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CONFERENCE

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION

1. Rule XIX-2 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) provides that any application for membership or associate membership "shall be transmitted immediately by the Director-General to Member Nations and shall be placed on the agenda of the next Conference session which opens not less than 30 days from the receipt of the application".
2. Article II-2 of the Constitution provides that any nation applying for membership shall submit a "declaration made in a formal instrument that it will accept the obligations of the Constitution as in force at the time of admission".
3. Rule XIX-1 GRO provides that this formal instrument may accompany or follow the application, and in the latter case "shall reach the Director-General not later than the opening day of the Conference session at which the admission of the applicant is to be considered".
4. To date the Director-General has received formal application for membership and associate membership from the following countries:

Applications for Membership

The Principality of Andorra

The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Andorra on 19 October 2005 in the form of a letter dated 18 October 2005 ([Appendix A](#)). This application was communicated by circular letter G/CA-11/1 of 9 November 2005 to FAO Member Nations by the Director-General. A formal instrument of acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO was received on 5 March 2007, jointly signed by the Heads of State and the Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra in the form of a letter dated 19 January 2006 ([Appendix B](#)).

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The Republic of Montenegro

The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro on 27 October 2006 in the form of a letter dated 19 October 2006 (Appendix C). This application was communicated by circular letter G/CA-11/1 of 29 November 2006 to FAO Member Nations by the Director-General. A formal instrument of acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO was received on 27 October 2006, signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro in the form of a note verbale dated 19 October 2006 (Appendix D).

Application for Associate Membership

Faroe Islands

The Director-General received a formal application for associate membership from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark on behalf of the Faroe Islands on 25 June 2007 in the form of a letter dated 21 June 2007 which included formal acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO (Appendix E). This application was communicated by circular letter ref. K/CA 11/7 of 4 September 2007 to FAO Member Nations by the Director-General.

Relevant Texts

5. The following texts are relevant to the procedure for the admission of additional Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization:

- (a) Article II, paragraphs 2 and 11 of the Constitution: the Conference may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present, decide to admit additional Members and Associate Members to the Organization.
- (b) Rule XII-3 (c) GRO: when a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required, the total number of affirmative and negative votes cast shall be more than one-half of the Member Nations of the Organization.
- (c) Rule XII-10 (a) GRO: admission of additional Member Nations and Associate Members shall be decided by secret ballot.

6. The following provisions are also relevant:

- (a) Article XVIII-2 of the Constitution: each Member Nation and Associate Member undertakes to contribute annually to the Organization its share of the Budget, as apportioned by the Conference.
- (b) Article XVIII-3 of the Constitution: each Member Nation and Associate Member shall, upon approval of its application, pay as its first contribution a proportion, to be determined by the Conference, of the budget for the current financial period.
- (c) Regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations: any nation admitted to membership or any territory admitted to associate membership shall pay a contribution to the budget for the financial period in which its membership becomes effective. Such contributions begin with the quarter in which the application was approved. In addition, all new Member Nations shall be required to make advances to the Working Capital Funds in an amount determined by the Conference.

Appendix A

**THE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA**

Andorra la Vella, 18 October 2005

**His Excellency
Mr Jacques Diouf
Director-General**
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
Rome
Italy

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you herewith that the Andorran Government requests that the Principality of Andorra be admitted as a member of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, subject to parliamentary approval. In accordance with Rule XIX-2 of the General Rules of the Organization, I should therefore be grateful if you could submit this application for membership to the 33rd session of the Conference of FAO which will be held in Rome in November 2005.

Once parliamentary approval and the instrument of acceptance have been issued, the Andorran Government will be a position to accept the obligations of membership of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as defined in the Constitution of FAO and will fulfil those obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[signed]

Juli Minoves Triquell
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Culture and Cooperation

Appendix B

**Government of Andorra
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Culture
and Cooperation**

Joan Enric Vives Sicília

Jacques Chirac

Co-Princes of Andorra

WHEREAS the Government of the Principality of Andorra has seen and examined the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64.1 of the Constitution of the Principality of Andorra, the *General Council*, at its session of 15 December 2005, approved adhesion to the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);

We, the Co-Princes, having seen and examined the said Constitution, grant the consent of the State to comply with the provisions therein and, to such effect, order the dispatch of this Instrument of Adhesion, signed by Us and countersigned by the Head of Government.

Andorra la Vella, 19 January 2006

(Joan Enric Vives Sicília and Jacques Chirac)

Head of Government

(Albert Pintat Santolària)

Appendix C



Republic of Montenegro
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

No: 04/05-1883/b

Podgorica, 19 October 2006.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Montenegro has decided to apply for membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. I, therefore, request that, in conformity with Rule XIX, paragraph 2, of the General Rules of the Organization, this application be laid before the Conference of the Organization which, I understand, will hold its next Session in Rome in November 2007.

The Government of the Republic of Montenegro hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization, and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.



[Signature]
Minister

H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf
The Director-General
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
Rome, Italy

Appendix D



Republika Crna Gora
Ministarstvo inostranih poslova

No: 94/05-1883/4

Podgorica, 19 October 2006.

The Government of the Republic of Montenegro hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.



Dr. Bukvić

Minister

H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf
The Director-General
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
Rome, Italy

Appendix E



File
8.H.38-3.c.
Enclosure

Date
21 June, 2007

Dear Director-General

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of Denmark hereby applies for the admission of the Faroes to associate membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, in accordance with the provisions of Article II[2] of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO.

The Government of Denmark will accept on behalf of the Faroes the obligations of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, in force as of the time of admission. The Government of Denmark will assume responsibility for ensuring observance of the following provisions of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, with respect to the Faroe Islands: Article VIII[4] ; Article XVI[1] ; Article XVI[2] ; Article XVIII[2] ; and Article XVIII[3].

I shall be grateful for your assistance in placing this request for associate membership upon the agenda of the next Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO.

Yours sincerely

Per Stig Møller

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