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# CONFERENCE

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### Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

#### Executive Summary

Article 4(a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides that "the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a Staff Pension Committee for each member organization, and a Secretariat to the Board and to each such committee".

Under Article 6(c) the Staff Pension Committee of each member organization "shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service...". The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of: three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO; three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and three members (with three alternates) elected by the FAO and WFP Participants.

In view of the time factor and to avoid undue travel costs in connection with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings, the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

#### Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference is invited to appoint to the Staff Pension Committee:

- a) One Member to serve from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024;
- b) One Alternate Member to serve from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024;
- c) One Member to serve from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025;
- d) One Alternate Member to serve from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.

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1. Article 4(a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides that "the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a Staff Pension Committee for each member organisation, and a Secretariat to the Board and to each such committee". Under Article 6(c) the Staff Pension Committee of each member organization "shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service...".

2. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee plays an important role in the general effort to harmonize UN pensions and their administration with the requirements of organizations of the UN common system and of their staff, who may serve and retire in all countries of the world. The characteristics of the International Civil Service of the UN system require particular care as well as in-depth treatment of the issues that are brought to the attention of the UN General Assembly. Its responsibilities are:

- to review the Pension Fund Regulations and Administrative rules with respect to possible amendments thereto in order to formulate the position of the Committee's delegation to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which in turn makes recommendations as appropriate, to the United Nations General Assembly;
- to interpret and apply the Regulations and Administrative rules of the Pension Fund in cases of contestation by FAO and WFP participants of a decision by the Secretary of the Staff Pension Committee concerning participants' entitlements and/or status;
- to grant disability benefits in payment (approximately 25-30 cases per year), in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund.

3. The Committee meets in Rome or via a secured tele-conference platform as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting half a day). The Committee appoints three members and three alternates (one member and one alternate from among the members designated by the FAO Conference, the Director-General and FAO/WFP Participants respectively) to represent the Organization in the UN Joint Staff Pension Board, the higher administrative body of the Fund, reporting directly to the UN General Assembly. Regular sessions of the Board are held not less frequently than once every two years.

4. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of:

- three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
- three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
- three members (with three alternates) elected by the FAO and WFP Participants.

5. The Conference-appointed members and alternates at present are:

Term of Office	Members	Alternates
1 January 2021 - 31 December 2023	Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico Deputy Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to FAO	Mr Thanawat Tiensin Permanent Representative of Thailand to FAO
1 January 2020 31 December 2022	Ms Kelli Ketover Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies	Mr Vlad Mustaciosu Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to FAO
1 January 2019 31 December 2021	Ms Alice Gisèle Sidibe-Anago Deputy Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to FAO	Mr Shahin Ghorashizadeh Alternate Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to FAO

6. In view of the time factor and to avoid undue travel costs in connection with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings, the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

7. The Conference *is invited to appoint* to the Staff Pension Committee the following:

- a) Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO, to serve as Member from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024;
- b) Mr Marios Georgiades, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to FAO, to serve as Alternate Member from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024;
- c) Mr. Hammad B. Hammad, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies, to replace and complete the term of Ms Kelli Ketover, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies as Member for the remainder of her term until 31 December 2022, due to Ms Ketover's departure from Rome in May 2021; and to continue to serve as Member from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025;
- d) Mr Salah Abdul Razag M. Alkhoder, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to FAO, to serve as Alternate Member from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.