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COUNCIL

Hundred and Forty-seventh Session

Rome, 24 June 2013

Election of Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee

- Under Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Programme Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members (two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVI.2 of the GRO).
- The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provide for Member Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
- The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee is given in Appendix A.

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4. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

Ms Cecilia Nordin Van Gansberghe (Sweden)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee:

ALGERIA (Mr Mohamed Mellah)	AFRICA
ETHIOPIA (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)	
CHINA (Mr Xia Jingyuan)	ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
INDIA (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)	
INDONESIA (Mr Hamim Hamim)	
PHILIPPINES (Mr Romeo Recide)	
AUSTRIA (Ms Natalie Feistritz)	EUROPE
SWITZERLAND (Ms Christina Emma Grieder)	
ARGENTINA (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
ECUADOR (Mr José Antonio Carranza)	
AFGHANISTAN (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)	NEAR EAST
SUDAN (Ms Abla Malik Osman)	
YEMEN (Mr Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Akwa)	
CANADA (Mr Eric Robinson)	NORTH AMERICA
NEW ZEALAND (Ms Fiona Duncan)	SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

6. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 of this Rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than seats to be filled.

APPENDIX A

AFGHANISTAN

Name: **Mr ABDUL RAZAK AYAZI**

Present functions: Agriculture Attaché of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Rome and Alternate Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

Member of the FAO Council
Member of the WFP Executive Board
Member of the FAO Programme Committee since 2004
Chief of the Evaluation Service of FAO

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

FAO Conference and Council sessions and all the Technical Committees
All sessions of the Executive Board of WFP
IFAD Governing Council and 8th and 9th Replenishments
The majority of Seminars, Consultations, Working Groups and Roundtables in FAO, WFP and IFAD
In-depth knowledge of the Rome-based UN Agencies

ALGERIA

Name: **Mr MOHAMED MELLAH**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Algeria, Rome (since 2011)
Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions:

2008-2011	Assistant Director (Social Development), Operating Manager on: World Health Organization (WHO), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Gender, Human Development, Aging, Disabled People, Youth, Road Safety
2004-2008	Diplomatic Counsellor, Embassy of Algeria, Brazil
1999-2004	Diplomatic Counsellor and Office Chief, Directorate on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, General-Directorate for Multilateral Relations
1995-1999	Counsellor (Foreign Affairs), Embassy of Algeria, Uganda
1992-1995	Attaché (Foreign Affairs), General-Directorate for Consular Affairs and General-Directorate for Protocol
1988-1992	Vice-Consul, Consulate of Algeria, Marseille
1987-1988	Attaché (Foreign Affairs), Directorate for Asia/Latin America
1979-1987	Attaché, Directorate for International Organizations

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011	International Conference on Childhood, Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)
2009-2010-2011	World Health Assembly (WHA)
2006	International Conference on Biodiversity, Curitiba (Brazil)
2004	African Commission on Human Rights, Banjul (Gambia)
2002-2003-2004	Council on Human Rights, Geneva
2002	Fifty-seventh Session of the UN General Assembly, Commission Three (Social Development).
2001	WFP Executive Board

ARGENTINA

Name: **Mr GUSTAVO OSCAR INFANTE**

Present functions: Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Alternate Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO, WFP and IFAD (since 2011)
Member of the FAO Programme Committee (2011-2013)

Main previous functions:

2006 - 2010	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship
1998 - 2006	Head of the Economic and Trade Office, Embassy of the Argentine Republic in Canada
1995 - 1998	Directorate of South America (Brazil Desk), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship
1989 - 1995	Office of Political Affairs and Office of Economic Integration, Embassy of the Argentine Republic in Chile
1986 - 1989	Directorate of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011 - present	Participation in all sessions of the Governing Bodies of FAO Elected Vice-Chairperson of the Programme Committee at its 113 th Session
2006 - 2010	FAO World Summit on Food Security 36 th Session of the FAO Conference 36 th Session of the Committee on World Food Security
1998 - 2006	Meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Labelling (Ottawa, Canada)

AUSTRIA

Name: Ms NATALIE FEISTRITZER

Present functions: Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO, Rome (since June 1999)
 Member of the Programme Committee (2012-2013)
 Member of the Staff Pension Committee (2011-2013)
 Member of the Executive Committee of the European Commission on Agriculture (2012-2014)

Main previous functions:

