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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Thirtieth Session

Rome, 28 November 2005

### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Under the provisions of Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization, as revised by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FAO Conference, the Finance Committee consists of representatives of eleven Member Nations elected by the Council: seven from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean; four from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
- Under the provisions of the same Rule, Member Nations seeking election to the Committee communicate 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. This information is in turn circulated in writing to Members of the Council.
- The procedures for election of Members of the Committee require that Member Nations 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 designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee. After electing the Chairperson, the Council elects the other ten Members of the Committee in two stages, making the necessary adjustment to take into account the Member Nation of which the Chairperson is a national and the region to which that Member Nation belongs.
- The two stages are (a) the election of seven (or six) Members from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and (b) the election of four (or three) Members from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
- 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 for stage (a) and Appendix B for stage (b).

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6. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Finance Committee:

PAKISTAN (Aamir Ashraf Khawaja) ASIA

7. The following six nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee from the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Near East:

COTE D'IVOIRE (Bakayoko Aboubakar) AFRICA  
ZIMBABWE (Ms Verenica Takaendesa Mutiro)

JAPAN (Seiichi Yokoi) ASIA

PARAGUAY (Ms Ana María Baiardi Quesnel) LATIN AMERICA AND THE  
PERU (Roberto Seminario Portocarrero) CARIBBEAN

QATAR (Ahmed Ibrahim Al Abdulla) NEAR EAST

8. The following four nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee from the regions of Europe, North America and Southwest Pacific.

DENMARK (Soeren Skafte) EUROPE

GERMANY (Eckhard W. Hein)  
ITALY (Augusto Zodda)

USA (J. Michael Cleverley) NORTH AMERICA

9. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization. It should be noted that in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Rule, the Chairman 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 vacancies.

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**APPENDIX A**


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**COTE D'IVOIRE**

Name: **BAKAYOKO ABOUBAKAR**

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Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to FAO

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1993-1999	Secretary-General of the National Committee for Food and Development
1988-1990	Assistant Director for Planning at the Ministry of Water and Forests
1977-1986	Regional Director of the National Bank for Agricultural Development

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

FAO 1995-2000	Participation in Sessions of the Conference, Council and Committees of FAO  1996 World Food Summit (National Focal Point) 2002 World Food Summit: <i>five years later</i>
WFP 2000-2005	Executive Board Member
IFAD 2000-2005	Governing Council Consultations on the Fifth and Sixth Replenishment (1999-2002)

## JAPAN

Name: **SEIICHI YOKOI**

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Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to FAO and WFP  
Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy

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Main previous functions:

1980	Entered Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
1984-1986	Associate Expert, AGPC, FAO, Rome
1993-1996	Associate Director, International Cooperation Division, MAFF
1996-1999	Principal Administrator, Country Study II and Environment Division, OECD, Paris, France
1999-2002	Deputy Director, International Research Division, Research Council, MAFF
2002-2004	Director, Planning Division, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Development Study Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
2004-2005	Director, Group II (Asian and Latin American countries), Rural Development Department, JICA

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

2001	FAO Council, 121 <sup>st</sup> Session The friends of the Chair meeting and the Open Ended Working Group meeting on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGR) FAO Conference, 31 <sup>st</sup> Session
2003	JICA/FAO consultation meeting
2004	FAO International Rice Conference
2005	WFP Executive Board Annual Session FAO Council, 128 <sup>th</sup> Session Finance Committee, 110 <sup>th</sup> and 111 <sup>th</sup> Sessions WFP Second Regular Session of the Executive Board

**PAKISTAN**

Name: **AAMIR ASHRAF KHAWAJA**

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Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN Food and Agriculture Bodies in Rome

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Main previous functions:

Served as Additional Director General in Lahore Development Authority, Lahore-Pakistan dealing with development, financial and administrative matters.

Served as Project Director for two multilateral rural-based poverty alleviation development projects in Pakistan.

Served as Divisional Director, Local Government and Rural Development Department and Additional Deputy Commissioner, North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Punjab Province of Pakistan dealing with administrative and financial matters.

Served as Assistant Commissioner at different locations in Pakistan dealing with administrative and financial matters.

