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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Forty-first Session

Rome, 11-15 April 2011

### Arrangements for the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (Recommendations to the Conference)

#### Executive Summary

This document contains the tentative Timetable for the Conference and lists the officers of the Conference for which candidates still need to be nominated.

#### The Council is requested to:

- Endorse the tentative timetable for the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference set out in *Appendix A*;
- Propose candidates for the following officers of the Conference:
  - Chairperson of Commission I;
  - Chairperson of Commission II;
  - Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
  - Seven elected Members of the General Committee;
  - Nine Members of the Credentials Committee; and
  - Seven Members of the Resolutions Committee.

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### **Introduction**

1. As decided by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (November 2009), the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference will be held in Rome from 25 June to 2 July 2011.
2. This document complements arrangements for the 37th Session of the FAO Conference (25 June - 2 July 2011) approved by the Council at its 140th Session (November-December 2010), which are set out in C 2011/12, including the proposal that the theme for the General Debate of the Conference under item 10 "Review of the State of Food and Agriculture" be "The Vital Role of Women in Agriculture and Rural Development".

### **Tentative Timetable**

3. A tentative timetable for the Conference (*Appendix A*) is submitted for consideration by the Council and submission to the Conference for approval.

### **Officers of the Conference**

4. The Council at its 140<sup>th</sup> Session (November-December 2010) expressed consensus for the nomination of His Excellency Teferra Derebrew, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of Ethiopia as Chairperson of the Conference and, furthermore, recommended that the Chairperson of Commission I be from a country not within the G77 and that the Chairperson of Commission II be from a G77 country.<sup>1</sup>
5. At its 141<sup>st</sup> Session the Council is requested to nominate candidates for the following positions:
  - (i) Chairperson of Commission I;
  - (ii) Chairperson of Commission II;
  - (iii) three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
  - (iv) seven elected Members of the General Committee;
  - (v) nine members of the Credentials Committee; and
  - (vi) seven members of the Resolutions Committee.

### **Informal Meeting for Non-Governmental Organizations**

6. As at previous sessions of the Conference, it is proposed that observers from Non-Governmental Organizations be invited to attend an informal meeting on Saturday 25 June, so that their advice and suggestions on the Organization's activities and programmes may be communicated to the Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> CL 140/REP para 85

**Appendix A****Provisional Timetable for the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference****Saturday 25 June 2011****Morning (9.30-12.30) - Plenary**

- Item 1** Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
- Item 2** Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee
- Item 35** Any Other Matters
  - 35.1** McDougall Memorial Lecture

**(First Meeting of the General Committee)****Afternoon (14.30) - Plenary**

- Item 3** Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
- Item 4** Admission of Observers
- Item 5** Applications for Membership in the Organization
- Item 6** Appointment of the Director-General
  - 6.1** Address by Candidates to the post of Director-General

**Morning (9.30) - Philippines room**

[Informal Meeting of Observers from Non-Governmental Organizations]

**Sunday 26 June 2011****Morning (10.30) - Plenary**

- Item 6** Appointment of the Director-General (cont'd)

## Monday 27 June 2011

	Plenary	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	Director-General's Statement  Independent Chairperson of the Council's Statement <b>Item 35:</b> Any Other Matters <b>35.2:</b> Presentation of B.R. Sen Awards <b>35.3:</b> Presentation of A.H. Boerma Award <b>35.4:</b> Presentation of the Edouard Saouma Award <b>35.5:</b> Margarita Lizárraga Medal  <b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture		<hr/> <b>10.30-12.30</b>  <b>Item 21:</b> Programme Implementation Report 2008-2009  <b>Item 22:</b> Programme Evaluation Report 2011  <b>Item 24:</b> Report of the CoC-IEE on the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	<b>Item 11:</b> Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:  <b>11.1:</b> Report of the 31st Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (26-30 April 2010) <b>11.2:</b> Report of the 26th Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (3-7 May 2010) <b>11.3:</b> Report of the 27th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (13-14 May 2010) <b>11.4:</b> Report of the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (27 September - 1 October 2010) <b>11.5:</b> Report of the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (4-8 December 2010)  <b>Item 13:</b> The State of Land and Water	<b>Item 23:</b> Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Draft Resolution on budget level)

**Tuesday 28 June 2011**

	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	<b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	<p><b>Item 12:</b> Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:</p> <p><b>12.1:</b> Report of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (14-16 June 2010)</p> <p><b>12.2:</b> Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (16-19 June 2010)</p> <p><b>12.3:</b> Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (4-8 October 2010)</p> <p><b>12.4:</b> Report of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (11-14 October and 16 October 2010)</p> <p><b>12.5:</b> Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (31 January - 4 February 2011)</p> <p><b>Item 14:</b> Declaration on Rinderpest Eradication</p>	<b>Item 23:</b> Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	<p><b>Item 15:</b> Interim Report on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System</p> <p><b>Item 16:</b> Status of Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources</p> <p><b>Item 19:</b> Implementation Plan of the Global Strategy to improve Agricultural Statistics</p> <p><b>Item 20:</b> FAO Gender Audit 2010</p> <p><i>(Drafting Committee Commission I)</i></p>	<p><b>Item 23:</b> Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)</p> <p><i>(Drafting Committee Commission II)</i></p>

**Wednesday 29 June 2011**

	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	<b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	<b>Item 27:</b> United Nations/FAO World Food Programme <b>27.1:</b> Amendments to the General Regulations and Rules of WFP <b>Item 17:</b> Evaluation of the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009 <b>Item 18:</b> International Year of Forests 2011	<b>Item 23:</b> Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 10:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	<i>(Drafting Committee Commission I)</i>	<b>Item 23:</b> Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd) <b>Item 25:</b> Report of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation <b>Item 26:</b> Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Council <i>(Drafting Committee Commission II)</i>

**Thursday 30 June 2011**

	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	[Papal Audience] (tbc)		
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<p><b>Item 30:</b> Audited Accounts 2008-2009 (Draft Resolution)</p> <p><b>Item 31:</b> Scale of Contributions 2012-2013 (Draft Resolution)</p> <p><b>Item 32:</b> Payment by the European Union to Cover Administrative and other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization</p> <p><b>Item 33:</b> Other Administrative and Financial Matter</p> <p><b>Item 9:</b> Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee</p> <p><b>Item 35:</b> Any Other Matters</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>35.6:</b> Statement by a Representative of FAO Staff Bodies</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>35.7:</b> In Memoriam</p> <p><b>Item 34:</b> Date and Place of the 38<sup>th</sup> Conference Session</p>	<b>Adoption of the Report (time to be announced)</b>	<b>Adoption of the Report (time to be announced)</b>

**Friday 1 July 2011****Morning (9.30-12.30) - Plenary****Item 28** Amendments to the Basic Texts**Item 29** Other Constitutional and Legal Matters

Adoption of Commission II Report on Item 23 (PWB 2012-2013)

**Afternoon (14.30-17.30 - or later if required) - Plenary****Item 8** Election of Council Members**Item 7** Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council**Saturday 2 July 2011****Morning***(Processing of Report for submission to Plenary)***Afternoon (14.30-17.30 - or later if required) - Plenary**

Adoption of the Report of:

- Commission I
- Commission II
- Plenary