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Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Hans Hoogeveen

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Australia ³	Egypt ³	Lithuania ^{2,7}	Slovenia ^{2,8}
Bahamas ²	Equatorial Guinea ¹	Mauritania ²	Spain ^{3,9}
Bangladesh ¹	Ethiopia ¹	Mexico ²	Sudan ^{2,10}
Belarus ¹	Georgia ^{3,5}	Morocco ³	Thailand ^{3,11}
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Congo ¹	Japan ¹	Philippines ¹	

¹ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) to 30 June 2024

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³ Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

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⁷ Lithuania replaced Israel from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

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China ³	India ²	Norway ²	United States of America ¹
		Pakistan ²	

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Introduction

McDougall Memorial Lecture¹

1. Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies of Singapore, delivered the 33rd McDougall Memorial Lecture.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies²

2. Ms Florence Tartanac, President of AP-in-FAO, made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

In Memoriam³

3. The Conference observed one minute of silence in memory of those staff members who had died since the Conference last met. The names of the deceased staff members were read aloud and are contained in the Verbatim Records of the Conference.

Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons⁴

4. The Conference elected Ms Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food of Canada, as Chairperson of the 43rd Session of the Conference.
5. The Conference elected three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference: Mr Morten von Hanno Aasland (Norway), Mr Khalid Mehboob (Pakistan), and Mr Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Subaie (Qatar).

Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee⁵

6. The Conference appointed the:
Seven members of the General Committee⁶

Australia	France
China	United States of America
Egypt	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ethiopia	

Nine members of the Credentials Committee^{7,8}

Bangladesh	Panama
Canada	Russian Federation
Germany	United States of America

¹ C 2023/PV/1; C 2023/PV/12

² C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

³ C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

⁴ C 2023/12; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/PV/1; C 2023/PV/12

⁵ C 2023/12; CL 172/REP, paragraphs 35-36; C 2023/PV/1; C 2023/PV/12

⁶ The delegation of the United States of America chose to disassociate itself from the membership of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the General Committee.

⁷ The delegations of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, in addition to Member Nations of FAO which are Members States of the European Union, chose to disassociate themselves from the membership of the Russian Federation to the Credentials Committee.

⁸ The delegation of the Russian Federation chose to disassociate itself from the membership of Canada, Germany, New Zealand and the United States of America to the Credentials Committee.

Lebanon
New Zealand

Zambia

Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session⁹

7. The Conference adopted its Agenda, as given in *Appendix A* to this Report.
8. The Conference adopted the arrangements as given in document C 2023/12, and the timetable in C 2023/INF/1.

Establishment of Commissions and Appointment of their Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Drafting Committees

9. The Conference concurred with the Council's recommendations to establish two Commissions.
10. The Conference endorsed the nomination of: Mr Marcel Beukeboom (Netherlands [Kingdom of the]) as Chairperson of Commission I and Mr Abdul Rahman Abdul Wahab (Malaysia) as Chairperson of Commission II.
11. Mr Barend Jacobus Lombard (South Africa) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission I with the following membership:^{10,11} Brazil, Canada, Gabon, Indonesia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Russian Federation, Spain and Sudan.
12. Ms Emma Hatcher (Australia) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission II with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, France, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Portugal, South Sudan, Spain and the United States of America.
13. The Conference appointed the foregoing officers, and taking into consideration the proposals of the General Committee, in accordance with Rule X.2(c) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), also appointed the following Vice-Chairpersons:

Commission I: Mr Aly Coulibaly (Mali)

Commission II: Ms Ratchanok Sangpenchan (Thailand)

14. The Conference approved all other recommendations of the General Committee as contained in documents C 2023/LIM/13 and C 2023/LIM/14.
15. The Conference endorsed the Report of the Credentials Committee as contained in document C 2023/LIM/12,^{12,13} and its addendum C 2023/LIM/12 Add.1.

⁹ C 2023/1; C 2023/12; C 2023/INF/1; C 2023/INF/2; C 2023/LIM/11; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/LIM/14; C 2023/LIM/12; C 2023/LIM/12 Add.1; C 2023/PV/2; C 2023/PV/12

¹⁰ Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, in addition to Member Nations of FAO which are Member States of the European Union, chose to disassociate themselves from consensus on the designation of the Russian Federation as a member of the Drafting Committee.

¹¹ The Russian Federation chose to disassociate itself from consensus on the designation of Canada, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand and Spain as members of the Drafting Committee.

¹² The delegation of the United States of America disassociated from the credentialing of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

¹³ The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela disassociated from the credentialing of the United States of America.

Admission of Observers¹⁴

Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations

16. The Conference reviewed the list of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to which the Director-General had extended a provisional invitation to the Session, and confirmed them.

Palestine

17. The Conference confirmed the invitation to Palestine as recommended by the 171st Session of the Council.

Appointments and Elections

Appointment of the Director-General¹⁵

18. The Conference had before it one nomination for the office of Director-General: Dr QU Dongyu (China).

19. The Conference, after a secret ballot, appointed Dr QU Dongyu (China) to the office of Director-General for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2027.

20. Pursuant to Rule XXXVII.4 of the GRO, on the recommendation of the General Committee, the Conference adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution 1/2023

Appointment of the Director-General

THE CONFERENCE,

Acting in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot as laid down in Rules XII and XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization,

1) Declares that Dr QU Dongyu is appointed to the office of Director-General for a period of four years from 1 August 2023, the term of office expiring on 31 July 2027; and Having considered the recommendation regarding the conditions of appointment of the Director-General submitted by the General Committee in accordance with Rules X, paragraph 2(j) and XXXVII, paragraph 4 of the General Rules of the Organization,

Resolves that:

- a) the Director-General shall receive a gross annual salary of USD 265,910 corresponding to a net annual salary of USD 199,637 at the dependency rate, or USD 177,529 at the single rate, and an annual post adjustment corresponding to USD 1,996.37 for each multiplier point at the dependency rate, or USD 1,775.29 at the single rate, payable in accordance with the provisions of the Organization governing the salary of staff members;
- b) the Director-General shall receive a representation allowance of USD 50,000 net per annum;
- c) the Organization will directly rent appropriate housing accommodation to be assigned as the official residence of the Director-General and pay related expenses, in lieu of rental subsidy;
- d) the Director-General shall be entitled to all other allowances and benefits accruing to staff members of the Organization in the Professional and Higher Categories;

¹⁴ C 2023/13; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/PV/2; C 2023/PV/12

¹⁵ C 2023/7; C 2023/7 Add.1; C 2023/7 Add.2; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/LIM/15; C 2023/PV/2; C 2023/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

- 2) **Further resolves** that the Director-General shall be a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund; and
- 3) **Further resolves** that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations subject, however, to the provisions of the contract to be signed by the Chairperson of the Conference on behalf of the Organization and by the Director-General elect, in accordance with Rule XXXVII, paragraph 4.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council¹⁶

21. The Conference had before it one nomination for the office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council.
22. The Conference appointed Mr Hans Hoogeveen to the office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference.

