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COUNCIL

Hundred and Forty-seventh Session

Rome, 24 June 2013

Election of Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

1. Under Rule XXXIV of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters consists of a Chairperson and seven Members (one Member from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee communicates to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience (Rule XXXIV.2 of the GRO).

2. The procedures for election of Members of the Committee require that Member Nations of the Organization 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.

3. 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 have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

Ms Mónica Martínez (Ecuador)

Mr Gregory Groth (United States of America)

5. The following nominations have been received for election as Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

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| LIBERIA (Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff) | AFRICA |
| BANGLADESH (Mr Mafizur Rahman) | ASIA AND THE PACIFIC |
| BULGARIA (Mr Lubomir Ivanov) | EUROPE |
| URUGUAY (Mr Oscar Gabriel Piñeyro Bentos) | LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN |
| IRAQ (Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani) | NEAR EAST |
| CANADA (Ms Debra Price) | NORTH AMERICA |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Mr Gregory Groth) | |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe) | SOUTHWEST PACIFIC |

6. This election is governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10(a) 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

BANGLADESH

Name: **Mr MAFIZUR RAHMAN**

Present functions: Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Bangladesh, Rome and
Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions:

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| February 2009 - July 2012 | Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock |
| September 2007 - January 2009 | Counsellor Hajj, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia |
| January 2006 - August 2007 | Director, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) |

Altogether 24-year job experience in the Government of Bangladesh

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

Member of the FAO Programme Committee
Member of Executive Board and Governing Council of IFAD
Various sessions of COFO, CFS and FAO Council
Member of the Drafting Committee at COFO and at 145th and 146th Council
Sessions
Member of the International Steering Committee for the International Year of
Family Farming in 2014

BULGARIA

Name: **Mr LUBOMIR IVANOV**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN Agencies in Rome

Main previous functions:

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| 2009 – 2012 | Director-General for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) |
| 2004 – 2009 | Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to NATO, Brussels |
| 2002 – 2004 | Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, MFA |
| 2000 – 2002 | Director for International Security, MFA |

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

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| 2011 | UNESCO General Conference |
| 2009 – 2011 | Alliance of Civilisations Meetings |
| | UNEP Annual Sessions |
| | UN General Assembly Sessions |
| | UNFCCC Summits – Copenhagen (2009); Tianjing (2010), Durban (2011) |
| 2003 | UN First Committee Sessions |

CANADA

Name: **Ms DEBRA PRICE**

Present functions: Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations, Embassy of Canada, Rome (since 2012)

Main previous functions:

2008 – 2011 Counsellor, Political, Economic and Public Affairs, Embassy of Canada, Romania (with accreditation to Republic of Moldova and Bulgaria)

2006 – 2008 Deputy Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa

2004 – 2006 Counsellor, Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction Program, Embassy of Canada, Russian Federation

2000 – 2004 First Secretary/Counsellor and Head of Political Section, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York

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

2011-2013 Canadian Representative at CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings

2011-2012
FAO Council sessions
FAO Committee on Food Security sessions
Informal Regional Conference for North America (April 2012)
Committee on Forestry
Programme Committee (112th Session)
WFP Executive Board sessions
IFAD Executive Board

ECUADOR

Name: **Ms MÓNICA MARTÍNEZ**

Present functions: Minister, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, Geneva
Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (2011-2013)

Main previous functions: Doctor of Jurisprudence and Advocate
Director, United Nations System, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito
Alternate Permanent Representative of Ecuador to FAO, WFP and IFAD
Counsellor, Embassy of Ecuador in Italy
Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, New York

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

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| 2011-present | Vice-Chairperson, Bureau of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture |
| 2012 | Chairperson, Fourth Meeting of the Andean Committee on Genetic Resources, Lima |
| 2009 - 2011 | Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters Member of the Compliance Committee of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) |
| 2008 - 2011 | Member of the Ad Hoc Third Party Beneficiary Committee of ITPGRFA (representing Latin American and Caribbean countries) |
| 2007 - 2009 | Participation in all Major FAO Meetings |
| 2007 | Chairperson of the FAO Chapter of GRULAC Member of the Drafting Committees of: 18 th Session of the Committee on Forestry; 66 th and 67 th Sessions of the Committee on Commodity Problems; 20 th Session of the Committee on Agriculture; 34 th Session of the Committee on World Food Security |
| 2005 | Rapporteur, First Conference of Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries for the Advancement of Women, Putrajaya, Malaysia |
| 2000 | Vice-Chairperson of the General Committee, 24 th Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Social Development, Geneva Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur of the 23 rd Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly, following the Fourth World Conference on Women, New York |
| 1999 | Vice-Chairperson of the Third Commission of the United Nations General Assembly (personal assignment in representing Latin America and the Caribbean) |
| 1997 | Rapporteur of the Third Commission of the United Nations General Assembly (personal assignment in representing Latin America and the Caribbean) |

IRAQ

Name: **Mr ABDULSATAR CHIYAD AL-SUDANI**

Present functions: Director-General, Legal Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

Main previous functions:
Legal Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture

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

Experience in FAO activities through the projects executed by FAO in Iraq

LIBERIA

Name: **Mr MOHAMMED S. SHERIFF**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Liberia to FAO

Main previous functions:

Attorney-at-law
Member of the Liberian National Bar Association
Ambassador-at-large
Acting Minister for Health and Social Welfare
Deputy Minister for Transport
Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare
Acting Speaker of the Liberian Parliament
Member of the Liberian Parliament (Legislative Assembly)
Chairperson of several Standing Committees, Parliament
Associate Professor, University of Liberia and AMEU
Associate Dean, University of Liberia (A.M.D. College)
Chief Medical Officer, John F. Kennedy Medical Centre, Monrovia,
Liberia

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

Participation in several meetings at FAO, IFAD and WFP since 2011.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Name: **Mr LAWRENCE KUNA KALINOE**

Present functions: Secretary, Department of Justice, and Attorney General in Papua New Guinea

Main previous functions:

Responsible for the overall management of the Department and the supervision of the provision of Legal Services to the State of Papua New Guinea

Advise Minister and Attorney General on all legal matters concerning the State of Papua New Guinea and its instrumentalities

Attendance to, and supervision of Papua New Guinea obligations concerning matters of international law

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

Immediate past member of the CCLM representing the South-West Pacific region as a delegate of Papua New Guinea

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **Mr GREGORY GROTH**

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the UN Rome-based Agencies
Member of the CCLM (2011-2013)
Alternate Representative for North America in the CFS Bureau

Main previous functions: First Secretary, Chief of Economic and Commercial Section, Embassy of the United States, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Second Secretary, Chief of Economic and Commercial Section, Embassy of the United States, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
Regional Refugee Coordinator for West Africa, United States Department of State, based at the Embassy in Abidjan

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

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| 2011-2013 | FAO Council sessions |
| 2011-2012 | Committee on World Food Security sessions |
| 2012 | FAO Committee on Fisheries |

URUGUAY

Name: **Mr OSCAR GABRIEL PIÑEYRO BENTOS**

Present functions: Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Uruguay to the Rome-based United Nations Agencies

Main previous functions:

Deputy Director of MERCOSUR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

District Consul of Uruguay in Madrid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

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

Alternate Representative to the World Food Programme

Alternate Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development