2010-2012	Member of the Executive Committee of the European Commission on Agriculture
2008-2011	Member of the Staff Pension Committee
2009 (2 nd semester)	Chair of the OECD Group
2008-2009	Co-Chair of Working Group II on Governance II of the FAO Reform
2008 (2 nd semester)	Chair of the Europe Regional Group
2006 (1 st semester)	Chair of the EU Presidency of Austria (FAO)
2006-2008	Member of the WFP Executive Board
1999	Alternate Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO, Rome
1998-1999	Head of the Department of Agriculture, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Brussels
1994-1998	Attaché for Agricultural Affairs, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Department of Agriculture, Brussels
1992-1994	Officer in the Department for International Trade Policy of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Water Management, Vienna

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Participation in most of the FAO Governing Body meetings since 1999 including the European Regional Conferences as well as those of WFP; participation in different UN Conferences outside of Rome

Member in several drafting committees of FAO Governing Body meetings

CANADA

Name: **Mr ERIC ROBINSON**

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to the Food And Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations / Counsellor (Agriculture)

Main previous functions:

2010 – 2012 Deputy Director, Trade Policy and Negotiations Division 1, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, Ottawa

2006 – 2010 First Secretary (Commercial Affairs), Mission of Canada to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium

2003 – 2006 First Secretary, (Commercial) and Trade Commissioner, Canadian High Commission, New Delhi, India

2001 – 2003 Trade Policy Officer, Technical Barriers and Regulations Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, Ottawa

1998 – 2001 Third / Second Secretary and Vice Consul, Embassy of Canada to Iran, Tehran

1997 – 1998 Canadian Foreign Service Institute (CSFI), Ottawa

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2012 - present: Chairperson of Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)

2013 14th Session FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

2012 8th Session FAO Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
113th Session FAO Programme Committee and Joint meeting with Finance Committee
145th Session FAO Council
39th Session FAO Committee on Food Security (CFS)

CHINA

Name: **Mr XIA JINGYUAN**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome

Main previous functions:

2001-2011	Director-General and Professor, National Agro-technology Extension and Service Centre, Ministry of Agriculture, Beijing
1997-2001	Director-General and Professor, China Cotton Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CCRI-CAAS), Anyang, Henan, China
1995-1997	Deputy Director-General and Professor, CCRI-CAAS
1993-1995	Assistant Director-General and Professor, CCRI-CAAS
1991-1993	Chairman and Associate Professor, Plant Protection Department (PPD), CCRI-CAAS
1989-1991	Vice-Chairman and Assistant Professor, PPD-CCRI-CAAS
1982-1984	Research Assistant, PPD-CCRI-CAAS

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2012-2013	Member of the Programme Committee of FAO Attended the 144 th , 145 th and 146 th Council Sessions
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ECUADOR

Name: **Mr JOSÉ ANTONIO CARRANZA**

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the Rome-based International Organizations
Alternate Member, representing Ecuador, of the Bureau of the Committee on World Food Security

Main previous functions:

2010–2011	First Secretary, Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
2008–2010	Office Chief, Sub-Secretariat for Migration Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003–2008	Alternate Governor of Ecuador, Common Fund for Commodities
2007–2008	Alternate Representative of Ecuador, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
2003–2008	Second Secretary, Embassy of Ecuador to the Netherlands

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011–present	37 th Conference and all meetings of the governing bodies and sessions of FAO
2012- 2013	35 th and 36 th Sessions of the IFAD Governing Council
2012	35 th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
2011- 2012	37 th , 38 th (Special) and 39 th Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security
2011	Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
2011	Ministerial Conference on Global Governance and Security Council Reform, Rome Member of the Drafting Committees for the FAO Conference and Council, the Committee on World Food Security, the Committee on Agriculture and other FAO Bodies

ETHIOPIA

Name: **Mr ABREHA G. ASEFFA**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

1995 - 2005 Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in charge of nation-wide, demand-driven, community-owned rehabilitation and development fund known as Ethiopian Social Rehabilitation and Development Fund (ESRDF)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011 - 2013	Member of the Programme Committee
2007 - 2010	Head of Delegation, 36 th Session of the Committee on World Food Security Member of the delegation, 22 nd Session of the Committee on Agriculture Member of the FAO Council Member of the WFP Executive Board Head of delegation to the High-Level Conference on World Food Security: The Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, Rome, 3-5 June 2008
December 2009	Head of Delegation, AFSI (G-8, 2009), Rome
November 2009	Head of Delegation, World Summit on Food Security, Rome
February 2009	Head of Delegation, IFAD Governing Council Member of the CoC-IEE Working Group 3, representing the Africa Region Group Open-ended Working Group on preparations for the World Summit on Food Security, Rome, 2009 Moderated International Panel on Ecosystem Conservation and Development, COP 15, Copenhagen, 2009 Head of Delegation, Committee on World Food Security