Resolution 2/2023

Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

THE CONFERENCE,

Taking into account Rule XXIII of the General Rules of the Organization regarding the Independent Chairperson of the Council and Resolution 9/2009 regarding the Independent Chairperson of the Council¹⁷;

Having regard to the need to safeguard the independence and accountability of the role of the Independent Chairperson of the Council:

1. **Declares** that Mr Hans Hoogeveen is appointed Independent Chairperson of the Council until the end of the Forty-fourth Session of the Conference;
2. **Decides** that the conditions of appointment attached to the office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council will be as follows:
 - a) The Chairperson is required to be present in Rome for all sessions of the Council, the Conference, the Finance Committee and the Programme Committee and will normally be expected to spend at least six to eight months of the year in Rome;
 - b) An annual allowance equivalent to USD 23 831 will be paid to the Chairperson;
 - c) A *per diem* allowance equivalent to the applicable standard daily subsistence allowance (DSA) rate at 140 percent will be paid to the Chairperson while in Rome and/or when travelling in the performance of his functions;
 - d) The travel expenses of the Chairperson will be covered by the Organization when he travels in the performance of his functions;
 - e) In the performance of his functions, whether in Rome or while travelling, the Chairperson will be enrolled as a participant in the Basic Medical Insurance Plan (BMIP) and that the cost for such medical insurance coverage will be borne by the Organization for a total amount of USD 3,336.48 per annum;
 - f) Secretariat services will be made available to the Chairperson to assist him in the performance of his functions;
 - g) Interpretation services will be made available to the Chairperson, at his request, depending on the availability of resources;
 - h) Office space, equipment and supplies required by the Chairperson in the performance of his functions will be made available to him;

¹⁶ C 2023/9; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/LIM/15; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

¹⁷ Basic Texts, Volume II, Section E.

- i) Assistance will be provided to the Chairperson in carrying out the necessary administrative formalities for the acquisition of the documents required for his stay in Rome and for his travels in the performance of his functions.

3. **Decides** that the implementation modalities of this Resolution will be agreed between the Chairperson and FAO.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Election of Council Members¹⁸

23. The Conference elected the following Member Nations as Members of the Council:

Period from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026

Region (Seats)	Members
Africa (4)	1. Cameroon 2. Morocco 3. Lesotho 4. Uganda
Asia (3)	1. India 2. Pakistan 3. Thailand/Malaysia ¹⁹
Europe (4)	1. Georgia/Switzerland ²⁰ 2. Italy 3. Norway 4. Spain/United Kingdom ²¹
Latin America and Caribbean (1)	1. Panama
Near East (3)	1. Afghanistan 2. Egypt 3. Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (1)	1. Australia

Period from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

Region (Seats)	Members
Africa (3)	1. Burundi 2. Congo 3. Tanzania
Asia (6)	1. Bangladesh 2. China 3. Indonesia 4. Japan 5. Philippines 6. Republic of Korea

¹⁸ C 2023/11; C 2023/INF/12; C 2023/LIM/13; C 2023/LIM/15; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

¹⁹ The term of office of Thailand will be from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until 31 December 2024. Malaysia will replace Thailand for the remainder of the term of office (which will be from 1 January 2025 until 30 June 2026).

²⁰ The term of office of Georgia will be from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference. Switzerland will replace Georgia for the remainder of the term of office (which will be from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference until 30 June 2026).

²¹ The term of office of Spain will be from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will replace Spain for the remainder of the term of office (which will be from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference until 30 June 2026).

Europe (3)	1. Croatia 2. Iceland 3. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Latin America and Caribbean (3)	1. Chile 2. Ecuador/Peru ²² 3. Guatemala
Near East (1)	1. Kuwait
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (0)	

Period from the end of 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2024

Region (Seats)	Members
Africa (1)	1. Equatorial Guinea
Europe (1)	2. Croatia

Period from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

Region (Seats)	Members
Near East (1)	1. Sudan
Europe (1)	2. Lithuania

Period from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

Region (Seats)	Members
Europe (2)	1. France 2. Ukraine

Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee²³

24. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Conference appointed three members and two alternate members to the Staff Pension Committee as follows and for the periods specified below:^{24,25}

²² The term of office of Ecuador will be from 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2025. Peru will replace Ecuador for the remainder of the term of office (which will be from 1 January 2026 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference).

²³ C 2023/10; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

²⁴ Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, in addition to Member Nations of FAO which are Members States of the European Union, chose to disassociate themselves from the membership of the Russian Federation to the Staff Pension Committee.

²⁵ The Russian Federation chose to disassociate itself from the membership of Malta and the United States of America to the Staff Pension Committee.

For the period which ends on 31 December 2025²⁶

Member Mr Christopher Tatum
Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the United Nations Agencies

For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026

Member Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Alternate Mr Abdul Rahman Abdul Wahab
Alternate Permanent Representative, Embassy of Malaysia

For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027

Member Ms Maria Buttigieg
Deputy Permanent Representative, Embassy of the Republic of Malta

Alternate Mr Denis Cherednichenko
Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO and other UN Agencies in Rome

Substantive and Policy Matters**Review of the State of Food and Agriculture²⁷**

25. Eighty-seven Member Delegations and two Observers intervened on this Agenda Item, commenting on the agricultural and food security situation at the global level and in their respective countries, with a focus on the theme of the General Debate: “Water resources management for the four betters: better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life, to achieve Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs).

26. The Conference:²⁸

- a) noted that severe water scarcity, droughts, flood risks and water quality deterioration strongly affect food security, nutrition, livelihoods and the lives of billions of people;
- b) recognized the impacts of water challenges already felt in countries, including in terms of decreased agricultural output, environmental performance of productive land and water systems and equity in access to water;
- c) recognized that agriculture is central to address water challenges, not only because it is seriously affected by water constraints, but also because it is the world’s largest sectoral water user, and as such it constitutes a crucial part of the solution;
- d) acknowledged that transforming agrifood systems to achieve the SDGs will require both sustainable and efficient water use in irrigated and rainfed agriculture and integrated water resources management (IWRM);
- e) emphasized that water resources management needs to be integrated at all levels, inclusive of all stakeholders, and coherent across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, land and soil, energy, environment, biodiversity, climate change and One Health;

²⁶ To replace and complete the term of office of Mr Hammad B. Hammad.

²⁷ C 2023/2; C 2023/INF/13; C 2023/INF/14; C 2023/INF/15; C 2023/PV/5; C 2023/PV/7; C 2023/PV/9; C 2023/PV/12;

²⁸ Argentina chose to disassociate itself from paragraph 26.

- f) stressed that integrated and inclusive water resources management should be supported by improved water governance to ensure efficient, sustainable and equitable water allocation and usage;
- g) emphasized the need for international support for taking bold and innovative initiatives regarding surface and groundwater management in agrifood systems to support Members' governance of water;
- h) requested FAO to further develop programmatic initiatives on flood and disaster risk management and utilization of flooding water; and
- i) further requested FAO to mobilize resources to implement programmatic actions on flood and disaster risk management and the utilization of flooding water, including from international financial institutions, resource partners and voluntary contributions by Members;
27. The Conference:^{29,30}
- a) noted with concern the growing rate of global food insecurity and malnutrition, and the need to reverse this trend to make progress on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 2, and address the major drivers of current and longer-term global food insecurity; and reaffirmed the conclusions of the 169, 170, 171, and 172 Sessions of Council. Delegates' interventions can be found in the verbatim records;
28. The Conference:³¹
- a) stressed the importance of sustainable supply chains for timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including achievement SDG 1, 2 and 10; and
- b) noted the impact of trade restrictions and barriers for the global food security and nutrition, especially in the developing countries.
29. The Conference:
- a) stressed the importance of bioeconomy for sustainable agri-food systems and highlighted the need to discuss this topic within governing bodies and technical committees of the FAO, bearing in mind the ongoing collaboration between COAG and COFO on the linkages between agriculture and forestry and the COFO-COAG joint work roadmap; and
- b) recognised the importance of the inclusive consideration of diverse and regionally balanced perspectives in FAO's normative, policy, and scientific work, by means of progressive integration, including through voluntary financial instruments.

