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**Changes in Representation of Members of the Programme Committee:
Summary of the Qualifications of Mr Marco Valicenti (Canada)**

1. Rule XXVI-4(a) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) states: "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. Further to the details of changes in representation of members of the Programme Committee set out in paragraph 2 of document CL 136/9, a summary of the qualifications of Mr Marco Valicenti (Canada) is given below for the information of the Council.

CANADA

- Name: Mr Marco Valicenti
- Present Position: Alternate Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations and Agriculture Counsellor (since September 2008).
- Main previous positions:
- 2001-2002 A/Director, Evaluation Division (ES06), Audit and Evaluation Branch. Developed and implemented a risk-based internal evaluation strategy and multi-year plan for the conduct of multiple, concurrent evaluations of effectiveness and impacts of policies and programs. Directed and initiated a results-based management tool set for departmental managers in order to assist in instilling a management shift towards a more outcome-based assessment of programs and policies. Oversaw the conduct of evaluations and other performance studies, prepared and approved final reports, ensured that quality standards had been met, and negotiated with departmental managers the establishment of action plans and time lines for implementation of recommendations. Managed the activities of an autonomous Evaluation Division (7 Full Time Equivalents, \$800,000 budget) consisting of multiple evaluation teams, with authority to set deadlines and to allocate human and financial resources. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Ottawa (Canada).
- 2002-2003 Senior Programs Advisor to the ADM (AS07), Farm Financial Programs Branch. Provided strategic advice to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) and, senior management on departmental strategic programs and policies while managing complex and contentious issues and initiatives relating to farm financial programs. Supported the Assistant Deputy Minister, senior managers in the development and management of farm financial programs by conducting policy research and programming services. Presented new perspectives on emerging short, medium and long-term challenges facing the Department and the sector, including the promotion and introduction of innovative tools and approaches to support and encourage results-based management within the Branch. AAFC, Ottawa (Canada).
- 2003-2005 Deputy Director - Europe, Africa, Middle East & Russia, Markets and Trade Team (CO03). Directed, led and coordinated the development and implementation of government strategies, action plans, and initiatives in Europe, Africa, Middle East & Russia with regards to growth, trade development and investment in the Canadian agri-food sector.

- 2003-2005 (continued) Managed the delivery of analysis, recommendations and advice on market trends, business opportunities / investments and issues with respect to the agri-food industry which included assessments of foreign market economies, structure, constraints, competition, and performance of Canadian exporters in these markets. Promoted and organized “single window” delivery for federal government services to the agri-food industry in response to a diverse range of industry needs related to the development and growth of Canadian agri-food exports in Europe, Africa, Middle East & Russia; and provided strategic and functional direction to an autonomous work unit (6 FTEs, \$750,000 budget). AAFC, Ottawa (Canada).
- 2005-2007 Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister (EX01). Advised the Deputy Minister on numerous sensitive and evolving policy, program and operational matters. Imparted context, background, and linkages on specific files in order to effectively manage Departmental issues. Assessed, challenged and assisted senior Departmental managers in the development of cohesive and integrated responses to policy and program issues. Consistently identified and prioritized issues, within the overall thrust of the Department and portfolio, in order to initiate specific requests in support of the DM/Ministerial decision-making. Maintained a strategic perspective concerning sector priorities, policy and program directions and act as a primary link between DM’s office and key ADMs. Ensured strategic positioning of key issues throughout the decision-making process; and Managed communication/liaison of emerging issues with Minister’s office, DM’s office and ADMs. AAFC, Ottawa (Canada).
- 2007-2008 Director General, Strategic Management Directorate (EX02). Directs the development, implementation, and coordinating of the Department’s strategic and business planning frameworks in order to provide the Minister, senior management; and Central Agencies with the necessary information for decision-making on the investment in and stewardship of departmental resources. Directs the development and maintenance of AAFC’s management information systems in order to capture relevant data to track departmental performance against plans, policy objectives and program deliverables. Ensure that the Department has the appropriate management frameworks and mechanisms to advance the implementation of the Department's governance structure and management architecture. Provide a single window service to the Department with respect to support and guidance in business analysis, corporate planning and linkages with Treasury Board Secretariat. Promote the Department’s business, resource planning and accountability processes through a consultative approach with departmental staff (HQ and regions), OGDs, Central Agencies, etc. Effectively manage the resources (30 FTEs, \$4.0m) and activities of the Directorate within the context of the Corporate Management Branch. AAFC, Ottawa (Canada).

September 2008 to present

Alternate Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations and Agriculture Counsellor. Provide input to Canada's positions at WFP, IFAD, and FAO in relation to their mandate, strategy, policy, programs, financing, and staffing. Prepare briefing notes for meetings of governing bodies, as well as informal meetings, and also preparing reports of these meetings. Assist in planning and monitoring projects and programs where CIDA has directed funding. Maintain regular contact with a wide range of officials in at WFP, IFAD, and FAO, and diplomats in other permanent missions in Rome. Communicate on a regular basis with CIDA, as well as Foreign Affairs and Agriculture Canada, concerning programs and issues of priority to Canada. Prepare written correspondence to the Rome-based agencies as required. Plan visits of Canadian officials and delegations to the Rome-based agencies. Canadian Embassy (Office of the Deputy and Alternate Permanent Representatives), Rome (Italy).

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

Please see under *Present Position*.