INDIA

Name: **Mr VIMLENDRA SHARAN**

Present functions: Minister (Agriculture), Embassy of India and Alternate Permanent Representative to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome (since May 2013)

Main previous functions:

May 2012-April 2013	Joint Secretary, International Trade and National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP), Ministry of Agriculture
July 2009-May 2012	Private Secretary to Minister for Agriculture & Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Agriculture
Feb. 2006-July 2008	Private Secretary to Minister for Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Food and Public Distribution
Dec. 2004-Feb.2006	Director, International Cooperation and Internal Finance Division & Member Secretary, National Culture Fund, Department of Culture
Aug. 2004-Dec. 2004	Managing Director, Maharashtra State Tribal Development Cooperation, Nasik
April 2003- Aug. 2004	Municipal Commissioner, Nasik Municipal Corporation, Nasik, Maharashtra
Jan. 2000 - April 2003	District Collector and District Magistrate, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra State
April 1998 - Jan. 2000	Deputy Secretary, State Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai
Aug. 1997 - April 1998	Additional Commissioner and Member Secretary, Vidarbha Development Board, Nagpur, Maharashtra
March 1996 - Aug. 1997	Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad Nagpur, Maharashtra State
April 1995 - March 1996	Additional Collector and Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Programme, Kinwat Nanded, Maharashtra State Assistant Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer, Bhoom, Osmanabad, Maharashtra

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Member of the FAO Council
 Member of the WFP Executive Board
 Member of the Executive Board of IFAD
 Member of the Evaluation Committee of IFAD

INDONESIA

Name: **Mr HAMIM HAMIM**

Present functions: Agricultural Attaché, Embassy of Indonesia, Rome
Alternate Permanent Representative of Indonesia to FAO

Main previous functions:
1989-2011 Lecturer and Researcher, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2012-2013 IFAD Governing Council (35th and 36th Sessions)
2011-2013 FAO Council (142nd, 143rd, 144th and 145th Sessions)
2011-2013 IFAD Executive Board (103rd, 104th, 105th and 106th Sessions)
2012 FAO Asia and Pacific Regional Conference (APRC), Hanoi
2011 Ministerial-level Meeting on the Drought in the Horn of Africa, Rome
2011 37th Session of FAO Conference
Experience as Member of the Bureau of the Committee on World Food Security
Experience as silent observer in the Programme Committee meetings

NEW ZEALAND

Name: **Ms FIONA DUNCAN**

Present functions: Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry for Primary Industries, Wellington

Main previous functions:

First Secretary, New Zealand Mission to WTO, Geneva
Rural Trust Coordinator, Hamilton, New Zealand
Private Secretary to Minister for Agriculture, Wellington
Senior Project Advisor, Sustainable Farming Fund, Wellington
Policy Analyst, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Wellington

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011 37th Session of FAO Conference
2003 33rd Session of FAO Conference as Private Secretary to Minister for Agriculture
in his role of Chair of Conference

PHILIPPINES

Name: **Mr ROMEO RECIDE**

Present functions: Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture (since 2010)
Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture (since 1993)

Main previous functions:

1980 - 1991 Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines, Los Banos
1984 UNDP Research Fellow, Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Tokyo, Japan

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2009-present Delegate of the Philippines to FAO Council sessions
2012-2013 Delegate of the Philippines to the FAO International Rice Commission
2004-2007 Member of the FAO Programme Committee
Resource Person, Various FAO Seminars on Food Security Information System
Delegate of the Philippines, Senior Officials Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)
Focal Point, ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS)

SUDAN

Name: **Ms ABLA MALIK OSMAN**

Present functions: Agricultural Counsellor – Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to FAO (since February 2013)

Main previous functions:

2010 - 2013	Director, International and Regional Organization Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
2002 - 2010	Deputy Director, Bilateral Relations Department, General Directorate of International Cooperation & Investment, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
2001 - 2002	Head, International Organization Section, Bilateral Relations Department, General Directorate of International Cooperation & Investment, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
1997 - 2001	Head, Arab Affairs Department, Bilateral Relations Department, International Cooperation & Planning General Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
1993 - 1997	Head, African Affairs Department, External Relations General Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
1988 - 1992	Head, Bilateral Relations Section, External Relations Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan
1985 - 1987	Agriculture Engineer, External Relations General Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2010 - 2013	Member of the country team working with FAO to prepare the Country Programming Framework (CPF) which defines priority areas and results intended to be achieved by FAO in support of national agricultural and food security development objectives in line with MDGs and Internationally Agreed Development Goals
	Member of the country team during preparations of the United Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and country programme document
	Member of the committee who organized the 30 th FAO Regional Conference for the Near East, Khartoum, December 2010

