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Rome, 15 June 2015

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

- 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).
- 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.
- 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*.

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

Mr Lubomir Ivanov	(Bulgaria)
Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff	(Liberia)

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

AFRICA	LIBERIA	(Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	INDONESIA	(Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
EUROPE	SAN MARINO	(Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	(Mr Rawell Salomón Taveras Arbaje)
NEAR EAST	SUDAN	(Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
NORTH AMERICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	(Ms April Cohen)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	(Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)

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***BULGARIA**

Name: **Mr LUBOMIR IVANOV**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN Agencies in Rome
Member and Vice-Chairperson of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (since 2013)

Main previous functions:

2009 – 2012 Director-General for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Bulgaria

2004 – 2009 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to NATO, Brussels

2002 – 2004 Ambassador, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, MFA, Bulgaria
Chief Negotiator for the accession of Bulgaria to NATO (2001-2004)
Chief Coordinator of the Bulgarian Chairmanship in Office of the OSCE (2003-2004)

1999 – 2002 Director, NATO and Security Issues Directorate, MFA, Bulgaria

1995 – 1998 Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Bulgaria to Belgium and Luxembourg and Mission of Bulgaria to NATO and to the Western European Union (WEU)
Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg (1995)

1993 – 1995 Counsellor, International Organizations Directorate, MFA, Bulgaria

1992 – 1993 Foreign Policy Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Defence

1990 – 1992 Third and Second Secretary, Fifth (Asian) Department, MFA, Bulgaria

1986 – 1990 Third Secretary, Embassy of Bulgaria in Beijing, China

1983 – 1986 Attaché, Fifth (Asian) Department, MFA, Bulgaria

LIBERIA

Name: **Mr MOHAMMED S. SHERIFF**

Present functions: Permanent Representative of Liberia to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome
Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
Active participation in Governing Body sessions and other meetings of the Rome-based Agencies
Second Vice-President of the West African College of Surgeons (2015 – 2017)

Main previous functions:

2014 Chairperson of the Africa Group of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives at FAO, WFP and IFAD
Practicing Attorney-at-law
Practicing Medical Doctor
Practicing Radiologist (Specialist)
Member of the Liberian National Bar Association
Ambassador-at-large
Acting Minister for Health and Social Welfare
Deputy Minister for Transport and Insurance
Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare
Acting Speaker of the Liberian Parliament (NTLA)
Member of the Liberian Parliament (Legislative Assembly - NTLA)
Chairperson of several Ranking Committees of the Liberian Parliament (NTLA)
Associate Professor, University of Liberia and African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU)
Associate Dean, University of Liberia (A.M.D. Medical College)
Chief Medical Officer, John F. Kennedy Medical Centre (Referral Teaching Hospital), Monrovia, Liberia

*APPENDIX B***DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Name: **Mr RAWELL SALOMÓN TAVERAS ARBAJE**

Present functions: Counsellor, Alternate Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (since April 2012)

Main previous functions:

2009 – 2012	Counsellor, Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the Holy See
2004 – 2009	Associate Lawyer, Catrain and Vega Law Studio
2002 – 2004	Courts Secretary, Civil and Commercial Court of the National District, Fifth Chamber, Santo Domingo
2000 – 2002	Teacher, Carol Morgan International School, Santo Domingo
1999	Librarian, Cheshire Public Library, Connecticut, United States of America

INDONESIA

Name: **Mr ROYHAN NEVY WAHAB**

Present functions:

First Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to the Italian Republic, and accredited to the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Malta, and San Marino

Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome

Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)

Main previous functions:

Jan 2015 – April 2015	Second Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to the Italian Republic, and accredited to the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Malta, San Marino, and the United Nations Agencies in Rome and UNIDROIT
2011 – 2014	Deputy Chief of Staff/Secretary to the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jakarta
2012 – 2014	Head of Section for Multilateral Organizations on Economic, Finance, and Development Affairs, Bureau of the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta
2011	Chief of Staff/Secretary to the Director-General for ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta
2007 – 2011	Third Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Belgium, and accredited to Luxembourg and the European Union
2005 – 2007	Officer for Personnel and Legal Matters, Bureau of Personnel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta
2004 – 2005	State Protocol Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta - Participated in various international, multilateral, and regional meetings - Active involvement in law-making process (Ministerial Decrees) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia
2000 – 2004	Senior Associate/Legal Consultant, Ihza and Ihza Law Firm, Indonesia

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Associate Professor, University of Liberia and African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU)
Associate Dean, University of Liberia (A.M.D. Medical College)
Chief Medical Officer, John F. Kennedy Medical Centre (Referral Teaching Hospital), Monrovia, Liberia

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Name: **Mr LAWRENCE KUNA KALINOE**

Present functions: Secretary, Department of Justice, and Attorney General in Papua New Guinea
Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (since 2010)

Main previous functions:

Responsible for the overall management of the Department and the supervision of the provision of Legal Services to the State of Papua New Guinea

Advise Minister and Attorney General on all legal matters concerning the State of Papua New Guinea and its instrumentalities

Attendance to, and supervision of Papua New Guinea's obligations concerning matters of international law

SAN MARINO

Name: **Ms DANIELA ROTONDARO**

Present functions: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of San Marino to Italy (since 2010)
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of San Marino to the Rome-based Agencies (since 2001)

Main previous functions:

Active participation and Head of Delegation (since 2005) in Governing Body sessions and other meetings of the Rome-based Agencies.

Elected Chairperson of the Credentials Committee of the FAO Conference (2009-2011) and Chairperson of the Appeals Committee (2011)

Head of Delegation at UNIDROIT - General Assembly (since 2010)

2008 – 2012 Vice-Chairperson, Executive Committee of the European Commission for Agriculture (ECA)

2000 – 2010 Counsellor to Italy

1996 – 1999 Chief Department for International Affairs, Ministry of Public Health and Social Security, Republic of San Marino

1995 – 1996 United Nations International Crime Research Institute (UNICRI), Rome

1993 – 1995 United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNCDP), Vienna

1987 – 1993 Chief of Cabinet of the Minister for Public Health and Social Security and Executive Director of "San Marino Conferences" (International Conferences on Immunology, Oncology, AIDS)

Administrative Secretary of the European Centre for Disaster Emergency

Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe (in the framework of the Open Partial Agreement on Natural and Technological Disasters)

SUDAN

Name: **Mr OSAMA MAHMOUD HUMEIDA**

Present functions: Director-General, International Treaties Department, Ministry of Justice

Main previous functions:

Legal Advisor, Agricultural Bank of Sudan

Legal Advisor, Department of Civil Law, Ministry of Justice

Legal Advisor, Department of Legalization, Ministry of Justice

Legal Advisor, Department of Public law, Contracts and International Agreements

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **Ms APRIL COHEN**

Present functions: Senior Political Economic Officer and Alternate Permanent Representative, United States Mission to the United Nations Agencies, Rome (since July 2014)
Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (since July 2014)

Main previous functions:

2012 – 2014 Chief, Human Rights Section, Bureau of International Organizations Department of State, Washington D.C.

2010 – 2012 Trade and Economic Officer, Embassy of the United States, Mexico City, Mexico

2007 – 2010 Trade and Economic Officer, Embassy of the United States, Tel Aviv, Israel