

171st Session of the Council

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Item 21 - Margarita Lizárraga Medal

Member Name	Comments
Chile (Monday, 14 November 2022 – 17.16)	Chile supports the nomination of Ms Meryl J. Williams and recommends that the Director-General should present the Medal at an award ceremony to be held before 31 December 2023.
Australia (Wednesday, 16 November 2022 – 14.13)	<p>It is with great pleasure that Australia welcomes the nomination of Dr Meryl J. Williams for the Margarita Lizárraga Medal.</p> <p>Through her career, Dr Williams has been and continues to be a strong advocate for empowering women, eradicating poverty, improving nutrition, and strengthening environmental sustainability. She has demonstrated a sustained and catalytic commitment to sustainable fisheries, with a particular and deep focus on building capacity in developing countries. Her leadership of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Commission and the WorldFish Center progressed sustainable and innovative agriculture and aquaculture and advanced sustainable development, including by working to transform food, land and water systems with aquatic foods to promote food security, nutrition, health and an enduring planet. Her scientific contributions have also supported the important work of the Global Environment Facility and the Census of Marine Life.</p> <p>Australia offers its endorsement for the nomination of Dr Williams for the Margarita Lizárraga Medal 2022-2023 and supports the suggested action by the Council as per CL 171/LIM/5.</p>