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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Twenty-third Session

Rome, 28 October – 2 November 2002

### 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",<sup>1</sup> 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-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (FOR DECISION)

3. A request was received on 11 October 2002 from the Russian Federation to attend in an observer capacity the Hundred and Twenty-third Session of the Council (Rome, 28 October – 2 November 2002). An invitation was issued on 15 October 2002 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-third Session of the Council.

<sup>1</sup> See FAO *Basic Texts*, Volume II, Section L (Appendix).

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## **II. ATTENDANCE BY NON-MEMBER NATIONS AT PAST FAO SESSIONS (FOR INFORMATION)**

5. The Director-General informs the Council that since its Hundred and Twenty-second Session, on being so requested, invitations have been issued to the following meetings:

### **RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

- Thirty-second Session of the European Commission on Agriculture (REU-701), Rome, 7-8 March 2002;
- Technical Consultation on Improving Information on the Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries (FI-811), Rome, 25-28 March 2002;
- Twenty-second Session of the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (FI-727), Windermere, United Kingdom, 19-22 June 2002.