Regional Conferences

Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:

*Report of the 32nd Session of the Regional Conference for Africa
(Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 11-14 April 2022)*³²

30. The Conference endorsed the Report and took note of the recommendations presented therein.
31. It expressed its gratitude to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the host country, for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference.

*Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
(Dhaka, Bangladesh, 8-11 March 2022)*³³

32. The Conference endorsed the Report and took note of the recommendations presented therein.
33. It expressed its gratitude to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the host country, for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference.

²⁹ Belarus chose to disassociate itself from paragraph 27.

³⁰ The Russian Federation opposed the Conference's endorsement of the decisions contained in the reports of the 169th, 171st and 172nd Sessions of the FAO Council

³¹ Argentina chose to disassociate itself from paragraph 28.

³² C 2023/14; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

³³ C 2023/15; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

*Report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe
(Łódź, Poland, 10-13 May 2022)*³⁴

34. The Conference endorsed the Report and took note of the recommendations presented therein.³⁵

35. It expressed its gratitude to the Republic of Poland, the host country, for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference.

*Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for
Latin America and the Caribbean (Quito, Ecuador, 28 March-1 April 2022)*³⁶

36. The Conference endorsed the Report and took note of the recommendations presented therein.

37. It expressed its gratitude to the Republic of Ecuador, the host country, for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference.

*Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East
(Baghdad, Iraq, Senior Officers Meeting 10-13 January 2022
and Ministerial Meeting 7-8 February 2022)*³⁷

38. The Conference endorsed the Report and took note of the recommendations presented therein.

39. It expressed its gratitude to the Republic of Iraq, the host country, for the excellent organization of the Regional Conference.

*Report of the Seventh Informal Regional Conference for North America
(United States of America, 12-14 April 2022)*³⁸

40. The Conference took note of the Report of the Informal Regional Conference for North America (INARC), which was held to allow Member Nations of the region to make inputs into the Organization's prioritization process³⁹.

Technical Committees⁴⁰

Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:

*Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture
(18-22 July 2022)*⁴¹

41. The Conference endorsed the Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)⁴² and mandated the Council, at its 174th Session, to consider for endorsement the Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA).

*Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (13-15 July 2022)*⁴³

42. The Conference endorsed the Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)⁴⁴.

³⁴ C 2023/16; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

³⁵ The Russian Federation opposes the Conference's endorsement of the decision contained in the Report on the work of the Regional Conference for Europe (ERC), as well as paragraph 40 (o) of the Report.

³⁶ C 2023/17; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

³⁷ C 2023/18; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

³⁸ C 2023/LIM/1; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

³⁹ The Russian Federation disassociates from the recommendations of the Informal Regional Conference for North America, specifically to those that have a reference to the situation in Ukraine.

⁴⁰ C 2023/PV/12

⁴¹ C 2023/22; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁴² The Russian Federation dissociates itself from paragraphs 15(g), 27(c) and (d), and 29(b) of the Report.

⁴³ C 2023/23; C 2023/I/PV/1; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁴⁴ The Russian Federation dissociates itself from paragraphs 9 (i) and (j), 11 (d), and 27 (d) of the Report.

*Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (5-9 September 2022)*⁴⁵

43. The Conference endorsed the Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI).

*Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (3-7 October 2022)*⁴⁶

44. The Conference endorsed the Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO).

Committee on World Food Security

Reports of the 48th (Special) (4 June 2021), 49th (11-14 October 2021) and 50th (10-13 October and 19 December 2022) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security⁴⁷

45. The Conference endorsed the Reports of the 48th (Special), 49th and 50th Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)⁴⁸.

Other Substantive and Policy Matters

Progress report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System⁴⁹

46. The Conference noted the Progress Report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System, including the implications of the five key themes contained in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 75/233 for FAO's work.

International Years and Days⁵⁰

*Evaluation of the International Year of Plant Health 2020*⁵¹

47. The Conference endorsed the Report on the Evaluation of the International Year of Plant Health 2020.

*Evaluation of the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021*⁵²

48. The Conference endorsed the Report on the Evaluation of the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021.

*Evaluation of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022*⁵³

49. The Conference endorsed the Report on the Evaluation of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022.

*Proposal for an International Day of the Potato*⁵⁴

50. The Conference considered the proposal endorsed by the Council at its 171st Session to declare the annual observance of the International Day of the Potato on 30 May and adopted Resolution 3/2023, set out in *Appendix C* to this Report.

⁴⁵ C 2023/24; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁴⁶ C 2023/25; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁴⁷ C 2023/19; C 2023/20; C 2023/21; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁴⁸ The Russian Federation dissociates itself from paragraph 10 (d) of the Report of the 50th Session of the Committee on World Food Security.

⁴⁹ C 2023/26; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵⁰ C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵¹ C 2023/27; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵² C 2023/28; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵³ C 2023/29; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵⁴ C 2023/LIM/10; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

United Nations/FAO World Food Programme⁵⁵

51. The Conference:
- a) endorsed the Annual Reports of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and FAO on its activities in 2020 and 2021; and
 - b) commended WFP personnel for their dedicated work in challenging circumstances.

Biennial Theme 2024-25⁵⁶

52. The Conference approved the Biennial Theme 2024-25 - *Water resources management for the four betters: better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life, to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

Programme and Budgetary Matters

Programme Implementation Report 2020-21⁵⁷

53. The Conference:
- a) endorsed the findings of the Report of the 170th Session of the Council on the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2020-21;
 - b) commended the Organization for the results achieved in implementing the Programme of Work 2020-21, within the challenging context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its important contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
 - c) appreciated FAO's commitment to ensuring close coordination and alignment with the rest of the United Nations system, in particular in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system;
 - d) highlighted the importance of FAO's work on providing data, statistics and scientific evidence to inform decision-making and encouraged FAO in the implementation of the strategies on Climate Change, Science and Innovation, Private Sector Engagement, and Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors;
 - e) welcomed continued progress in achieving equitable gender and geographical representation of FAO leadership and staff and noted that additional efforts were needed, especially at Director level and above, to strengthen gender equality and encouraged FAO to continue strengthening its policies to promote a gender-sensitive approach to boost equal opportunities and participation;
 - f) noted with satisfaction the priority given by the Organization to the use of partnerships to enable it to leverage its comparative advantages, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
 - g) welcomed FAO's enhanced attention to multilingualism and looked forward to FAO continuing its efforts in the current biennium and to receiving further information on the implementation of the strategic policy framework for multilingualism at a future session;
 - h) commended the record levels of resource mobilization reported for 2020-21 at USD 2.7 billion, noting that these were forecast to increase again in the 2022-23 biennium, and encouraged FAO to initiate a review of the implications to ensure that structures and processes remained fit for purpose;
 - i) highlighted the value to the Organization of unearmarked and lightly earmarked voluntary funding and encouraged FAO to continue exploring different funding modalities to attract more flexible voluntary contributions; and
 - j) endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2020-21.