SWEDEN

Name: **Ms CECILIA NORDIN VAN GANSBERGHE**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to FAO
Chairperson of the Programme Committee (2011-2013)

Main previous functions:

2006 - 2009 Minister, Swedish Embassy, responsible for EU Affairs, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2003 - 2005 Senior Specialist, World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C., USA, responsible for the "Public Expenditure and Fiscal Accountability Programme for Africa"

1998 - 2003 Deputy Director, Government Offices, Stockholm, Sweden, responsible for co-ordination of all FAO matters (including under the first Swedish EU Presidency)

1991 - 1997 Programme Officer, United Nations Development Programme in Vientiane, Laos; Assistant Resident Representative in Freetown, Liberia; and Consultant in Vientiane, Laos

1985 - 1991 Various posts in Swedish banking: Manager of Foreign Guarantees (Gotabanken); Assistant Representative of Swedbank in New York; Corporate Credits Area Manager in Luxembourg (Banque Nordeurope/Swedbank); and Venture Capital Officer in Santiago, Chile (Banchile Asesoría Financiera)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2009 - Present All major FAO meetings, including:
FAO World Summit on Food Security, Rome
27th FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Yerevan, Armenia (rapporteur jointly with Estonia)
28th FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Baku, Azerbaijan
Permanent Representatives' Field Visit to Egypt and Lebanon (2011)

1998 - 2002 All major FAO meetings including:
21st FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Tallinn, Estonia (rapporteur)
22nd FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Porto, Portugal
Non-FAO major meetings, including:
Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Bratislava, Slovakia
Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, New York, USA

SWITZERLAND

Name: Ms CHRISTINA EMMA GRIEDER

Present functions: Minister and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome (since September 2011)
Member of the Programme Committee (2012-2013)

Main previous functions:

2007-2011	Counsellor and Head of the Swiss Contribution Office for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Riga
2003-2007	Head of the International Financial Institutions Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Bern
2002-2003	Deputy Head, International Financial Institutions Division, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1997-2001	Deputy Head, Interim Head of the Agricultural Service, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1993-1996	Programme Manager Agriculture, Far East Asia Division, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1992-1993	Programme Manager at the Office for Agriculture, Canton of Thurgau, Switzerland
1991-1992	Consultant for irrigation and rural development projects, Indonesia
1989-1991	Advisor to the Swiss Cooperation Programmes in rural development, Bolivia
1983-1988	Programme Officer, pump-lifted rice irrigation, project of the SDC and the Indonesian Government, Indonesia
Until 1983	Several positions with associations of agricultural cooperatives in Switzerland

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

As a member of the Swiss delegation participated in the meetings of the: ECOSOC, CBD-COP, negotiations of the Treaty for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Governing Councils and Executive Boards of IFAD, WFP Executive Boards, FAO Council sessions, BWI Spring and Annual meetings, annual meetings of regional development banks (AsDB, AfDB, IADB), replenishment negotiations (IDA, AsDF, AfDF, IFAD), CGIAR donor meetings, and several thematic conferences organized by the UN and Specialized Agencies, particularly related to rural development, agriculture and food security.

YEMEN

Name: Mr KHALID ABDULRAHMAN AL-AKWA

Present functions: Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Italy, Permanent Representative to Rome-based UN Organizations (FAO, IFAD, WFP) (since 2010)

Main previous functions:

2003-2010	Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Sana'a Chairman, Nomination Committee, MFA Chairman, Training and Development Committee (MFA) Member of the Modernization Committee
2008-2009	Member of the National Anti-Money Laundering Committee
2007-2009	Head of the National Committee for the Prohibition of Chemical, Biological and Toxic Weapons
1998-2003	Vice-President, National Information Centre Vice-Chairman, Economy and Investment Department in the ruling party, General People's Congress (GPC) Vice-Chairman, Political and Foreign Relations Department, GPC Member of the High Political Committee, GPC Member of the Permanent Committee, GPC

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2011-present	Participation in all sessions of the Governing Bodies of FAO, the Executive Board of IFAD, the Executive Board of WFP in his capacity as Head of or member of the Delegation representing the Republic of Yemen.
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