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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

1. Under Rule XXXIV of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters consists of a Chairperson and seven Members (one Member from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee communicates to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience (Rule XXXIV.2 of the GRO).
2. The procedure for election of Members of the Committee requires that Member Nations of the Organization stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
3. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the candidates for (i) the office of Chairperson is given in *Appendix A* and for (ii) Membership of the Committee is given in *Appendix B*.

4. The following nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

- Ms Alison Storsve (United States of America)

5. The following nominations have been received for election as Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

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| AFRICA | ALGERIA | (Ms Lamia Ben Redouane) |
| ASIA AND THE PACIFIC | PHILIPPINES | (Ms Nina P. Cainglet) |
| EUROPE | SLOVAKIA | (Ms Zora Weberova) |
| LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN | NICARAGUA | (Ms Monica Robelo Raffone) |
| NEAR EAST | AFGHANISTAN | (Mr Khaled Ahmad Zekriya) |
| NORTH AMERICA | CANADA | (Ms Julie Emond) |
| SOUTHWEST PACIFIC | FIJI | (Mr Esala Nayasi) |

6. This election is governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10(a) of this rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than seats to be filled.

APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **Ms ALISON STORSVE**

Present functions/activities:

August 2020 - Present Alternate Permanent Representative (165th and 166th Council Plenary;
166th Council Drafting Committee Member)

Member, Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (111th and 112th
CCLM Sessions)

Acting Deputy Chief of Mission & Political-Economic Chief
U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome, Italy

Main previous functions/activities:

July 2017 - July 2020 Deputy Political-Economic Counselor
U.S. Embassy Pristina, Kosovo
Chaired Embassy rule of law working group coordinating assistance and
liaising with Kosovo Minister of Justice; managed operations for 23-member
team supervising internal and external politics, human rights, countering
violent extremism, and rule of law issues.

August 2014 - August 2016 Program Officer, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Managed delivery of approximately USD150 million in bilateral and
multilateral foreign assistance programs in Haiti strengthening police,
corrections, and rule of law capacity; supported U.S. contribution of police
advisors to the UN peacekeeping operation in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

September 2012 - August 2014 Associate Coordinator, Foreign Service Institute, Political Training Division,
U.S. Department of State

August 2011 - September 2012 Senior Watch Officer and Watch Officer, 24-hour Operations Center,
U.S. Department of State

October 2008 - July 2011 Political Officer, U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels, Belgium
Negotiated on Operations and Policy Committee; managed multilateral
coordination of International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.

September 2007 - September 2008 Provincial Reconstruction Team Representative, Asadabad, Kunar Province,
Afghanistan

September 2006 - August 2007 Political and Consular Officer, U.S. Consulate Peshawar, Pakistan

February 2004 - February 2006 General Services Officer, U.S. Embassy Maseru, Lesotho

June 2003 Entry into U.S. Department of State Foreign Service

Education: The Ohio State University, BA Political Science, summa cum laude, Phi Beta
Kappa, 2000

Languages: Albanian (speaking/reading) 3/3, 2017; French 2+/3, 2011; Pashto 3/3, 2008

APPENDIX B**AFGHANISTAN**

Name: **Mr KHALED AHMAD ZEKRIYA**

Present functions/activities:

Since 6 January 2021 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Italian Republic

He also represents Afghanistan at the Rome-based Agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD and IDLO)

Main previous functions/activities:

Director General of the Fifth Political Division (Americas, Australia, and New Zealand) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

ALGERIA

Name: **Ms LAMIA BEN REDOUANE**

Present functions/activities:

2019-2023 Alternate Permanente Representative of Algeria to the Rome-based Agencies

Main previous functions/activities:

2016-2019 International Cultural Affaires / UNESCO focal Point of Algeria at the MFA

2013 - 2016 Chief of the Cultural and Scientific Section and Supervisor of the Communication Section at the Algerian Embassy in Washington DC

2010-2013 USA desk officer in charge of Political and Security matters at the Algerian MFA

2006-2010 Deputy Permanent Representative of Algeria to UNEP and Un-Habitat, Nairobi

CANADA

Name: **Ms JULIE EMOND**

Present functions/activities:

2021 - Alternate Permanent Representative Designate, Permanent Mission of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the UN

Main previous functions/activities:

2015 - 2021 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Canada to the World Trade Organization, the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

2014 - 2015 Senior Policy Analyst, Donor Relations, Global Affairs Canada

2011-2013 First Secretary, Canadian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam

2009 - 2011 Senior Development Officer, Cambodia Program, Canadian International Development Agency

2007-2009 Senior Development Officer, Middle East and North Africa Program, Canadian International Development Agency

2004 - 2006 Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

2002 - 2004 Analyst and Development Officer, Haiti, Cuba and Dominican Republic Program, Canadian International Development Agency

FIJI

Name: **Mr ESALA NAYASI**

Present functions/activities:

Esala has had extensive experience in Fiji's Foreign Services and assumed his current post of Deputy Secretary Policy on May 16, 2016.

