# Council

## Hundred and Fifty-second Session

**Rome, 15 June 2015**

### 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:

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:

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<td>SAN MARINO</td>
<td>(Ms Daniela Rotondaro)</td>
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<td>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</td>
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<td>SUDAN</td>
<td>(Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)</td>
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<td>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</td>
<td>(Ms April Cohen)</td>
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<td>SOUTHWEST PACIFIC</td>
<td>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</td>
<td>(Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)</td>
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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

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<tr>
<th>Name:</th>
<th>Mr LUBOMIR IVANOV</th>
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| **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) |
<p>| 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 |</p>
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<th>Name:</th>
<th>Mr MOHAMMED S. SHERIFF</th>
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<td>Present functions:</td>
<td>Permanent Representative of Liberia to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome</td>
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<td>Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</td>
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<td>Active participation in Governing Body sessions and other meetings of the Rome-based Agencies</td>
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<td>Second Vice-President of the West African College of Surgeons (2015 – 2017)</td>
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<td>2014 Chairperson of the Africa Group of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives at FAO, WFP and IFAD</td>
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<td>Associate Professor, University of Liberia and African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU)</td>
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<td>Associate Dean, University of Liberia (A.M.D. Medical College)</td>
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<td>Chief Medical Officer, John F. Kennedy Medical Centre (Referral Teaching Hospital), Monrovia, Liberia</td>
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<td>Present functions</td>
<td>Counsellor, Alternate Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (since April 2012)</td>
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| 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:**

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<td>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</td>
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<td>2011 – 2014</td>
<td>Deputy Chief of Staff/Secretary to the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jakarta</td>
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<td>Head of Section for Multilateral Organizations on Economic, Finance, and Development Affairs, Bureau of the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta</td>
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<td>Chief of Staff/Secretary to the Director-General for ASEAN Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta</td>
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<td>Third Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Belgium, and accredited to Luxembourg and the European Union</td>
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<td>Officer for Personnel and Legal Matters, Bureau of Personnel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta</td>
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<td>2004 – 2005</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>2000 – 2004</td>
<td>Senior Associate/Legal Consultant, Ihza and Ihza Law Firm, Indonesia</td>
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<th>Mr LAWRENCE KUNA KALINOE</th>
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| **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

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<th>Present functions:</th>
<th>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of San Marino to Italy (since 2010)</th>
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<td>Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of San Marino to the Rome-based Agencies (since 2001)</td>
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<td>Vice-Chairperson, Executive Committee of the European Commission for Agriculture (ECA)</td>
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<td>Counsellor to Italy</td>
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<td>Chief Department for International Affairs, Ministry of Public Health and Social Security, Republic of San Marino</td>
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<td>United Nations International Crime Research Institute (UNICRI), Rome</td>
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<td>United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNCDP), Vienna</td>
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<td>Chief of Cabinet of the Minister for Public Health and Social Security and Executive Director of &quot;San Marino Conferences&quot; (International Conferences on Immunology, Oncology, AIDS)</td>
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<td>Administrative Secretary of the European Centre for Disaster Emergency</td>
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<td>Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe (in the framework of the Open Partial Agreement on Natural and Technological Disasters)</td>
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| **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