⁵⁵ C 2023/INF/8; C 2023/INF/9; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3;

⁵⁶ C 2023/12; C 2023/30; C 2023/I/PV/2; C 2023/I/PV/3; C 2023/PV/12

⁵⁷ C 2023/8; C 2023/8 WAs 1-9; C 2023/LIM/2; C 2023/II/PV/3; C 2023/II/PV/4; C 2023/PV/12

Programme Evaluation Report 2023⁵⁸

54. The Conference:
- a) welcomed the Programme Evaluation Report 2023, including the main findings emerging from the project, programme, country and thematic evaluations of development and emergency and resilience evaluations completed during the period 2021-22;
 - b) commended the FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) for the volume of work completed during the biennium despite the challenges faced, including the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - c) appreciated the findings and lessons learned from the evaluations that would enable FAO to deliver better results;
 - d) highlighted the observations and recommendations arising from the evaluations of FAO's programme of work, including on the importance of: building strategic and inclusive partnerships; giving higher prioritization to areas of recognized FAO technical expertise, such as sustainable use of water for agriculture and antimicrobial resistance (AMR); and encouraging unearmarked or lightly earmarked voluntary contributions to finance innovation and underfunded and emerging areas in FAO;
 - e) welcomed the evaluation strategy for the next two years with its focus on increasing OED effectiveness and efficiency, building capacity to conduct rigorous evaluations, and generating robust evidence that is useful to FAO and its stakeholders; and
 - f) highlighted the importance of the independence of OED and need for appropriate resources to carry out its work.

Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25⁵⁹

55. The Conference considered the Medium Term Plan (MTP) (reviewed) 2022-25 and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2024-25, the observations and recommendations of the 172nd Session of the Council, Web Annex 11 and 12, as well as additional information provided by the Secretariat in Information Notes 1, 2 and 3.
56. The Conference acknowledged the spirit of cooperation between Members which had facilitated its deliberations on the budget level for 2024-25.
57. The Conference expressed appreciation to the Independent Chairperson of the Council for convening a series of informal consultations in the period leading up to the 43rd Session of the Conference where Members had discussed various elements of the PWB 2024-25.
58. The Conference highlighted the benefits of organizing informal meetings with Members during the process of developing programming, budgeting and results-based monitoring to inform, support and discuss progress made in the preparation of the programme of work and budget, while recognizing the Schedule for Governing Body Input and Oversight under the Reformed Programming, Budgeting and Results Based Monitoring Systems set out in the Basic Texts.
59. The Conference reaffirmed the conclusions and recommendations of the 172nd Session of the Council on the MTP (Reviewed) 2022-25 and PWB 2024-25.
60. The Conference requested Management identify savings and efficiency measures on the proposed PWB 2024-25 and that information on these savings and efficiencies be provided through the established reporting mechanisms, including by presenting proposed adjustments to the PWB 2024-25 to the Council in December 2023 through the Finance Committee on implementation of the PWB 2024-25, and requested Management develop a longer-term financial plan to address greater efficiencies and the balance between assessed and voluntary contributions.
61. The Conference:

⁵⁸ C 2023/4; C 2023/II/PV/3; C 2023/II/PV/4; C 2023/PV/12

⁵⁹ C 2023/3; C 2023/3 WAs 11-12; C 2023/3 Information Notes 1-3; C 2023/LIM/11; C 2023/II/PV/1; C 2023/II/PV/2; C 2023/II/PV/4; C 2023/PV/12

- a) urged Member Nations to make payments of assessed contributions on time and in full in accordance with the FAO Financial Regulations;
- b) encouraged Members to continue providing voluntary contributions in support of implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 through the integrated programme of work and budget, in particular through more flexible voluntary funding; and
- c) noted that adjustments in resource allocations and/or results frameworks arising from the decisions and guidance of the Conference and from the 2024-25 work planning process would be reported in the Adjustments to the PWB 2024-25 for consideration by the Council in December 2023.

62. Concerning the longer-term financial health of the Organization, the Conference deferred consideration of the proposal for replenishment of the Working Capital Fund and incremental funding of the After-Service Medical Coverage past service liability to future biennia and requested Management continue to explore alternative strategies to address these requirements.

63. The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution 4/2023
Budgetary Appropriations 2024-25

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget;

Having considered the proposed total net appropriation of USD 1 061 426 000 for the financial period 2024-25 at the 2022-23 rate of EUR 1= USD 1.22, which assumes US dollar and Euro expenditure equal to USD 576 712 000 and EUR 397 307 000;

Having considered that the above net appropriation is equivalent to USD 1 021 696 000 at the budget rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.12 established for 2024-25 after translation of the Euro portion;

1. **Approves** the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2024-25 as follows:
 - a) Appropriations are voted at a rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.12 for the following purposes:

	USD
Chapter 1: Better Production	160 604 000
Chapter 2: Better Nutrition	132 880 000
Chapter 3: Better Environment	120 692 000
Chapter 4: Better Life	127 117 000
Chapter 5: Technical quality, statistics, cross-cutting themes and accelerators	70 973 000
Chapter 6: Technical Cooperation Programme	143 133 000
Chapter 7: Outreach	72 017 000
Chapter 8: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	35 552 000
Chapter 9: FAO governance, oversight and direction	59 324 000
Chapter 10: Efficient and effective administration	62 298 000
Chapter 11: Contingencies	600 000
Chapter 12: Capital Expenditure	14 206 000
Chapter 13: Security Expenditure	22 300 000
Total Appropriation (Net)	1 021 696 000

Chapter 14: Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund	123 535 000
Total Appropriation (Gross)	1 145 231 000

- b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of USD 5 000 000 shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of USD 1 016 696 000 to implement the Programme of Work. Such contributions shall be established in US dollars and Euro and shall consist of USD 571 712 000 and EUR 397 307 000. This takes into account a split of 56 percent US dollars and 44 percent Euro for the appropriations (net) and of 100 percent US dollars for Miscellaneous Income.
- c) The total contributions due from Member Nations to implement the approved Programme of Work shall amount to USD 571 712 000 and EUR 397 307 000. Such contributions due from Member Nations in 2024 and 2025 shall be paid in accordance with the scale of contributions adopted by the Conference at its Forty-Third Session.
- d) In establishing the actual amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Member Nations, a further amount shall be charged through the Tax Equalization Fund for any Member Nation that levies taxes on the salaries, emoluments and indemnities received by staff members from FAO and which are reimbursed to the staff members by the Organization. An estimate of USD 7 000 000 has been foreseen for this purpose.
2. **Encourages** Members to provide voluntary contributions in support of the implementation of the Strategic Framework through the integrated Programme of Work.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Legal, Administrative and Financial Matters

Constitutional and Legal Matters

*Draft Code of Conduct for Voting Procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization*⁶⁰

64. The Conference appreciated the efforts of the Independent Chairperson of the Council and his predecessor in facilitating discussions of Members on a draft Code of Conduct for Voting Procedures and adopted the Resolution 5/2023 as contained in *Appendix D*.⁶¹

*Technical Cooperation Programme's resource allocation shares*⁶²

65. The Conference reaffirmed the strategic and catalytic importance of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and agreed to maintain TCP's resource allocation shares at the level presented in the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25.

*Guidelines for the participation of the private sector as observers in FAO Governing Body sessions*⁶³

66. The Conference noted progress in relation to guidance for participation of the private sector as observers in FAO Governing Body sessions.

⁶⁰ C 2023/LIM/8; C 2023/PV/12;

⁶¹ C 2023/PV/12;

⁶² C 2023/PV/10; C 2023/PV/12

⁶³ C 2023/PV/12;

*Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization*⁶⁴

67. The Conference **adopted** Resolution 6/2023, as contained in *Appendix E*, on Procedures for the restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization.

Other Constitutional and Legal Matters⁶⁵

68. The Conference noted the issue of regional representation on the Council for future consideration by the relevant Governing Bodies of the Organization.

Administrative and Financial Matters

Audited Accounts 2020 and 2021⁶⁶

69. The Conference took note of the FAO Audited Accounts 2020 and 2021 and the Reports of the External Auditor. The results and official accounts of 2020 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 188th Session in November 2021 and by the Council at its 168th Session in November-December 2021. The results and official accounts of 2021 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 194th Session in November 2022 and by the Council at its 171st Session in December 2022. The following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolution 7/2023

FAO Audited Accounts 2020

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the 168th Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2020 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

Adopts the Audited Accounts 2020.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Resolution 8/2023

FAO Audited Accounts 2021

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the 171st Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2021 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

Adopts the Audited Accounts 2021.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

⁶⁴ C 2023/LIM/9; C 2023/PV/12

⁶⁵ C 2023/PV/12

⁶⁶ C 2023/5 A; C 2023/5 B; C 2023/6 A; C 2023/6 B; C 2023/LIM/3; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

Scale of Contributions 2024-25⁶⁷

70. The Conference noted that at its 172nd Session, the Council had recommended that the FAO proposed Scale of Contributions for 2024-25 be derived from the UN Scale of Assessments in force during 2023.

71. The Conference then adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution 9/2023

Scale of Contributions 2024-25

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Seventy-second Session of the Council;

Confirming that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different membership of FAO;

1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2024-25 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2023;
2. **Adopts** for use in 2024 and 2025 the Scale as set out in the *Appendix F* of this Report.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Payment by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its Membership in the Organization⁶⁸

72. The Conference set the lump sum payment due by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its membership in the Organization at EUR 633 210 for the 2024-25 biennium.

73. As in previous biennia, the Conference agreed that the sum due by the European Union be paid into a trust or special fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

Other Matters

Date and Place of the 44th Session of the Conference⁶⁹

74. The Conference decided that its 44th Session should be held in Rome from 28 June to 4 July 2025.

⁶⁷ C 2023/LIM/6; C 2023/INF/7; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

⁶⁸ C 2023/LIM/7; C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

⁶⁹ C 2023/PV/11; C 2023/PV/12

Appendix A

Agenda for the 43rd Session of the Conference

Introduction

1. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
2. Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
4. Admission of Observers

Appointments and Elections

5. Applications for Membership in the Organization
6. Appointment of the Director-General
7. Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council
8. Election of Council Members
9. Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

Substantive and Policy Matters

10. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture

A. Regional Conferences

11. Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:
 - 11.1 Report of the 32nd Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 11-14 April 2022)
 - 11.2 Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 8-11 March 2022)
 - 11.3 Report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Łódź, Poland, 10-13 May 2022)
 - 11.4 Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Quito, Ecuador, 28 March-1 April 2022)
 - 11.5 Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference of the Near East (Baghdad, Iraq, Senior Officers Meeting 10-13 January 2022 and Ministerial Meeting 7-8 February 2022)
 - 11.6 Report of the Seventh Informal Regional Conference for North America (United States of America, 12-14 April 2022)

B. Technical Committees

12. Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:

- 12.1 Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (18-22 July 2022)
- 12.2 Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (13-15 July 2022)
- 12.3 Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (5-9 September 2022)
- 12.4 Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (3-7 October 2022)

C. Committee on World Food Security

- 13. Reports of the 48th (Special) (4 June 2021), 49th (11-14 October 2021) and 50th (10-13 October and 19 December 2022) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security

D. Other Substantive and Policy Matters

- 14. Progress report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System
- 15. International Years and Days:
 - 15.1 Evaluation of the International Year of Plant Health 2020
 - 15.2 Evaluation of the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021
 - 15.3 Evaluation of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022
 - 15.4 Proposal for an International Day of the Potato
- 16. United Nations/FAO World Food Programme
- 17. Biennial Theme 2024-25

Programme and Budgetary Matters

- 18. Programme Implementation Report 2020-21
- 19. Programme Evaluation Report 2023
- 20. Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 (Draft Resolution on budget level)

Legal, Administrative and Financial Matters

A. Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 21. Draft Code of Conduct for Voting Procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization
- 22. Technical Cooperation Programme's resource allocation shares
- 23. Guidelines for the participation of the private sector as observers in FAO Governing Body sessions
- 24. Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization
- 25. Other Constitutional and Legal Matters

B. Administrative and Financial Matters

26. Audited Accounts 2020 and 2021 (Draft Resolutions)
27. Scale of Contributions 2024-25 (Draft Resolution)
28. Payment by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its Membership in the Organization
29. Other Administrative and Financial Matters

Other Matters

30. Date and place of the 44th Session of the Conference
31. Any Other Matters
 - 31.1 McDougall Memorial Lecture
 - 31.2 In Memoriam

Information Documents will be tabled on the following subjects:*

- A. Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Director-General
- B. Status of Contributions

* Delegates wishing to comment on Information Documents will be given an opportunity to do so under Item 31, "Any Other Matters"

Appendix B

List of Documents

Symbol	Document Title
C 2023/1	Provisional Agenda
C 2023/2	The State of Food and Agriculture: Integrated Water Resource Management
C 2023/3	Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
C 2023/3 WA 11	Web Annex 11: Cost increase methodology and estimates
C 2023/3 WA 12	Scheduled sessions
C 2023/3 Inf. Note 1	Medium Term Plan (reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 – Information Note 1 – April 2023 – PWB 2024-25 Information Note on Budgetary Scenarios
C 2023/3 Inf. Note 2	Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 – Information Note 2 – April 2023 – PWB 2024-25 Information Note on Budgetary Scenarios
C 2023/3 Inf. Note 3	Medium Term Plan (reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 – Information Note 3 – April 2023 – Sources and purposes of voluntary funding in the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
C 2023/4	Programme Evaluation Report 2023
C 2023/5 A	Audited Accounts - FAO 2020
C 2023/5 B	Audited Accounts - FAO 2020 - Part B - Report of the External Auditor
C 2023/6 A	Audited Accounts - FAO 2021
C 2023/6 B	Audited Accounts - FAO 2021 - Part B - Report of the External Auditor
C 2023/7	Appointment of the Director-General (Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council)
C 2023/7 Add. 1	Appointment of the Director-General (Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council) - Addendum 1
C 2023/7 Add. 2	Appointment of the Director-General (Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council) - Addendum 2
C 2023/8	Programme Implementation Report 2020-21
C 2023/8 WA 1	Organizational performance
C 2023/8 WA 2	Organizational performance – expenditures by outcome

C 2023/8 WA 3	Financial performance
C 2023/8 WA 4	Monitoring methodology
C 2023/8 WA 5	Gender – Progress on FAO Gender Policy Minimum Standards and the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN SWAP 2.0)
C 2023/8 WA 6	Climate Change Strategy Results Framework – 2020-21 Progress Report
C 2023/8 WA 7	FAO Language policy and multilingualism
C 2023/8 WA 8	Unscheduled and cancelled sessions
C 2023/8 WA 9	Gender and geographical distribution
C 2023/9	Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council
C 2023/10	Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee
C 2023/11	Election of Council Members
C 2023/12	Arrangements for the 43rd Session of the Conference
C 2023/13	Admission to the Session of Representatives and Observers of International Organizations
C 2023/14	Report of the 32nd Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 11-14 April 2022)
C 2023/15	Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 8-11 March 2022)
C 2023/16	Report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Łódź, Poland, 10-13 May 2022)
C 2023/17	Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Quito, Ecuador, 28 March-1 April 2022)
C 2023/18	Report of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Baghdad, Iraq, Senior Officers Meeting 10-13 January and Ministerial Meeting 7-8 February 2022)
C 2023/19	Report of the 48th (Special) Session of the Committee on World Food Security (4 June 2021)
C 2023/20	Report of the 49th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (11-14 October 2021)
C 2023/21	Report of the 50th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 10-13 October and 19 December 2022)
C 2023/22	Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (Rome, 18-22 July 2022)
C 2023/23	Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (Rome, 13-15 July 2022)
C 2023/24	Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, 5-9 September 2022)