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

Committee on Fisheries, 26<sup>th</sup> Session

Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries

Ministerial Meeting on Forests

Committee on Forestry, 17<sup>th</sup> Session

Committee on Commodity Problems, 65<sup>th</sup> Session

Committee on Agriculture, 19<sup>th</sup> Session

FAO Council, 128<sup>th</sup> Session

Finance Committee – 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Sessions

Annual and Second Regular Sessions of WFP Executive Board

IFAD Executive Board, 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Sessions

Third and Fourth Consultations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Replenishment of IFAD Resources

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**PARAGUAY**

Name: **Ms ANA MARIA BAIARDI QUESNEL**

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Present functions: General Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady of Paraguay

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Main previous functions:

Minister, Alternate Permanent Representative of Paraguay to FAO, Rome (2001-2005)

Counsellor of Paraguay, Spain

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations, New York

Ministry of External Relations, Director for America

Director of Information Technology, Chief of Cabinet of the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Member of the FAO Programme Committee and the FAO Finance Committee

FAO Regional Conferences, Cuba and Guatemala

World Food Summit: *five years later* (2002)

FAO Conference, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Sessions

Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995)

Representative of Paraguay at the General Assembly of the United Nations 46<sup>th</sup> to 51<sup>st</sup> sessions

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**PERU**

Name: **ROBERTO SEMINARIO PORTOCARRERO**

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Present functions: Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the UN  
Agencies in Rome, Embassy of Peru in Italy  
In charge of negotiations of Peru in Italy

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Main previous functions:

Consul General of Peru in Miami  
Consul General of Peru in Loja, Ecuador  
Embassy of Peru in Ecuador  
Embassy of Peru in Uruguay  
Embassy of Peru in Bulgaria  
Director of Frontiers and Limits in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
Peru

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

Chairman of the FAO Finance Committee  
Delegate of Peru to various international conferences of FAO, IFAD and WFP

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**QATAR**

Name: **AHMED IBRAHIM AL ABDULLA**

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Present position: Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of the Mission, Alternate Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to UN Agencies in Rome

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Main previous positions:

Assistant Director of Asian and Africa Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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

Meetings and Conferences, Councils, Executive Boards, Governor, Regional Groups Meetings "Near East Group" G-77 Group and other activities regarding UN Agencies in Rome.

Responsible for administration affairs and finance at the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Rome



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**ZIMBABWE**

Name: **VERENICA TAKAENDESA MUTIRO**

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Present position: Chief, Agricultural Economist, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development responsible for development policy and project management

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Main previous positions:

1994-2001 Project Coordinator – Coffee Market Development and Trade Promotion in Eastern and Southern Africa.  
Principal/Senior Agricultural Economist: Policy and Planning, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Settlement.  
Project Coordinator – UNDP support to Land Reform Programme, Institutional Strengthening and Irrigation Development Project.

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

Member of the FAO Finance Committee- 2003-2005  
Part of Zimbabwean delegation to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO Conference  
Participation in the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)  
Participation in the Inter-sessional Working Group (ISWG) to formulate proposals for an Independent External Evaluation of FAO on the Progressive Realisation of the Right to Food

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**APPENDIX B**


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**DENMARK**

Name: **SOEREN SKAFTE**

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Present functions: Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to FAO  
Chairman of the Danish FAO Committee  
(Since 1 November 2003)

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Main previous functions:

1978-1985	Head of Section, Ministry of State
1985-1989	Personal Assistant to the Danish Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office
1989-1990	Head of Department, Prime Minister's Office
1990-1995	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy
1995-2000	Director-General, Danish Agency for Structural Development
2000-2003	Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
from 2000	Member of EU Council Working Party FAO Agri Coordination (Chairperson 2002)

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

Delegate to meetings in OECD, IEA and IAEA  
Member of Danish Delegations to United Nations General Assembly  
From 2000 Head of Delegation to FAO Council, FAO Regional Conference, Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Committee on Agriculture (COAG), and ECA  
Alternate Delegate to FAO Conference 2001, 2003 and 2005.  
Alternate Delegate to World Food Summit: *five years later*  
Member of the ECA Executive Committee 2004-2006  
Member of the Bureau of CFS 2004-2006

## GERMANY

Name: **ECKHARD W. HEIN**

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Present functions:

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Main previous functions:

