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## Fortieth Session

Rome, 3-8 July 2017

### Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 concerning qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council (Draft Resolution)

*Extract from the Report of the 153<sup>rd</sup> Council Session (30 November - 4 December 2015)*

18. The Council approved the report of the 101<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) and:

(...)

- d) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution, [*below*], amending paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 on the Independent Chairperson of the Council, to be forwarded to the Conference for approval.

#### Resolution .../2017

#### Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 concerning qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council

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**Having noted** that according to Article V, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, the Independent Chairperson of the Council is appointed by the Conference and exercises such functions as are inherent in that office, or are otherwise defined in the Basic Texts of the Organization,

**Having regard** to Rule XXIII of the General Rules of the Organization;

**Recalling** Resolution 9/2009 on Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Independent Chairperson of the Council, set out in Volume II of the Basic Texts which, inter alia, establishes the qualities that the Member Nations should have regard to in nominating candidates for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council;

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**Further recalling** that the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal ("the IPA"), adopted by the Conference in its Resolution 1/2008 at its Thirty-Fifth Session, provided that the Conference would assess progress in implementation of the IPA in 2015 with an Independent Review and that, at its One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Session (Rome, 2-6 December 2013), the Council approved the arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reform to assess the status of implementation of the IPA;

**Considering** that the Council, at its Hundred and Fifty-First Session (Rome, 23-27 March 2015), and the Conference at its Thirty-Ninth Session (Rome, 6-13 June 2015), endorsed the Final Report of the Independent Review of FAO Governance Reforms and proposed actions in response to the recommendations contained therein, including Recommendation 6 on the qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council;

1. **Amends** paragraph two of Resolution 9/2009 as follows<sup>1</sup>:
  - “2. In nominating candidates for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council, Member Nations should have regard to the qualities that the Chairperson should possess, including among others ability to be objective, sensitivity to political, social and cultural differences, and appropriate experience in areas relevant to the Organization’s work and knowledge of the functioning of FAO governing bodies”;
2. **Affirms** that, subject to the foregoing, Resolution 9/2009 continues to apply in its entirety.

(Adopted on ... 2017)

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<sup>1</sup> Insertions are indicated using underlined italics.