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COUNCIL

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CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER NATIONS ON THE PROGRAMME AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

a) Ninety-seventh Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 21-25 May 2007)

1. Rule XXVI-4(a) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) states that "If the representative of a Member of the Committee is expected to be unable to attend a session of the Committee, or if, due to incapacity, death or any other reason, he is prevented from exercising his functions for the remainder of the term for which the Member he represents has been elected, that Member shall inform the Director-General and the Chairperson as soon as possible, and may designate a substitute representative who shall have the qualifications and experience referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. The Council shall be informed of the qualifications and experience of the substitute representative".
2. By letter, dated 12 March 2007, The Honourable Otunba Bamidele F. Dada, Minister of State for Agriculture and Water Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria informed the Director-General that Mr Yahaia Olinaran, Minister and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to FAO would replace Mr Gabriel G. Lombin, former Minister and Permanent Representative to FAO, as the Government Representative as of the Ninety-seventh Session of the Programme Committee. The Chairperson of the Programme Committee was also informed.
3. A summary of the qualifications of Mr Yahaia Olinaran ([Appendix A](#)) is attached for the information of the Council.

**b) Hundred and Eighteenth Session of the Finance Committee
(Rome, 17-25 May 2007)**

4. Rule XXVII-4(a) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) states that "If the representative of a Member of the Committee is expected to be unable to attend a session of the Committee, or if, due to incapacity, death or any other reason, he is prevented from exercising his functions for the remainder of the term for which the Member he represents has been elected, that Member shall inform the Director-General and the Chairperson as soon as possible, and may designate a substitute representative who shall have the qualifications and experience referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. The Council shall be informed of the qualifications and experience of the substitute representative".
5. By Note Verbale No. 40/2007, dated 26 March 2007, the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe in Rome, informed the Finance Committee Secretariat that H.E. Mary Margaret Muchada, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe, would replace Ms Verenica Takaendesa Mutiro as the Government Representative for the Hundred and Eighteenth Session of the Finance Committee. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee was also informed.
6. A summary of the qualifications of H.E. Mary Margaret Muchada (Appendix B) is attached for the information of the Council.
7. By letter, dated 9 May 2007, H.E. Romualdo Bettini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Italian Republic to FAO, informed the Chairperson of the Finance Committee that he would replace Mr Augusto Zodda from 17 to 22 May 2007 as the Government Representative for the Hundred and Eighteenth Session of the Finance Committee.
8. A summary of the qualifications of H.E. Romualdo Bettini (Appendix C) is attached for the information of the Council.

APPENDIX A

NIGERIA

Name:	Mr Yahaia Olinaran
Present Position:	Minister and Permanent Representative to FAO (since May 2007).
Main previous positions:	
1968-1981	Principal Research Officer, Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan.
1981-1984	CEO/Principal Consultant, YAMOOF Nigeria Ltd. Ibadan.
1984-1987	Commissioner, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Abeokuta.
1985-1987	Alternate Commissioner, Finance and Economic Planning.
1987-1989	Farm Developer.
1989-1991	Head, Institutional Building and Interactive Research Unit (IBIRU). International Center for insect physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Nairobi, Kenya.
2001-2004	National Coordinator, National Tree Nursery Development Programme, Abuja.
2005	Study Tour of Neem Production, Usage / Machine Fabrication in Hydrabad Province and Farmer's Perception of Agro-biodiversity in the Deccan Region, South India, India.
2006	Participation in the Darwin Initiative Research Exercise on Workshop Community Tree Seeds (DIRECTS) held at Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, Cumasi, Ghana, 27-31 March 2006. Ex-situ conservation of Sub-saharan Forest Genetic Resources - listed priority tree specie.
2006	Author of: <i>The Distribution, Prospects and challenges of Tree Crop Seedlings in Nigeria</i> . A paper presented at the Stakeholder Meeting on fruit Tree Development in Nigeria, organized by the Presidential Initiative on Tropical Fruits held at National Horticultural Research Institute, Ibadan, Nigeria.
Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:	
May 2007	Member, Ninety-seventh Session of the Programme Committee.

APPENDIX B**ZIMBABWE**

Name: Ms Mary Margaret Muchada

Present Position: Ambassador and Permanent Representative to FAO (since August 2000).

Main previous positions:

Part-time Lecturer, University of Zimbabwe.
Superintendent, Probation and After Care-Hostel.
Director, National Manpower Survey.
Under Secretary, Administration and Finance.
Deputy Secretary to the Prime Minister (Policy and Research).
Permanent Secretary, Monitoring and Coordination in the President's Office.
Permanent Secretary, Information, Posts and Telecommunications.

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

Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations.
Co-Chair for the Head of State Declaration for the World Food Summit: five years later.
Chairperson, Africa Group (one-and-half years).
Member, Friends of the Chair to determine the Number and Length of the Terms of Office of the Director-General.
Africa Group Representative in the negotiation for geographical representation.

APPENDIX C**ITALY**

Name:	Mr Romualdo Bettini
Present Position:	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations Bodies in Rome (since April 2004).
Main previous positions:	
1964-1968	Directorate General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1968-1971	Second Secretary, Ankara, Turkey.
1971-1974	Consul, Bern, Switzerland.
1974-1977	Trade Counsellor, Ottawa, Canada.
1977-1980	Directorate General for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1980-1985	First Counsellor, Brussels.
1985-1986	Chief, Office (VII), Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1986-1987	Directorate General for Cultural Relations, Head of the Telecommunications and Classified Documentation Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1987-1988	Special Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1988-1991	Ambassador, Singapore.
1992-1995	Ambassador, Amman.
1995-1997	Deputy Head of the Diplomatic Protocol Service of the Italian Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
1997-2000	Head of the Diplomatic Protocol Service of the Italian Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
2000-2004	Ambassador, Algiers.
Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:	
2004-2007	Participation in various meetings of United Nations bodies.