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## CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER NATIONS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

# Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 20-21 October 2005)

- 1. 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".
- 2. By letter dated 10 October 2005, His Excellency, Matthew S.S. Wyatt, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to FAO, informed the Director General that Mr Neil Briscoe, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to FAO, would replace Mr Anthony Beattie as the Government Representative of the United Kingdom for the Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Finance Committee. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee was also informed.
- 3. A summary of the qualifications of Mr Neil Briscoe (<u>Appendix A</u>) is attached for the information of the Council.
- 4. By letter dated 13 October 2005, His Excellency, Tony P. Hall, Ambassador of the United States of America to FAO, informed the Director General that Mr Willem H. Brakel, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO, would replace Mr J. Michael Cleverley as the Government Representative of the United States of

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America for the Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Finance Committee. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee was also informed.

5. A summary of the qualifications of Mr Willem H. Brakel (<u>Appendix B</u>) is attached for the information of the Council.

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#### APPENDIX A

#### UNITED KINGDOM

Name: Mr Neil Briscoe

Present Position: First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO

(since April 2004).

Main previous positions:

September 1989- Consultant, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, UN,

August 1990 New York.

August 1990- Assistant Officer, Department of Political & Security Council

February 1991 Affairs, UN, New York.

February 1991- Political Affairs Officer, Executive Office of the

June 1995 Secretary-General, UN, New York.

and July 1997-December 1999

February 2002- UN Conflict Adviser, Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs

April 2004 Department, UK Department for International Development

(DFID), London

April 2004-Present Deputy UK Permanent Representative to the UN World Food

Programme and Humanitarian Adviser, UK Permanent

Representation to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies, Rome

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

Agencies:

April 2004-Present Participation in various meetings of the UN World Food

Programme.

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#### **APPENDIX B**

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: Mr Willem H. Brakel

Present Position: First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO

(since August 2003).

Main previous positions:

1972-1976 Teaching Fellow, Evolutionary and Ecological Biology, Yale

University, New Haven, Connecticut.

1977-1981 Lecturer in Zoology, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

1981-1987 Assistant Professor of Biology, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD.

1987-2003 Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, specializing

in economics, environment, science and technology issues.

Overseas postings: Mexico City, Brussels, Paris, and Bangui.

Washington positions: Bureau of African Affairs and the Foreign

Service Institute's Economic Training Unit.

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

Agencies:

August 2003-Present Participation in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FAO Conference and in

various FAO Council Sessions.

Vice-Chairperson of the Intersessional Working Group (ISWG)

on Independent External Evaluation of FAO.