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INVITATIONS TO NON-MEMBER NATIONS TO ATTEND FAO SESSIONS

1. Paragraphs B-1 and B-2 of the "Statement of Principles relating to the Granting of Observer Status to Nations",¹ indicate that States which, while not Member Nations or Associate Members of FAO, are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency may, on request, and subject to the provisions of paragraph B-4, be invited by the Conference or the Council to be represented by an observer at a session of the Conference or Council. Such non-Member States may, on request and with the approval of the Council, attend regional or technical meetings of the Organization.
2. In cases of urgency, however, when there is insufficient time to consult the Council, the Director-General may on request invite such Non-Member States to send an observer to such meetings.

I. INVITATIONS TO THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (FOR DECISION)

3. A request was received on 4 September 2001 from the Russian Federation to attend in an observer capacity the Hundred and Twenty-first Session of the Council (Rome, 30 October - 1 November 2001). An invitation was issued on 1 October 2001 subject to approval by the Council.
4. The Director-General requests Council approval to admit the Russian Federation as an observer at the Hundred and Twenty-first Session of the Council.

¹ See FAO *Basic Texts*, Volume II, Section L (Appendix).

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