C 2023/25	Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (Rome, 3-7 October 2022)
C 2023/26	Interim Report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System
C 2023/27	Evaluation of the International Year of Plant Health 2020
C 2023/28	Evaluation of the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021
C 2023/29	Evaluation of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022
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C 2023 INF Series	
C 2023/INF/1	Provisional Timetable
C 2023/INF/2	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
C 2023/INF/3	Statement of the Director-General
C 2023/INF/4	Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Director-General
C 2023/INF/7	Status of Current Assessments and Arrears as at 26 June 2023
C 2023/INF/8	2020 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
C 2023/INF/9	2021 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
C 2023/INF/10	Secret ballot vote for the election of the Director-General
C 2023/INF/11	Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
C 2023/INF/12	Information Note on Election of Council Members
C 2023/INF/13	Proposal from New Zealand for inclusion of text in the Report of the 43rd Session of the Conference
C 2023/INF/14	Proposal from Brazil for inclusion of text in the Report of the 43rd Session of the Conference
C 2023/INF/15	Proposal from Belarus for inclusion of text in the Report of the 43rd Session of the Conference
C 2023 LIM Series	
C 2023/LIM/1	Report of the Seventh Informal Regional Conference for North America (United States of America, 12-14 April 2022)
C 2023/LIM/2	Programme Implementation Report 2020-21 (Extract)
C 2023/LIM/3	FAO Audited Accounts 2020 and 2021 (Draft Resolutions)
C 2023/LIM/6	Scale of Contributions 2024-25 (Draft Resolution)

C 2023/LIM/7	Payment by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its Membership in the Organization
C 2023/LIM/8	Draft Voluntary Code of Conduct for Voting procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization as referred to in the Conference and Council Reports (Draft Resolution)
C 2023/LIM/9	Procedures for the restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization (Draft Resolution)
C 2023/LIM/10	International Day of Potato (Draft Resolution)
C 2023/LIM/11	Guidance from Council on the Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
C 2023/LIM/12	Report of the Credentials Committee
C 2023/LIM/12 Add. 1	Report of the Credentials Committee
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Appendix C

Resolution 3/2023

International Day of the Potato

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling that the International Year of the Potato in 2008 has contributed to raising awareness of the role of the potato in agriculture, the economy and world food security;

Recognizing that the potato represents one of the most important contributions of the Andean region to the entire world, as it is one of the five main food crops consumed in the world, contributing to food security;

Recognizing that small-scale production of the potato contributes greatly to conserving and use of biodiversity and supports efforts to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty;

Recalling the urgent need to raise awareness of the contribution of the potato as an invaluable food resource and as a generator of income for rural families and producers, with a view to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 Agenda;

Trusting that such an initiative would create a comprehensive platform to assess the problems and dynamics of sustainable potato production to transform agrifood systems;

Recognizing the decisive importance of this tuber crop for agricultural development, from the phase of pre-production, production, marketing, added value and promotion of consumption, highlighting the conservation of biodiversity, food security and nutrition, and standard setting;

Emphasizing that costs of activities related to the celebration of the International Day of Potato would be covered by voluntary contributions, including contributions from the private sector;

Requests the Director-General to present this Resolution to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations for informational purposes;

Requests FAO Members to take the requisite steps to ensure the consideration of the Resolution to observe 30 May as International Day of Potato at forthcoming sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, as appropriate.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Appendix D

Resolution 5/2023

Voluntary Code of Conduct for Voting procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization as referred to in the Conference and Council Reports⁷⁰

I. Introduction

1. This Voluntary Code of Conduct for voting procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization (the “Code”) aims at promoting open, fair, equitable, and transparent voting procedures during the election for the office of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (“FAO” or “the Organization”) in accordance with the Basic Texts of the Organization (“the Basic Texts”), including the General Rules of the Organization (“GRO”).

II. Status and scope of the Code

2. The Code is an understanding reached by the Member Nations of FAO. It recommends desirable behaviour by Member Nations and candidates nominated by the Member Nations regarding the election of the Director-General of the Organization in order to increase the fairness, credibility, openness, and transparency of the process. Consequently, this Code is of a voluntary nature and is not legally binding. Member Nations and candidates are nevertheless expected to honour its contents.

3. The Code does not amend the *Basic Texts* and, in case of any ambiguity or inconsistency, the *Basic Texts* prevail.

III. General principles

4. The entire election process, including electoral campaign activities, should be guided by the *Basic Texts*, relevant decisions of the Conference, and the following principles:

- fairness,
- equity,
- openness and transparency,
- sovereignty,
- good faith,
- dignity, mutual respect, and moderation,
- non-discrimination, and
- merit.

5. Member Nations and the FAO Secretariat should make this Code publicly known and easily accessible, including through relevant channels of communication of the Organization, such as the FAO Members Gateway.

IV. Rights, obligations and responsibilities

6. Member Nations recognize the rights, obligations, and authorities established in the *Basic Texts* and decisions of the Conference.

⁷⁰ CL 162/REP, paragraph 7; CL 163/2 paragraphs 6-8; CL 163/REP, paragraph 12; CL 164/2 paragraphs 8-11; CL 164/REP, paragraph 20 (a); CL 165/REP, paragraph 23 (a); CL 166/REP, paragraph 42; C 2021/REP, paragraph 71; CL 167/REP, paragraph 11 (b); CL 168/REP, paragraph 34; CL 170/REP, paragraph 49; CL 171/REP, paragraphs 46 and 47.

7. The Code does not amend the Basic Texts that constitute the sole references governing election processes at FAO.

8. The Code applies to the voting procedures or proceedings during the election of the FAO Director-General.

A. Members and Candidates

9. Member Nations acknowledge that the process for the election of the Director-General, more specifically with regard to the voting procedure, should be fair, open, transparent, and equitable.

B. Employees of FAO

10. Employees of FAO, especially those involved in supporting the voting procedures, have the duties and obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution, to respect the principles of integrity, impartiality, and independence with respect to all candidates for the post of Director-General of FAO.

11. The same employees of FAO are also subject to obligations under the Staff Regulations and the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service, including obligations of confidentiality.

12. Any actions or behaviour inconsistent with the above-mentioned obligations should be addressed in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures, including disciplinary procedures, applicable to the employee concerned.

V. The vote

13. Member Nations should abide strictly by the Basic Texts and should respect the integrity, legitimacy, and dignity of the voting proceedings. As such, delegates and candidates should avoid behaviours and actions, both inside and outside the plenary hall that could be perceived as aiming at influencing the outcome of the voting proceedings.

14. An Elections Officer will be appointed by the Director-General for the Conference Session who is responsible for ensuring adherence to the provisions of the Basic Texts during the voting and electoral procedure (GRO Rule XII, paragraph 16).

15. The Elections Officer and all FAO personnel involved in the voting procedure are subject to the obligations of impartiality, neutrality and confidentiality set out at paragraphs above. Any failure to adhere to these obligations will result in the initiation of administrative processes, which may include disciplinary processes.