1968-1969	Internships/Short-Term Assignments: bank management and international transport/logistics.
1970-1972	Associate Research Assistant, Department for Comparative Agricultural Policy and Rural Sociology, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany.
1972-1976	Economist – Research Fellow, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany. Member of an inter-disciplinary research project funded by the German Research Association.
1976-1977	Programme Officer (P.2) (Associate Expert) Regional Bureau for the Near East and North Africa, Field Programme Development Division, Development Department, FAO, Rome.
1977-1978	Programme Officer (P.2) Assistant to the FAO Representative in India (Associate Expert – German Associate Expert Programme).
1979-1981	Programme Officer (P.3) Office of the FAO Representative in Bangladesh.
1981-1986	Programme Officer (P.4) Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC).
1986-1991	Senior Programme Officer(P.5)/Officer-in-Charge, Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC).
1991-1995	Chief (D.1) Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC), Field Programme Development Division, Development Department.
1995-January 1998	Chief (D.1) Information and Procedures Unit (TCDI), Technical Cooperation Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).  Major involvement in different internal FAO coordinating and management committees, working groups, including as Secretary of the Field Programme Committee, member of the Information Resources Committee and member/chairman of the Joint Commissary Committee.
February 1998-December 2000	Secretary (D.1) Consultative Committee on Programme and Operation Questions (CCPOQ) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) – on secondment from FAO.  During secondment to the ACC/CEB machinery there had been close collaboration with the CEB High Level Committee on Management and the ACC Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions as well as with the Joint Inspection Unit; furthermore regular collaboration existed with the UN System Staff College as resource

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	person; regular participation at various governing body meetings within the UN system and close collaboration with different agencies; specific involvement in questions of extra-budgetary funding and support cost issues.
January 2001-December 2003	Secretary (D.1) High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), CEB Secretariat – on secondment from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
December 2003-31 October 2005	Chief, (D.1) Resources and Strategic Partnerships Unit (TCDS), Technical Cooperation Department (TC), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.  Additional functions: Director-General's representative and Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee on Medical Coverage (JAC/MC); Chairman of the Steering Committee of the FAO/Italy Decentralized Cooperation Programme (IFDCP).

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

## ITALY

Name: **AUGUSTO ZODDA**

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Present position:

Member of the General Supervision and Inspection Service of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance

Member of the Board of Alitalia (since June 2004)

Member of the Board of Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato (since March 2004)

Member of the Board of SACE, Italian Export Credit Agency (since September 2003)

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Main previous positions:

November 1965	Joined the Italian Treasury as Junior Counsellor
1972-1974	Member of the European Community Group on capital movements
June 1982-June 1983	Member of the Working Group for interventions on exchange markets set up by Versailles G7 Summit
October 1983-December 1985	Member of the Board of Istituto Nazionale Credito Lavoro Italiano all'Estero – ICLE (Gruppo Monte dei Paschi di Siena)
May 1987-December 1989	Member of the Board of the Italian Exchange Office
July 1987-December 1997	Member of the Board of Coopercredito (Banca Nazionale del Lavoro)
January 1989-December 1998	Member of the Monetary Committee of the European Union
October 1990-December 1998	Finance “Sub Sherpa” for the preparation of the G7 Summits
1992-1995	Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Treasury
April 1996-July 2002	Member of the Board of “Europrogetti e Finanze” (Project finance institution)
July 1996-December 2001	President of the Audit Committee of “Fondazione Nazionale Banca delle Comunicazioni”
February 1997-December 1998	Director of International Affairs in the Treasury Department
March 1997-December 1998	Member of the Board of Mediocredito Centrale (Italian Bank)
April 1999-December 2001	Member of the Board of Banco di Napoli

February 2000-July 2003    Member of the Board of “Gestore della rete di transmission nazionale – S.p.a.” (GRTN)

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

Member of the Finance Committee 2003-2005

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Name: **J. MICHAEL CLEVERLEY**

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Present position: Deputy Permanent Representative at the US Mission to the UN Organizations in Rome

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Main previous positions:

1984-1978 Foreign service assignments: London (1984-1988); Helsinki (1979-1983); Milan (1976-1978)

1978-1979 Member of staff of the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Washington

1989-1993 Economic Counselor, American Embassy, Athens, Greece

1993-1996 Economic Counselor, American Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa

1996-1999 Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Helsinki, Finland; also served for an extended time as Chargé d'Affaires

1999 Deputy Stability Pact Coordinator, Department of State, Washington

2000-2003 Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy, Athens, Greece

Recipient of four Superior Honor Awards and a Meritorious Honor Award from the US Department of State, the Sinclair Language Award from the American Foreign Service Association, and the Writer's Award from the National War College.

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

2003-2005 Member of the Finance Committee