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## COUNCIL

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### Election of Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee

1. Under Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Finance Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members (two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVII.2 of the GRO).

2. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provides for Member Nations of the Organization to 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 Finance Committee:

Ms Imelda Smolcic (Uruguay)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee:

AFRICA	ETHIOPIA	(Mr Kaba Urgessa Dinssa)
	NIGER	(Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	JAPAN	(Mr KURAYA Yoshihiro)
	THAILAND	(Mr Thanawat Tiensin)
EUROPE	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	(Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
	SWEDEN	(Ms Pernilla Ivarsson)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	MEXICO	(Mr Miguel Jorge García Winder)
	PANAMA	(Mr Tomás Duncan Jurado)
NEAR EAST	EGYPT	(Mr Haitham Abdelhady)
	SAUDI ARABIA	(Mr Mohammed M. Alghamdi)
NORTH AMERICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	(Ms Jennifer Harhigh)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	AUSTRALIA	(Ms Lynda Hayden)

6. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 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

## URUGUAY

Name: Ms IMELDA SMOLCIC

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Present functions/activities:

2018-present	Alternate Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies
2019 - 2021	Chairperson of the Finance Committee

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Main previous functions/activities:

In her extensive career as a diplomat, Ms Imelda Smolčić has served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul in the Embassy of Uruguay in India (2002-2008), and Member of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, New York, in two opportunities.

During her first tenure (1994-2000), she served as Delegate of Uruguay to the Third Committee –Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs, and Human Rights– where she fulfilled a relevant work in the negotiation of the Omnibus Resolution on the Rights of the Child.

During her second term (2011-2016), she was in charge of the Fifth Committee Expert – Administrative and Budgetary Committee. She was the Election Officer, Chair of the Committee of Conferences, Rapporteur of the 52nd and Vice-Chairperson of the 53rd Session of the Committee for Program and Coordination (CPC).

In the Fifth Committee, she led the negotiations of the budgets of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and the Program Budget of the Organization for the biennium 2014-2015.

Ms Smolčić acted as Director of Europe Division (2016-2018), Director of Human Rights and Humanitarian Rights Division (2009-2011), and Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uruguay.

As part of her fieldwork, she participated as Voluntary International Polling Station Officer in the 1993 elections in Cambodia.

Ms Smolčić graduated in Spanish Language and Literature in Montevideo, Uruguay, and from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay. She joined de Foreign Service in 1990; since then, she has trained extensively in Negotiation, Foreign Policy, Regional Development and Human Rights.

## APPENDIX B

## AUSTRALIA

Name: **Ms LYNDA HAYDEN**

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Present functions/activities:

**Professional Summary** Lynda has been the Australian Deputy Permanent Representative for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization since July 2019.

Lynda graduated from Australia's Murdoch University with a Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology) in 2001 after which she taught English in Japan. In January 2004 Lynda joined the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment where she worked in a number of areas spanning across policy, governance, trade and market access and regulatory operating environments.

Main previous functions/activities:

October 2017 – April 2019 Director - Animal Products and Food Markets Section, Agricultural Policy Division

Role: Leading a team responsible for delivering high-quality policy advice to enhance the productivity, profitability and competitiveness of Australia's animal and animal product industries and on issues relating to food chain resilience, food loss and waste, food security and consumer trends.

January 2017 – October 2017 Director - Competition and Investment Section, Agricultural Policy Division

Role: Leading a team responsible for delivering high-quality policy advice on agricultural competition, investment, food loss and waste, food security and energy issues.

November 2011- January 2017 Director - Food and Animal By-Products Section, Exports Division (maternity leave December 2015 - October 2016)

Role: Leading a high performing team responsible for developing, improving and maintaining international market access for dairy, eggs, seafood, poultry, game meat, organic products, honey, other food products not specified in export legislation and animal by-products such as pet food, rendered products, hides, skins and wool and pharmaceutical and technical goods.

September–November 2011 Senior Policy Officer - National Food Plan Taskforce

Role: Developing the government's strategic direction on global food trade for the National Food Plan Green Paper.

