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# CONFERENCE

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### Third Report of the General Committee

#### A. Election of Council Members

1. The General Committee draws the attention of the Conference to the following paragraphs of Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO):

"3. In selecting Members of the Council, the Conference shall give due consideration to the desirability of:

- a) including in its membership a balanced geographical representation of nations interested in the production, distribution and consumption of food and agricultural products;
- b) ensuring the participation in the work of the Council of such Member Nations as contribute in a large measure towards the success of the Organization;
- c) giving to the greatest possible number of Member Nations an opportunity, by rotation of membership, to serve on the Council.

4. Member Nations shall be eligible for re-election.

5. No Member Nation shall be eligible for election to the Council if it is in arrears in payment of its financial contributions to the Organization in an amount equal to or exceeding the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years."

2. The Conference set at **12:00 hours on Monday 24 June 2019** the deadline for submission of nominations for election to the Council and agreed that the election be held on **Friday 28 June 2019**.

3. The General Committee has examined the nominations received by the deadline and found the following nominations to be in order:

REGION	PERIOD	CANDIDATES
AFRICA	(a) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – end of 42 <sup>nd</sup> Conference (1 SEAT) *	1. South Sudan
	(b) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – 30 June 2022 (5 SEATS)	1. Angola 2. Burkina Faso 3. Guinea 4. Uganda 5. Zimbabwe

	(c) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (4 SEATS)	1. Cameroon 2. Eritrea 3. South Africa 4. Tunisia
ASIA	(b) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (3 SEATS)	1. India 2. Pakistan 3. Thailand (from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021)/Malaysia (from 1 January 2022 until the end of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference) <i>Special agreement see paragraph 7(a)</i>
EUROPE	(a) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – 30 June 2022 (3 SEATS)	1. Austria/Israel <i>Special agreement see paragraph 6(g)</i> 2. Belgium 3. France/Italy <i>Special agreement see paragraph 6(h)</i>
	(b) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (4 SEATS)	1. Germany 2. Monaco 3. Sweden 4. United Kingdom
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	(a) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – end of 42 <sup>nd</sup> Conference (1 SEAT) *	1. Dominican Republic
	(b) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – 30 June 2022 (5 SEATS)	1. Argentina 2. Bahamas 3. Brazil 4. Costa Rica 5. Mexico
	(c) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (1 SEAT)	1. Cuba
NEAR EAST	(a) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – 30 June 2022 (2 SEATS)	1. Kuwait/Sudan <i>Special agreement see paragraph 8(a)</i> 2. Qatar
	(b) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (3 SEATS)	1. Afghanistan 2. Egypt 3. Saudi Arabia
NORTH AMERICA	(a) end of 41 <sup>st</sup> Conference – 30 June 2022 (2 SEATS)	1. Canada 2. United States of America
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	(a) 1 July 2020 – end of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Conference (1 SEAT)	1. Australia

4. For all periods, the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats to be filled for the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific. The Committee recommends that, in accordance with Rule XII.10 (a) of the GRO, the Conference elect by clear general consent the candidates nominated for the specified periods for such regions.

5. The General Committee noted the situation in the Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean Regions, as follows:

- a. Since the Republic of South Sudan is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the period from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (29 June 2019) to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference (the remainder of the term of office from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.

- b. Since the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the period from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (29 June 2019) to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference (the remainder of the term of office from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.
6. The General Committee noted the situation in the Europe Region, as follows:
    - a. In 2017, Bulgaria was elected to the Council for the period from the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020. Bulgaria informed it would step down from the Council effective 30 June 2019 and Monaco would stand to replace Bulgaria for the remainder of its term of office (which is now from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020), in accordance with Rule XXII.6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - b. In 2017, Italy was elected to the Council for the period from the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020. Italy informed it would step down from the Council effective at the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference. Germany would stand to replace Italy for the remainder of its term of office (which is now from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020), in accordance with Rule XXII.6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - c. In 2017, Spain was elected to the Council for the period from the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020. Spain informed it would step down from the Council effective 29 June 2019. The United Kingdom would stand to replace Spain for the remainder of its term of office (which is now from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020), in accordance with Rule XXII.6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - d. In 2017, Estonia was elected to the Council for the period 1 July 2018 to the end of 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference. Estonia informed it would step down from the Council effective 1 July 2019. Azerbaijan would stand to replace Estonia for the remainder of its term of office (which is now from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Conference to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Conference), in accordance with Rule XX.II6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - e. In 2017, North Macedonia was elected to the Council for the period 1 July 2018 to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference. North Macedonia informed it would step down from the Council effective 30 June 2019. Andorra would stand to replace North Macedonia for the remainder of its term (which is now from 1 July 2019 to end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference), in accordance with Rule XX.II6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - f. In 2017, the Russian Federation was elected to the Council for the period 1 July 2018 to the end of 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference. The Russian Federation informed it would step down from the Council effective 30 June 2020. Spain would stand to replace the Russian Federation for the remainder of its term of office (which would be from 1 July 2020 to the end of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Conference), in accordance with Rule XX.II6 and 9 of the GRO.
    - g. Austria and Israel applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: Austria would occupy the seat from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020. Israel would replace Austria for the remainder of the term of office (which would be from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022).
    - h. France and Italy applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: France would occupy the seat from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to 30 June 2020. Italy would replace France for the remainder of the term of office (which would be from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022).
  7. The General Committee was also informed of the situation in the Asia, as follows:
    - a. Thailand and Malaysia applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: Thailand would occupy the seat from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021. Malaysia would replace Thailand for the remainder of the term of office (which would be from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Conference).
  8. The General Committee was also informed of the situation in the Near East, as follows:

- a. Kuwait and Sudan applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: Kuwait would occupy the seat from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference to November 2020. Sudan would replace Kuwait for the remainder of the term of office (which would be from December 2020 to June 2022).

9. The Committee submits to the Conference in *Appendix A* of this report a list of FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes.

## **B. Payment by the European Union to cover Administrative and Other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization**

10. Article XVIII, paragraph 6 of the Constitution provides that:

*A Member Organization shall not be required to contribute to the budget as specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, but shall pay to the Organization a sum to be determined by the Conference to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its membership in the Organization (...).*

11. At its 27<sup>th</sup> Session in 1993 the Conference requested the Finance Committee to examine the methodology for the calculation of the lump sum paid by the European Union. At its 78<sup>th</sup> Session in April 1994 the Finance Committee recommended a methodology on the basis of which the Conference set the payment to be made by the European Union at various sessions.

12. The methodology was re-examined by the Finance Committee at its 108<sup>th</sup> Session (September 2004) and 109<sup>th</sup> Session (May 2005). The Committee examined a proposal for a revised methodology whereby the biennial adjustment to the European Union's contribution would reflect the official cost of living increases in the Euro area or in the host country. Under the revised methodology, the adjustment formula would be more in line with the system of split assessment and would not have a material impact on the biennial adjustment to the contribution of the European Union to the Organization. The Committee agreed with the proposed revision of the methodology whereby the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country would be used to adjust the European Union's contribution for any given biennium.

13. Applying the new methodology, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in 2017 set the lump payment due by the European Union at Euro 573 823 for the 2018-19 biennium.

14. In accordance with the above, the methodology to be used for adjusting the lump sum is based on the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country. Using the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) figures, the consumer price inflation for the Euro Area for 2018 was 1.7% and for 2019 is forecast to be 1.6% which gives an average of 1.65%. The EIU figures for harmonized consumer price index for Italy are, for 2018, 1.2% and for 2019, forecast at 0.9%, which gives an average of 1.05%. Therefore the inflation figure which should be used in the calculation is 1.65%, being the higher of the two. Applying this rate to the previous contribution of Euro 573 823 gives the new figure of Euro 583 291.

15. Therefore, the General Committee recommends to the Conference that it set the lump-sum payment due by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its membership in the Organization at Euro 583 291 for the 2020-21 biennium.

16. As in previous biennia, it is proposed that the sum due by the European Union be paid into a trust or special fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

Appendix A FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes

## Appendix A

## FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes

## I. AFRICA

(Member Nations: 49 – Council seats: 12)

Algeria	Eswatini	Namibia
Angola	Ethiopia	Niger
Benin	Gabon	Nigeria
Botswana	Gambia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burundi	Guinea	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Lesotho	South Africa
Chad	Liberia	South Sudan
Comoros	Madagascar	Togo
Congo	Malawi	Tunisia
Côte D'Ivoire	Mali	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Mauritius	Zambia
Eritrea	Morocco	Zimbabwe
	Mozambique	

## II. ASIA

(Member Nations: 25 – Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh	Japan	Pakistan
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Philippines
Brunei Darussalam	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Malaysia	Singapore
China	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Thailand
India	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Indonesia	Nepal	Uzbekistan
		Viet Nam

## III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 – Council seats: 10)

Albania	Georgia	Poland
Andorra	Germany	Portugal
Armenia	Greece	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Russian Federation
Belarus	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Israel	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czechia	Malta	Switzerland
Denmark	Monaco	Turkey
	Montenegro	

Estonia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Finland	North Macedonia	United Kingdom
France	Norway	

*Member Organization: European Union*

*Associate Member: Faroe Islands*

#### **IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

(Member Nations: 33 – Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad And Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica	Mexico	
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

#### **V. NEAR EAST**

(Member Nations: 21 – Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan	Kuwait	Somalia
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Djibouti	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt	Libya	Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Turkmenistan
Iraq	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Yemen

#### **VI. NORTH AMERICA**

(Member Nations: 2 – Council seats: 2)

Canada  
United States of America

#### **VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC**

(Member Nations: 16 – Council seats: 1)

Australia	Nauru	Samoa
Cook Islands	New Zealand	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Niue	Tonga
Kiribati	Palau	Tuvalu
Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Micronesia (Federated States of)		

*Associate Member: Tokelau*