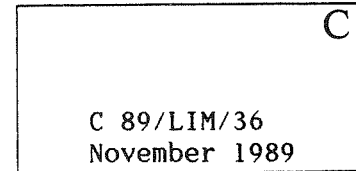


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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ROME



Twenty-fifth Session

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FIFTH REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Voting Rights

1. The Conference noted that, in accordance with Article III-4 of the Constitution, fourteen Member Nations at the beginning of the session had no right to vote in the Conference, as the amount of their arrears of contributions to the Organization exceeded the amount of the contributions due from them for the two preceding calendar years. Subsequently, four of these Member Nations regularized their positions. Information had been received from nine Member Nations indicating that their failure to pay was due to conditions beyond the control of each of these Member Nations. Therefore, the Conference agreed that voting rights should be restored to nine Member Nations (Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, and Sierra Leone) for the duration of the Twenty-fifth Conference Session. In the case of the other Member Nation (Democratic Kampuchea) it had not registered to attend the Conference and had not responded to correspondence sent to it concerning the payment of arrears, consequently the Conference had no basis on which to restore its right to vote. Furthermore, the Conference emphasized the need for all Member Nations to pay their contributions and any arrears as soon as possible.

Appointment of the Independent Chairman of the Council

2. The Conference had before it two nominations for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council.

3. The Conference after a secret ballot appointed Mr to the office of Independent Chairman of the Council for a period of two years up to the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 1991, and adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution .../89

APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

THE CONFERENCE,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization:

1. Declares that _____ is appointed Independent Chairman of the Council for a period of two years, that is until the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 1991;
2. Decides that the conditions of appointment including the allowances attached to the office of the Independent Chairman of the Council, shall be as follows:
 - (a) An annual allowance of the equivalent of US\$10 000 to cover the representation expenses and secretarial assistance in the Chairman's home station, on the understanding that the Director-General will provide secretarial assistance when the Chairman attends sessions of the Council or Conference; one-half of the allowance shall be payable in US dollars, the balance being payable, in whole or in part, in the currency of the home country of the Chairman, or in Italian lire, according to his desires;
 - (b) A per diem allowance at a rate equivalent to that for the Deputy Director-General, while the Chairman is absent from his home station on Council business, the allowance being reduced to US\$20 per diem while the Chairman is in travel status on board a common carrier other than by sea;
 - (c) Travel expenses, including the above per diem allowance, shall be defrayed by the Organization, in conformity with its regulations and existing practice, when the Chairman attends sessions of the Council, of the Programme and Finance Committees, of the Conference, or when he is invited by the Council or by the Director-General to travel for other purposes.

Timetable of Plenary: Adoption of the Report on Item 13 "Programme of Work and Budget 1990-91 and Medium-Term Objectives"

4. The adoption by Plenary of the Report of Commission II on Item 13, Programme of Work and Budget 1990-91 and Medium-Term Objectives, and of the Resolution on Budgetary Appropriations 1990-91, is presently scheduled for 11.00 hours on Wednesday 22 November.

5. In order to permit the inclusion in the above-mentioned Resolution of Budgetary provisions relating to such other decisions as may emanate from the work of Commissions I and II, the General Committee recommends to the Conference that the adoption of the report of Commission II on Item 13, Programme of Work and Budget 1990-91 and Medium-Term Objectives, and of the Resolution on Budgetary Appropriations 1990-91, be re-scheduled to take place at 15.30 hours on Thursday 23 November. In that event, the work of the Commissions could continue during the morning of Wednesday 22 November, but would be suspended during the afternoon of Thursday 23 November.

6. The General Committee also recommends that the Chairman of Commission II should launch a new appeal for a consensus in the debate on Item 15, conclusions of the Review of Certain Aspects of FAO's Goals and Operations.