C. The complete Secrecy of the Ballot

16. Member Nations should respect the confidentiality of the proceedings and abide by the procedures to ensure the complete secrecy of the ballot.

17. They should refrain from communicating or broadcasting the proceedings during the conduct of the vote.

18. The Secretary-General should remind delegates of the importance of complete secrecy of the ballot and request them to refrain from any action which may tend to undermine the complete secrecy of the ballot, including the display of filled ballot papers during the conduct of the vote. The Secretary-General should also remind all those responsible for the supervision of any vote by complete secret ballot of the requirement not to disclose to any unauthorized person any information which might tend, or be presumed to tend, towards destroying the complete secrecy of the ballot.

19. Voters should best leave their recording devices, including but not limited to cameras, mobile phones, or smartwatches, outside of the voting area or the room where counting is conducted.

20. Any delegate or Secretariat employee participating in the supervision of the count of the vote should leave any electronic record devices outside the room or area where the count is to take place. This requirement may be enforced by any means deemed appropriate by the Elections Officer.

21. The above measures are without prejudice to any further arrangements that the Conference may consider necessary to ensure that the results of ballots remain undisclosed until the formal announcement of the outcome of the ballot.

D. Arrangements for voting, transparency of the vote

22. Access to the voting area will be limited to tellers, scrutineers, electors, and Secretariat employees who are directly involved in supporting the electoral process.

1. Voting Booths

23. As provided in Rule XII, paragraph 10(e), one or more voting booths shall be set up, supervised in such a manner as to ensure complete secrecy of the ballot.

24. The voting area should be arranged, and be sufficiently separated from plenary or other accessible spaces so that observation of the votes being cast by those outside the voting area is prevented.

25. The booths in the voting area should be visible to representatives during the vote.

26. In accordance with established practice, and in light of its mandate to supervise and coordinate all preparatory work for Conference sessions under Rule XXIV, paragraph 5(c), the Council could make recommendations to the Conference on arrangements, including arrangements to ensure complete secrecy of the ballot, taking into consideration the other good practices and booths used in the broader UN System.

2. Tellers

27. The Chairperson of the Conference will appoint two tellers from among the delegates who are not parties directly interested in the election. The duties of the tellers are to supervise the balloting procedure, count the ballot papers, decide on the validity of a ballot paper in any case of doubt, and certify the result of each ballot (GRO Rule XII, paragraph 10(c)).

28. The tellers should be chosen in a fair and impartial manner. Member Nations should not attempt to influence the teller selection.

29. The duties of the tellers should be considered independent and separate from their role as delegates or representatives, or their alternates. The tellers should perform their duties in a manner that is strictly impartial and neutral. They should refrain from any actions or behaviour which may influence electors to vote for or against a candidate. Tellers should not attempt to discover the intention or choice of an elector.

30. The tellers should have unimpeded access to the voting area and counting room at all times in order to visually confirm that proper procedures are followed.

31. Tellers should preserve the secrecy of the ballot and should not disclose the outcome of a ballot to any unauthorized person before the formal announcement of the results by the Chairperson.

32. At the beginning of the Conference, the tellers will be offered a briefing by the Secretariat on duties to be carried out.

3. Scrutineers

33. A candidate or a scrutineer appointed by a candidate may attend the count of the votes (GRO Rule XII, paragraph 10 (g)). Each candidate must provide the name of his/her scrutineer in advance of the Conference Session.

34. Candidates or scrutineers appointed by them may only observe the counting process. They do not take part in the count.

35. Candidates and scrutineers should preserve the secrecy of the ballot and should not disclose the outcome of the count to any unauthorized person before the formal announcement of the results by the Chairperson.

E. Casting and counting of the vote

36. The Chairperson of the Conference and the tellers shall satisfy themselves that the ballot box is empty and, having locked it, the tellers shall hand the key to the Elections Officer.

37. Delegations shall be called in turn to cast their vote by the Secretary of the Conference, in English alphabetical order of the names of the Member Nations.

38. When their names are called, delegations shall proceed to the voting area, receive the ballot paper and put their ballot paper in the ballot box.

39. To indicate the recording of each Member's vote, the Secretary of the Conference and one of the tellers shall sign or initial the list in the margin opposite the name of the Member in question.

40. At the conclusion of the calling, the Chairperson of the Conference shall declare the ballot closed and announce that the votes are to be counted.

41. In accordance with GRO Rule XII.10 (g) the tellers count the votes in the meeting, in the presence and under the gaze of Member Nations. Should the tellers withdraw from the presence of the delegates or representatives in order to carry out the count of the votes, only the candidates or scrutineers appointed by the candidates may attend the count, but they shall not take part in the count, and the Conference may decide that the representatives of the Member Nations have the possibility to witness the counting virtually.

42. When the Elections Officer has opened the ballot box, the tellers shall check the number of envelopes. If the number is greater or less than that of the voters, the Chairperson of the Conference shall be informed and shall then declare the vote invalid and announce that it is necessary to re-open the ballot.

43. One of the tellers shall read aloud what is written on the ballot paper, and pass it to the other teller. The votes inscribed on the ballot papers shall be entered on lists prepared for that purpose.

44. When the counting of the votes is completed, the Chairperson of the Conference shall announce the results of the ballot in the following order:

- number of Member Nations entitled to vote at the Session;
- number absent;
- number of abstentions;
- number of invalid ballot papers;
- number of votes recorded;
- number of votes constituting the required majority;
- number of votes for the candidates and number of votes secured by each of them, in descending order of the number of votes.

45. The Chairperson of the Conference shall announce the decision resulting from the vote.

46. The lists on which the tellers have recorded the results of the vote shall, after signature by the Chairperson of the Conference, the Elections Officer, and by the tellers, constitute the official record of the ballot, and shall be deposited in the archives of the Organization.

VI. Voluntary adherence to the Code

47. Member Nations and candidates are encouraged to observe and respect this Code. Personnel of the Secretariat are obliged to adhere to their contractual obligations, as set out herein.

VII. Review of the Code

48. The Code and Procedures outlined in this code, including its application to other secret ballot elections, may be reviewed by the Conference upon request of the Council.

Appendix E

Resolution 6/2023

Procedures for the restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

Reaffirming Article III, paragraph 4 and Article XVIII of the Constitution and the obligation of each Member Nation and Associate Member to contribute annually to the Organization its share of the budget, as apportioned by the Conference, and **urging** all Member Nations and Associate Members to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without conditions;

Noting the critical liquidity situation of the Regular Programme as a result of delays in the payment of contributions and the continued high level of contributions that remained unpaid from prior years, in particular by major contributors;

Noting that Member Nations are quarterly informed about Member Nations in arrears and that every Member in arrears will be notified two months in advance of the Conference, in accordance with Rule XXXVIII, paragraph 2(j) of the General Rules of the Organization;

Acknowledging the necessity of maintaining sufficient cash flow to cover obligations and ensure implementation of the approved Programme of Work;

Acknowledging the need for a more specific procedure for the restoration of voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization in accordance with Article III, paragraph 4, of the Constitution;

1. **Decides** to adopt the procedures as outlined in this Resolution for the restoration of voting rights under Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution:
 - a) Member Nations in arrears requesting the restoration of voting rights under Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution should provide an explanation of the nature of the conditions beyond the Member Nation's control leading to the failure to pay, and are encouraged to provide:
 - i. the fullest possible supporting information, which may include, where possible, information on economic aggregates, government revenues, and expenditure, foreign exchange resources, indebtedness, difficulties in meeting domestic or international financial obligations;
 - ii. an indication of the measures which will be taken in order to settle the arrears; and
 - iii. any other information that might support the claim that failure to make necessary payments had been attributable to conditions beyond the control of the Member Nations.
 - b) **Requests** applications for the restoration of voting rights under Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution to be submitted by Member Nations in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference preferably two weeks ahead of the session of the Conference concerned, to ensure a complete review of the requests by the General Committee.
 - c) **Requests** applications for the restoration of voting rights under Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution to be submitted in writing by the Permanent Representative of the Member Nation or the designated *chargé d'affaires*, or the responsible minister of the government of the Member Nation as defined by Rule III, paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization.
 - d) Member Nations in arrears who wish to reschedule the payment of their arrears as part of an arrangement to have their voting rights restored should submit with their request in writing to the Director-General a written payment plan.

