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FOURTH REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS)

1. The General Committee formally draws the attention of the Conference to the following paragraphs of Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO):

"3 In selecting Members of the Council, the Conference shall give due consideration to the desirability of:

- (a) including in its membership a balanced geographical representation of nations interested in the production, distribution and consumption of food and agricultural products;
- (b) ensuring the participation in the work of the Council of such Member Nations as contribute in a large measure toward the success of the Organization;
- (c) giving to the greatest possible number of Member Nations an opportunity, by rotation of membership, to serve on the Council"

"4 Member Nations shall be eligible for re-election".

2. The Conference set 12.00 hours on Monday 20 November 1989 as the deadline for submission of nominations for election to the Council 1/.

3. The General Committee has examined the nominations received by that time and confirms their validity.

1/ C 89/LIM/6, para 17.

4. These nominations are as follows: 1/

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
AFRICA	(a) November 1989 to 31 December 1990 (1 SEAT)	NIGERIA
	(b) November 1989 to 31 December 1992 (5 SEATS)	CAMEROON GABON GHANA MADAGASCAR MOROCCO
	(c) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (4 SEATS)	CAPE VERDE COTE D'IVOIRE KENYA ZAMBIA
ASIA	(a) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (3 SEATS)	INDIA PAKISTAN PHILIPPINES
EUROPE	(a) November 1989 to 31 December 1992 (3 SEATS)	NETHERLANDS POLAND PORTUGAL
	(b) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (4 SEATS)	FRANCE ITALY SWEDEN UNITED KINGDOM
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	(a) November 1989 to 31 December 1992 (5 SEATS)	BRAZIL COLOMBIA COSTA RICA CUBA MEXICO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
	(b) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (1 SEAT)	The Member Nation unsuccessful in the election to fill vacancy (a) above

1/ See C 89/LIM/22 for the vacancies and periods

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
NEAR EAST	(a) November 1989 to 31 December 1992 (2 SEATS)	LEBANON LIBYA
	(b) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (3 SEATS)	EGYPT SAUDI ARABIA (Kingdom of) SUDAN
NORTH AMERICA	(a) November 1989 to 31 December 1992 (2 SEATS)	CANADA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	(a) 1 January 1991 to November 1993 (1 SEAT)	AUSTRALIA

5. For the Africa Region for the period November 1989 - 31 December 1990 there is one candidates for 1 seat, therefore one ballot may be sufficient to fill the vacancy.

6. For four regions, i.e. Africa, Europe, Near East and North America, the number of candidates for the period November 1989 - 31 December 1992 is the same as the number of vacancies. One ballot for each one of these regions may therefore be sufficient for candidates to obtain the required majority in accordance with Rule XII-3(a) and (b) GRO. In this connection, attention is drawn to Rule XII-9(a) GRO which specifies that the election of Council Members must be decided by secret ballot, even in cases where there are not more candidates than Council seats to be filled. For the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean there are six candidates for five seats. This means that for this Region more than one ballot may be needed before the vacancies are filled.

7. For the period 1 January 1991 - November 1993 for five Regions i.e. Africa, Asia, Europe, Near East and Southwest Pacific the number of candidates is the same as the number of vacancies. Therefore one ballot may be sufficient for candidates to obtain the required majority in accordance with Rule XII-3(a) and (b) GRO. In accordance with Rule XXII-10(g) GRO: "Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw". Accordingly, for the region of Latin America and the Caribbean there will be one candidate for one seat, when the unsuccessful candidate in the first election is known. This means that for this Region one ballot may be sufficient to fill the vacancy.

8. The General Committee notes that voting will take place on Monday 27 November 1989 in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Conference.

9. The Committee recommends that:
- (a) the first stage of voting should comprise balloting for the Africa Region to fill one seat for the period November 1989 - 31 December 1990. This would be followed by any additional ballots which may be required for this period.
 - (b) The second stage of voting should comprise balloting for all Regions concerned for the period November 1989 - 31 December 1992. This would be followed by any additional ballots which may be required for this period.
 - (c) The third stage of voting should comprise balloting for all Regions concerned for the period 1 January 1991 - November 1993. This would be followed by any additional ballots which may be required for this period.