his manner of conducting business in the Committee which won him respect and admiration. I have no doubt that members of the Secretariat will share my views.

It would be a pity if Mr. Bel Hadj Ampris to sever connections with the FAO on leaving the Finance Committee. I do hope that this will not be the case. Even if he is unable to join us directly I do hope sincerely he will try to be with us as often as possible.

As the new Chairman the undertaking I have given to perform my task to your satisfaction requires your advice, assistance and guidance. I am positive that this will be given ungrudgingly.

May I also take this opportunity to thank sincerely the outgoing members of this Committee for their valuable services rendered to us during their tenure of office.

I also welcome the new members who are joining the team and earnestly request them to cooperate and to give assistance to perform the onerous duties entrusted to this Committee to the satisfaction of this Council.

M. TRKULJA (Yugoslavia): I wish first to associate myself fully with my dear friend and colleague, the Chairman of the Finance Committee on what he said about Bel Hadj Amor who Chaired the Finance Committee really outstandingly.

There is another small point which is related to the membership in both committees. We are all aware, of course, all the members now elected represent countries first, but they are elected as persons as well. In the light of the last experience you may wish even to consider a suggestion I am going to make to the effect that Council may wish to recommend the governments to allow, if possible, regionally elected members to finish their term of office and be replaced only if it is really necessary.

I think the Council is to be congratulated for the excellent selection of able members in each of the Committees but also the choice of the Council was influenced very much with the capacity of each candidate and if it is possible for the Council to make a suggestion to governments, to make every effort to allow regionally elected members to continue their term of office, I think it would be only desirable. •

CHAIRMAN: I would personally also endorse the suggestion that if, as far as possible, governments could help in nominating the same person for the two-year period it would help the work of the Committees.

With this we come to the close of the Eighty-first Session, and I want to thank every one of you, members of the Council, Observers, and others for your cooperation in getting through the Agenda on time. We are grateful to the Director-General and his staff for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and for the presence of the Director-General throughout the day.

I also want to thank, on behalf of the members of the Council, all those connected with today's meeting, the messengers, the interpreters, and all others who have been most helpful.

Since the next meeting will be about a year ahead, the 22nd of November, you have approved just now the programme, which indicates the Eighty-second Session will be from the 22nd of November 1982 to the third of December 1982, but of course, the Council members will meet a year from now but members of the Programme and Finance Committee will be meeting any time and we are certainly entering the season next month, December, which is usually associated with a season of universal peace and good will and I hope that this atmosphere of December so soon after the Conference will try to create a climate extra favourable for the work of the Director-General and his staff.

I would like to wish everyone who celebrates Christmas, a Merry Christmas, and all the members of the Council, Observers, the Staff, and FAO, everyone concerned, a very Happy New Year. With this the Eighty-first Session of the Council comes to an end.

The meeting rose at 16.30 hours.

La séance est levée à 16 h 30.

Se levanta la sesión a las 16.30 horas.