- e) The payment plan as referred to in sub-paragraph 1, d) should include the following information:
- i. the total amount due, including the current year's assessment;
 - ii. the period over which payment is proposed;
 - iii. the minimum amount of payment that the Member Nation intends to make each year;
 - iv. the date and the amount of the first payment;
 - v. an indication of whether the Member Nation expects to request approval from the Director-General to make the payment in local currency, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and rules, and with relevant resolutions of the Conference; and
 - vi. a commitment from the Member Nation to pay its future assessed contributions in full and on time and in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
2. **Requests** FAO to continue to maintain a publicly accessible, exhaustive and up-to-date information section on the FAO website reflecting the status of payment of assessed contributions.
 3. **Requests** the Director-General to include the present Resolution in the notification which is sent to Member Nations in arrears two months in advance of the Conference, as well as publish it on the website of FAO and in an Information Note for the Conference.

Adopted on 7 July 2023

Appendix F

Scale of Contributions 2024-25

(2022-2023 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

Member Nation	Proposed Scale⁷¹ 2024-25	Actual Scale⁷² 2022-23
Afghanistan	0.006	0.007
Albania	0.008	0.008
Algeria	0.109	0.138
Andorra	0.005	0.005
Angola	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.719	0.915
Armenia	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.111	2.210
Austria	0.679	0.677
Azerbaijan	0.030	0.049
Bahamas	0.019	0.018
Bahrain	0.054	0.050
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.008	0.007
Belarus	0.041	0.049
Belgium	0.828	0.821
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.005	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.019	0.016
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.012
Botswana	0.015	0.014
Brazil	2.013	2.949
Brunei Darussalam	0.021	0.025
Bulgaria	0.056	0.046
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.007	0.006
Cameroon	0.013	0.013
Canada	2.629	2.734
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.003	0.004
Chile	0.420	0.407
China	15.256	12.006
Colombia	0.246	0.288

⁷¹ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2022-2024 as adopted by General Assembly resolution 76/238 of 24 December 2021.

⁷² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2019-2021 as adopted by General Assembly resolution 73/271 of 22 December 2018.

Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.005	0.006
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.069	0.062
Côte d'Ivoire	0.022	0.013
Croatia	0.091	0.077
Cuba	0.095	0.080
Cyprus	0.036	0.036
Czechia	0.340	0.311
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010
Denmark	0.553	0.554
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.067	0.053
Ecuador	0.077	0.080
Egypt	0.139	0.186
El Salvador	0.013	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.012	0.016
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.044	0.039
Eswatini	0.002	0.002
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010
Fiji	0.004	0.003
Finland	0.417	0.421
France	4.319	4.428
Gabon	0.013	0.015
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.008
Germany	6.112	6.091
Ghana	0.024	0.015
Greece	0.325	0.366
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.041	0.036
Guinea	0.003	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.004	0.002
Haiti	0.006	0.003
Honduras	0.009	0.009
Hungary	0.228	0.206
Iceland	0.036	0.028
India	1.044	0.834
Indonesia	0.549	0.543
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.371	0.398
Iraq	0.128	0.129
Ireland	0.439	0.371
Israel	0.561	0.490
Italy	3.190	3.308
Jamaica	0.008	0.008
Japan	8.034	8.565
Jordan	0.022	0.021

Kazakhstan	0.133	0.178
Kenya	0.030	0.024
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.234	0.252
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.007	0.005
Latvia	0.050	0.047
Lebanon	0.036	0.047
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.018	0.030
Lithuania	0.077	0.071
Luxembourg	0.068	0.067
Madagascar	0.004	0.004
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.348	0.341
Maldives	0.004	0.004
Mali	0.005	0.004
Malta	0.019	0.017
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.019	0.011
Mexico	1.221	1.292
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.011	0.011
Mongolia	0.004	0.005
Montenegro	0.004	0.004
Morocco	0.055	0.055
Mozambique	0.004	0.004
Myanmar	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.009	0.009
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.010	0.007
Netherlands	1.377	1.356
New Zealand	0.309	0.291
Nicaragua	0.005	0.005
Niger	0.003	0.002
Nigeria	0.182	0.250
Niue	0.001	0.001
North Macedonia	0.007	0.007
Norway	0.679	0.754
Oman	0.111	0.115
Pakistan	0.114	0.115
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.090	0.045
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.010
Paraguay	0.026	0.016
Peru	0.163	0.152
Philippines	0.212	0.205
Poland	0.837	0.802
Portugal	0.353	0.350

Qatar	0.269	0.282
Republic of Korea	2.574	2.267
Republic of Moldova	0.005	0.003
Romania	0.312	0.198
Russian Federation	1.866	2.405
Rwanda	0.003	0.003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.002	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.002	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.184	1.172
Senegal	0.007	0.007
Serbia	0.032	0.028
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.504	0.485
Slovakia	0.155	0.153
Slovenia	0.079	0.076
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.244	0.272
South Sudan	0.002	0.006
Spain	2.134	2.146
Sri Lanka	0.045	0.044
Sudan	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.003	0.005
Sweden	0.871	0.906
Switzerland	1.134	1.151
Syrian Arab Republic	0.009	0.011
Tajikistan	0.003	0.004
Thailand	0.368	0.307
Timor-Leste	0.001	0.002
Togo	0.002	0.002
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.037	0.040
Tunisia	0.019	0.025
Türkiye	0.845	1.371
Turkmenistan	0.034	0.033
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.010	0.008
Ukraine	0.056	0.057
United Arab Emirates	0.635	0.616
United Kingdom	4.376	4.568
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.092	0.087
Uzbekistan	0.027	0.032
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.175	0.728

Viet Nam	0.093	0.077
Yemen	0.008	0.010
Zambia	0.008	0.009
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.005
Total	100.000	100.000

FAO MEMBERS

194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

Afghanistan	Gambia	Palau
Albania	Georgia	Panama
Algeria	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Andorra	Ghana	Paraguay
Angola	Greece	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Poland
Armenia	Guinea	Portugal
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Austria	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Bahamas	Honduras	Romania
Bahrain	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Iceland	Rwanda
Barbados	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Iraq	Samoa
Benin	Ireland	San Marino
Bhutan	Israel	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Italy	Saudi Arabia
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China	Lithuania	Suriname
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Comoros	Madagascar	Switzerland
Congo	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Maldives	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritania	(Associate Member)
Czechia	Mauritius	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia	Tunisia
Denmark	(Federated States of)	Türkiye
Djibouti	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Eswatini	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union	Nicaragua	Venezuela
(Member Organization)	Niger	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands	Nigeria	Viet Nam
(Associate Member)	Niue	Yemen
Fiji	North Macedonia	Zambia
Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	