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Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

Executive Summary

The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund is administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a Staff Pension Committee for each member organisation, and a Secretariat to the Board and to each such committee. The Staff Pension Committee of each member organisation consists of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service. Members and alternate members are appointed for a three-year term of office. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of: three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO; three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and three members (with three alternates) elected by the FAO and WFP Participants.

Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference is invited to appoint to the Staff Pension Committee the proposed Representatives listed in paragraph 7 of this document.

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1. Article 4(a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides that "the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a Staff Pension Committee for each member organisation, and a Secretariat to the Board and to each such committee". Under Article 6(c) the Staff Pension Committee of each member organisation "shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service..."

2. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee plays an important role in the general effort to harmonise UN pensions and their administration with the requirements of Organisations of the UN common system and of their staff, who may serve and retire in all countries of the world. Its responsibilities are:

- to review the Pension Fund Regulations and Administrative rules with respect to possible amendments thereto in order to formulate the position of the Committee's delegation to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which in turn makes recommendations as appropriate, to the United Nations General Assembly;
- to interpret and apply the Regulations and Administrative rules of the Pension Fund in cases of contestation by FAO & WFP participants of a decision by the Secretary of the Staff Pension Committee concerning participants' entitlements and/or status;
- to grant disability benefits in payment (approximately 25-30 cases per year), in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund.

3. The Committee meets in Rome as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting half a day). The Committee appoints three members and three alternates (one member and one alternate from among the members designated by the FAO Conference, the Director-General and FAO/WFP Participants respectively) to represent the Organisation in the UN Joint Staff Pension Board, the higher administrative body of the Fund, reporting directly to the UN General Assembly. Regular sessions of the Board are held not less frequently than once every two years.

4. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of:

- three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
- three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
- three members (with three alternates) elected by the FAO & WFP Participants.

5. The Conference-appointed member and alternates at present are:

Term of Office	Members	Alternates
1 January 2015- 31 December 2017	Mr MD Mafizur Rahman Alternate Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to FAO	Ms Roxana Oller Catoira Alternate Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to FAO
1 January 2014- 31 December 2016	Mr Juan M. Cammarano Second Secretary of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies	Mr Vladimir Navara Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO
1 January 2013- 31 December 2015	His Excellency Zohrab V. Malek Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to FAO	Ms Nike-Ekaterini Koutrakou Alternate Permanent Representative of Greece to FAO

6. In order to avoid travel costs in connection with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings, which are held in Rome, the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

7. The Conference is invited to appoint to the Staff Pension Committee the following:

- a) Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to FAO, as Alternate Member to replace and complete the term of office of Ms Nike-Ekaterini Koutrakou, which ends on 31 December 2015.
- b) Ms Daleya Uddin, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies, as Member to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Juan Cammarano, which ends on 31 December 2016.
- c) Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to FAO, to serve as Member from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.
- d) Mr Spyridon Ellinas, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to FAO, to serve as Alternate Member from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.
- e) Mr Bah Konipo, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mali to FAO, to serve as Member from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.
- f) Ms Daleya Uddin, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies, to serve as Alternate Member from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.