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- 2008 – 2011                      Senior Policy Advisor – Food Section, Exports Division
- Role: Developing, improving and maintaining international market access for dairy, eggs, seafood, organic products, honey and other food products not specified in export legislation, specialising in seafood export market access issues.
- 2006 - 2008                      Policy Officer - East Asia Section, Trade and Market Access Division
- Role: Providing sound policy advice on issues relating to trade with China, Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong including the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement; undertaking program management activities for the Australia China Agricultural Cooperation Programme; organising and accompanying international delegations; and coordinating whole-of-department responses to agriculture, fisheries and forestry trade matters.
- 2004-2006                      Assessing Officer - Biological Imports Program, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
- Role: Assessing and applying import conditions to a range of biological commodities including food products, laboratory material and veterinary therapeutics; responding to phone calls from clients and advising of Australia's import requirements.

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**EGYPT****Name: Mr HAITHAM ABDELHADY**

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Present functions/activities:

August 2017 until now - Counsellor/First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to UN Agencies in Rome.  
- Member of the Finance Committee from July 2019 to June 2021.

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Main previous functions/activities:

2014 to 2017 First Secretary, UN Affairs Division at the Multilateral Affairs and International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

2010 to 2014 Second Secretary, Political and Economic Division, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Beijing, China.

2008 to 2010 Third Secretary, Consular Affairs, Migration and Refugees Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

2006 to 2008 Diplomatic Attaché, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Monrovia, Liberia.

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**ETHIOPIA****Name:** **Mr KABA URGESSA DINSSA**

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Present functions/activities:

Since 2021 Deputy Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the Rome-based United Nations Agencies

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Main previous functions/activities:

Before 2021 Served as a State Minister for different Ministries, including Ministry of Agriculture, and also served as Professor and president of Jimma University.

## JAPAN

**Name:** **Mr KURAYA YOSHIHIRO**

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Present functions/activities:

June 2021 – present      Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

2019 – 2021	Director, International Strategy Office, International Affairs Department (IAD), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) - In charge of the overall policy coordination of the Department - Engaged in the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7)
2018 - 2019	Director for International Agricultural Organizations, IAD, MAFF - In charge of FAO and other international agencies - Engaged in the G20 Niigata Agriculture Ministers' Meeting
2017 – 2018	Director, International Affairs Office, Agricultural Production Bureau (APB), MAFF - Engaged in trade negotiations, including CPTPP and JAPAN-EU EPA
2015 – 2016	Deputy Director, Grain Trade and Operation Division, APB, MAFF - Co-chaired the 4th meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Council held in Bangkok, Thailand
2013 – 2014	Deputy Director, Regional Agricultural Production Division, APB, MAFF - In charge of sugar cane and sugar beet production promotion
2011 – 2012	Deputy Director, National Policy Unit, Cabinet Secretariat
2009 – 2010	Deputy Director, Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary's Office, Cabinet Secretariat
2007 – 2008	Deputy Director, International Economic Affairs Division, IAD, MAFF
2004 – 2007	First Secretary/Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Italy and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO and WFP



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**MEXICO**

Name: **Mr MIGUEL JORGE GARCÍA WINDER**

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Present functions/activities:

2021-present Mexico's permanent representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP.  
My main duties are to represent Mexico at these bodies and to help them to achieve their goals with efficiency, transparency and equity

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Main previous functions/activities:

2018-2020 Undersecretary of Agriculture in Mexico.  
Part of my responsibilities included planning, reviewing and executing federal budgets. Conduct national projects and programs. To serve as Deputy Secretary in absence of the Secretary and to represent Mexico at different national and international fora.

2014-2018 Served as the Representative of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) to the USA.  
Some of my responsibilities included budget preparation, evaluation, project development and negotiation and strategic partnership. Plus lead the Center for Strategic Analysis in Agriculture

2002-2014 Served as Director of Agribusiness and leader of the agribusiness team at IICA, as well as to the the Trade team from 2002-2006.  
My primary duties included to provide technical cooperation to help countries in the development of inclusive, sustainable and competitive agribusiness.

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**NIGER**

Name: **Ms RAHILA RABIOU TAHIROU**

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Present functions/activities:

2019/2021 Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP) and Second Counsellor of Embassy of Niger in Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

Second Counsellor of Embassy of Niger in Italy

Foreign Affairs Advisor in Niamey

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**PANAMA**

Name: **Mr TOMÁS DUNCAN JURADO**

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Present functions/activities:

2020-present Permanent Representative of Panama to UN agencies in Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

2011-2013 DG International Economics Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Panama

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Name: **Mr VLADIMIR V. KUZNETSOV**

Present functions/activities:

2017 - present	Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2017 - present	Member of the Budget Committee, Council of Europe
2011 - present	Member of the FAO Finance Committee

Main previous functions/activities:

2018-2020	Member of the Russian delegations to the sessions of the WHO Committee on Programme and Budget, UPU Council of Administration, UNESCO Executive Council
2017-2020	Member of the Advisory Group on Administrative and Budgetary Matters of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
2014 - 2017	Director, Department of Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2012 – 2014	Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps,
2009 – 2012	Chief Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps
1996 – 2009	Head of Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (deals with financial, budgetary, management and personnel issues of international organizations)
2004 – 2005	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1999 – 2003	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1998 – 2000	Alternate Member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe, participation in the sessions of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration
1996 – 1998	Member of the Russian delegation to the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty (CTBTO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC)
1995 – 2000	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1986 – 1997	Member of the USSR, Russian Federation delegation to the 42 <sup>nd</sup> – 53 <sup>rd</sup> sessions of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Issues) of the General Assembly; member of the delegation to the 31 <sup>st</sup> – 38 <sup>th</sup> sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; member of the delegation to the sessions of the Committee on Conferences of the United Nations

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1992 – 1996	First Secretary, Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
1994	Member of the <i>ad hoc</i> Intergovernmental Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 48/218
1990 – 1991	Second Secretary, USSR Permanent Mission to the UN (delegate to the Fifth Committee)
1984 – 1989	Attaché, Third, Second Secretary, Division of Administrative and Budgetary Matters and UN Secretariat Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980 – 1984	UN Secretariat, New York

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

Name: **Mr MOHAMMED M. ALGHAMDI**

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Present functions/activities:

Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to FAO, WFP and Executive  
Director of Saudi Arabia at IFAD

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Main previous functions/activities:

Professor of Biology, Faculty of Science, ALBaha University, AL Baha,  
Saudi Arabia

Vie Dean of Science College, AL Baha, Saudi Arabia

Published articles

The Development of Solar Cells to maximize the utilization of Solar  
Energy in Al Baha Area

World Academy of Science Engineering and Technology, Vol. 86

Challenges Facing Farmers in the GoveMorate of Al Baha, Saudi Arabia

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**SWEDEN**

Name: **Ms PERNILLA IVARSSON**

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Present functions/activities:

February 2020-present Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to  
FAO, Rome, Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

2010-2020 Deputy Director-General and Head of Department for the Food Chain,  
Animal Health and Welfare, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation,  
Stockholm, Sweden

2004-2010 Minister Counsellor, Swedish Permanent Representation to the European  
Union, Brussels, Belgium  
Representing Sweden in the EU institutions in the policy field of food  
safety, animal health and welfare.

2000-2004 Agricultural Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to the FAO,  
Swedish Embassy, Rome, Italy

1995-2000 Director and Head of Department of Environment and Rural  
Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Stockholm, Sweden

1993-1995 Programme officer, EFTA Surveillance Authority, Brussels, Belgium  
Transposition control and conformity assessment of the application of the  
EEA agreement in the five EFTA states.

1991-1993 Secretary in the Public Committee on the realignment of the Food Policy.  
The Committee was set up to analyse and propose changes to the Swedish  
food policy in order to facilitate a future Swedish membership to the EU.

1988-1991 Head of Section, Ministry of Agriculture, Stockholm, Sweden.  
In charge of dossiers in the area of food policy, main focus was on food  
control and food quality issues, including responsibility for the budget of  
the Swedish Food Agency.

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**THAILAND**

Name: **Mr THANAWAT TIENSIN**

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Present functions/activities:

Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (FAO, WFP and IFAD)

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Main previous functions/activities:

Thanawat has been involved in numerous Thai government agencies and other international organizations.

He was a former Assistant Director General, Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the Committee Member of the Dairy Farming Promotion Organization of Thailand. He also worked at the Mission of Thailand to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium

Thanawat has been active in supporting the international development programmes on agriculture, livestock and capacity building of FAO, ADB, IAEA, and OIE in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, DPRK, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Thailand.

Thanawat graduated from Kasetsart University, Thailand and Utrecht University, The Netherlands, respectively



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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Name: **Ms JENNIFER HARHIGH**

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Present functions/activities:

2019 - present Deputy Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

2016 - 2019 Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Chiang Mai, Thailand

2013 - 2016 Deputy Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo

2008 - 2011 Political/Economic Chief, U.S. Embassy, Rangoon

2005 - 2007 Career Development Officer, Bureau of Human Resources  
U.S. Department of State

2003 - 2005 Political Officer, U.S. Embassy, Moscow

2001 - 2002 Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of State

1999 - 2001 Deputy Permanent Representative, USESCAP Counselor and Economic Officer, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok