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## Fortieth Session

Rome, 3-8 July 2017

### Amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization (Draft Resolution)

*Extract from the Report of the 156<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (24–28 April 2017)*

#### Report of the 104<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (13-15 March 2017)

15. In particular, the Council:

[...]

- b) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution entitled “*Amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization*”, set out [below], to be submitted to the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption;

#### Resolution .../2017

#### Amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization

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**Recognizing** that the enhanced use of modern technology and information technology, including through the implementation of a PaperSmart approach, would support the efforts of the Governing, Statutory and other bodies of the Organization to enhance the efficiency of their working methods;

**Acknowledging** that the FAO Members Gateway portal provides secure, password-protected, web-based access to documents, statements and other meeting information in all six (6) official languages of the Organization;

**Having taken note** of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), at its Hundred-and-Fourth Session (Rome, 13-15 March 2017) on the proposed amendment to Rule XXV of the General Rules of the Organization;

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**Considering** that the Council, at its Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session (Rome, 24-28 April 2017), endorsed the proposed amendment;

1. **Decides** to adopt the following amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization:

**“Rule XXV**

**Sessions of the Council**

6.

(a) The Director-General, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council, and having regard to suggestions made by any Member Nation or Associate Member acting within the limits of its status, shall prepare a provisional agenda and dispatch it to Member Nations and Associate Members ~~by airmail~~ not less than 60 days in advance of the session. Documentation shall be circulated with the provisional agenda or as soon as possible thereafter”.

2. **Further decides** that, whenever the General Rules of the Organization or the Rules of Procedure of Governing or Statutory Bodies refer to dispatch, circulation, or communication of correspondence and documents in connection with meetings, or to any procedural steps involving the transmittal of information by the Organization, those references shall include distribution by electronic means, including uploading on dedicated platforms and other means using widely available modern information technology.

(Adopted on ... July 2017)