Current Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Main previous functions/activities:

Prior to his appointment, Esala had been the acting Permanent Secretary for 16 months from January 1, 2015. He was previously the Deputy Secretary (Operations) from June 2014 and the Director of Political and Treaties from January 2012. Prior to his appointment as Director Political and Treaties, he served as a diplomat at Fiji's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York for over four years completing his term in December 2011. He first joined the Civil Service in 2005, and was a part of the Political and Treaties Division of the Ministry before his appointment to the Fiji mission in NY. He is a lawyer by profession. Esala is happily married with two beautiful daughters.

NICARAGUA

Name: **Ms MONICA ROBELO RAFFONE**

Present functions/activities:

2007 to date Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies.

 Governor of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the Republic of Nicaragua.

 Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Government of Italy (as from 2015).

 Representative of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Italo-Latin American Institute (as from 2015).

2018-2021: Member of the FAO Council, representing the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Group.

2019-2021: Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Group.

Main previous functions/activities:

2017-2019: Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Group.

June-December 2015: Chair Pro-tem of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC).

June 2015: Vice-Chair of the 152nd Session of the Council (FAO).

2003-2007: Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities (Central Institute for Cataloguing and Documentation) – Consultant at the Regional Support Unit of the “Euromed Heritage II” Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Program, EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

2002-2005: Agriconsulting Europe, Gruppo Soges, A.R.S Progetti, Brussels - Chief technical evaluator of development projects (Alat) 1, framework agreements funded by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office of the European Commission.

2001-2002: Non-governmental organization – Cooperazione Italiana Nord Sud (CINS), Rome.

1998-1999: Corporate law consultant with the law firm Hunton & Williams, Brussels.

1994-1997: Corporate lawyer in the legal department of Banco Europeo de Centro America (Managua - Nicaragua).

1990-1992: Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Nicaragua in Italy and Alternate Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies.

PHILIPPINES

Name: **Ms NINA P. CAINGLET**

Present functions/activities:

From March 2021 Minister and Consul General

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to UN Agencies in Rome (FAO, WFP, IFAD)

Main previous functions/activities:

Dec 2020 - Mar 2021 Director, Division 1 (Economic and Development), United Nations and Other International Organizations (UNIO), Department of Foreign Affairs

Aug 2018 - Dec 2020 Director, Division 6 (Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs), United Nations and Other International Organizations (UNIO), Department of Foreign Affairs

Dec 2013 - July 2018 Minister and Consul General, Philippine Embassy in Canberra, Australia

Mar 2008 - Oct 2009 Director, Division 1 (ASEAN Coordinating Council/ASEAN Summits), Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of ASEAN Affairs

2005 - 2008 Second Secretary and Consul, Philippine Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

2002 - 2005 Third Secretary and Vice Consul, Philippine Embassy in Cairo, Egypt

SLOVAKIA

Name: **Ms ZORA WEBEROVA**

Present functions/activities:

2008 – present Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to FAO and WFP
Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of European Commission on Agriculture (ECA)
Vice-Chair of Commission I of the 41st FAO Conference
Vice-Chair and Chair of the OECD regional group
Member of the ECA Executive Committee
Rapporteur of the 41st session of ECA
Member and Rapporteur of the Joint Board/WFP Management Working Group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination

Main previous functions/activities:

2017 Senior Officer at Foreign Coordination Department
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
Multilateral policy coordination with focus on FAO
Member of the ECA Executive Committee

2016 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to FAO
Chair of the FAO Coordination WP of the EU Council
Diplomat for the Slovak Presidency in the EU Council

2006 - 2015 Counsellor at Section of International Affairs
Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic
FAO coordination
Humanitarian and development aid in the field of food and agriculture
Accession / ratification process of multilateral international treaties in the field of agriculture and forestry

2006 Master of Laws, Faculty of Law, Comenius University Bratislava