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# COUNCIL

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### Appointment of Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee

#### Executive Summary

Staff Regulation 303.11.1 provides that the Chairperson and two Alternate Chairpersons of the Organization's Appeals Committee are appointed by the Council. The positions of the First and Second Alternate Chairpersons have recently become vacant.

#### Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to appoint a First and Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for a term of three years to take effect immediately.

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1. Staff Regulation 301.11.1 provides as follows:

*“The Director-General shall establish a Committee within the Organization to advise him in cases of appeal by individual staff members regarding a grievance arising out of disciplinary action or arising out of an administrative decision which staff members allege to be in conflict, either in substance or in form, with the terms of their appointment or with any pertinent Staff Regulation, Staff Rule or administrative directive. At the request of the staff member, the Director-General may render a final decision without recourse being made to the said Committee. The Committee shall consist of two members and five alternate members nominated by the Director-General, two members and five alternate members elected by the staff as a whole, and an independent Chairman appointed by the Council. The Council shall appoint two alternate Chairmen to serve when the Chairman is unavailable; if the Chairman and alternate Chairmen are unavailable, the remainder of the Committee may select an ad hoc Chairman, who shall not be a staff member.”*

2. At its 143<sup>rd</sup> Session (28 November to 2 December 2011) the Council appointed Her Excellency Daniela Rotondaro, Ambassador of the Republic of San Marino and Permanent Representative to FAO, as the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.

3. At its 119<sup>th</sup> Session (20-25 November 2000), the Council appointed Mr Denis Cangy, Consul of Mauritius in Rome, as Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee. On 16 July 2012, Consul Cangy informed the Director-General of his imminent retirement and consequent resignation from his duties as Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee effective as from 1 August 2012.

4. At its 143<sup>rd</sup> Session the Council appointed His Excellency Rénovat Ndayirukiye, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi and Permanent Representative to FAO, as First Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee. Following completion of his assignment in Rome, Ambassador Rénovat Ndayirukiye resigned from his duties as First Alternate Chairperson in September 2013.

5. Consequently, the Council is invited to appoint :

- i) His Excellency Don Mario Arvelo Caamaño, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and Permanent Representative to FAO as First Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee; and
- ii) His Excellency Lubomir Ivanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria and Permanent Representative to FAO as Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.

6. The appointment as Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee will take effect immediately for a period of three years renewable once for the same period. Should the office of the First or Second Alternate Chairperson become vacant due to resignation, expiry of the term of official accreditation to the Organization or for any other reason preventing them from exercising their functions for the remainder of the term of office, the Council would appoint a new Alternate Chairperson in accordance with Staff Regulation 301.11.1.