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Report of the Second Meeting of the General Committee

A. Election of Council Members

1. The General Committee draws the attention of the Conference to the following paragraphs of Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO):

"3. In selecting Members of the Council, the Conference shall give due consideration to the desirability of:

- a) including in its membership a balanced geographical representation of nations interested in the production, distribution and consumption of food and agricultural products;
- b) ensuring the participation in the work of the Council of such Member Nations as contribute in a large measure towards the success of the Organization;
- c) giving to the greatest possible number of Member Nations an opportunity, by rotation of membership, to serve on the Council.

4. Member Nations shall be eligible for re-election.

5. No Member Nation shall be eligible for election to the Council if it is in arrears in payment of its financial contributions to the Organization in an amount equal to or exceeding the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years."

2. The Conference set at **12:00 hours on Monday 8 June 2015** the deadline for submission of nominations for election to the Council, and agreed that the election be held on **Friday 12 June 2015**.



3. The General Committee has examined the nominations received by that deadline and found the following nominations to be in order:

REGION	PERIOD	CANDIDATES
AFRICA	(a) end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2018 (3 SEATS)	Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia
	(b) 1 July 2016 - end of 41 st Conference (5 SEATS)	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Lesotho, Zambia
ASIA	(a) end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2018 (6 SEATS)	China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Philippines (end of the 39 th Conference - 31 December 2016) Thailand (1 January 2017 - 30 June 2018). <i>Special agreement, see paragraph 5</i>
EUROPE	(a) end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2018 (3 SEATS)	Cyprus, San Marino, Spain (end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2016)/ United Kingdom (1 July 2016 - 30 June 2018). <i>Special agreement, see paragraph 5</i>
	(b) 1 July 2016 - end of 41 st Conference (3 SEATS)	Germany, Montenegro, Romania
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	(a) end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2018 (3 SEATS)	Chile, Nicaragua, Venezuela
	(b) 1 July 2016 - end of 41 st Conference (5 SEATS)	Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay
NEAR EAST	(a) end of 39 th Conference - 30 June 2018 (1 SEATS)	Kuwait
	(b) 1 July 2016 - end of 41 st Conference (2 SEATS)	Qatar, Sudan
NORTH AMERICA	(b) 1 July 2016 - end of 41 st Conference (2 SEATS)	Canada, United States of America

4. For both periods, (i) end of 39th Conference (June 2015) to 30 June 2018 and (ii) 1 July 2016 to end of 41st Conference (June 2019), the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats to be filled for the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific. The Committee recommends that, in accordance with Rule XII.10 (a) of the GRO, the Conference elect by clear general consent the candidates nominated for the specified periods for such regions.

5. The General Committee was informed of the situation in the Europe and Asia Regions, as follows:

- a. Spain and the United Kingdom applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: Spain would stand for a seat from the end of the 39th Session of the Conference (June 2015) to 30 June 2016. The United Kingdom would replace Spain for the remainder of the term of office (from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018);

- b. Thailand and the Philippines applied jointly for one Council seat as follows: Thailand would stand for a seat from the end of the 39th Session of the Conference (June 2015) to 31 December 2016. The Philippines would replace Thailand for the remainder of the term of office (from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018).
6. The Committee also noted that Italy would step down from the Council effective 30 June 2015 and that Russian Federation would stand to replace Italy for the remainder of the term of office (1 July 2015 until the end of the 40th Session of the Conference in June 2017), in accordance with Rule XXII.9 of the GRO.
7. The Committee submits to the Conference in *Appendix A* of this report a list of FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes.

B. Appointment of the Director-General

8. The General Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution .../2015

Appointment of the Director-General

THE CONFERENCE,

Acting in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot as laid down in Rules XII and XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization,

- 1) **Declares** that Mr José Graziano da Silva is appointed to the office of Director General for a period from 1 August 2015, the term of office expiring on 31 July 2019; and

Having considered the recommendation regarding the conditions of appointment of the Director-General submitted by the General Committee in accordance with Rules X, paragraph 2(j) and XXXVII, paragraph 4 of the General Rules of the Organization,

- 2) **Resolves** that:

- a) the Director-General shall receive a gross annual salary of USD 235,889 corresponding to a net annual salary of USD 178,622 at the dependency rate, or USD 158,850 at the single rate, and an annual post adjustment corresponding to USD 1,786.22 for each multiplier point at the dependency rate, or USD 1,588.50 at the single rate, payable in accordance with the provisions of the Organization governing the salary of staff members;
- b) the Director-General shall receive a representation allowance of USD 50,000.00 net per annum;
- c) the Organization will directly rent appropriate housing accommodation to be assigned as the official residence of the Director-General and pay related expenses, in lieu of rental subsidy. The overall costs of rental of the Director-General's housing accommodation and related expenses to be covered by the Organization should not exceed Euro 180,000 per year. The Finance Committee may review this ceiling of expenditure;
- d) the Director-General shall be entitled to all other allowances and benefits accruing to staff members of the Organization in the Professional and Higher Categories;

- 3) **Further resolves** that the Director-General shall not be a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and that, in lieu thereof, he shall be entitled to receive, in monthly instalments, the equivalent of the Organization's contributions to the Fund that would have been payable had he been a participant, as a supplement to his monthly remuneration; and
- 4) **Further resolves** that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations subject, however, to the

provisions of the contract to be signed by the Chairperson of the Conference on behalf of the Organization and by the Director-General elect, in accordance with Rule XXXVII, paragraph 4.

(Adopted on __ June 2015)

C. Payment by the European Union to cover Administrative and Other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization

9. Article XVIII, paragraph 6 of the Constitution provides that:

A Member Organization shall not be required to contribute to the budget as specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, but shall pay to the Organization a sum to be determined by the Conference to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its membership in the Organization (...).

10. At its Twenty-seventh Session in 1993 the Conference requested the Finance Committee to examine the methodology for the calculation of the lump sum paid by the European Union. At its Seventy-eighth Session in April 1994 the Finance Committee recommended a methodology on the basis of which the Conference set the payment to be made by the European Union at various sessions.

11. The methodology was re-examined by the Finance Committee at its Hundred-and-eighth Session (September 2004) and Hundred-and-ninth Session (May 2005). The Committee examined a proposal for a revised methodology whereby the biennial adjustment to the European Union's contribution would reflect the official cost of living increases in the Euro area or in the host country. Under the revised methodology, the adjustment formula would be more in line with the system of split assessment and would not have a material impact on the biennial adjustment to the contribution of the European Union to the Organization. The Committee agreed with the proposed revision of the methodology whereby the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country would be used to adjust the European Union's contribution for any given biennium.

12. Applying the new methodology, the Thirty-eighth Session of the Conference in 2013 set the lump payment due by the European Union at Euro 563 074 for the 2014-15 biennium.

13. In accordance with the above, the methodology to be used for adjusting the lump sum is based on the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country. Using the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) figures, the consumer price inflation for the Euro Area for 2014 was 0.4% and for 2015 is forecast to be -0.2% which gives an average of 0.1%. The EIU figures for harmonized consumer price index for Italy are, for 2014, 0.2% and for 2015, forecast at 0.0%, which gives an average of 0.1%. Therefore the inflation figure which should be used in the calculation is 0.1% that happens to be the same rate for the Euro area and the host country. Applying this rate to the previous contribution of Euro 563 074 gives the new figure of Euro 568 705.

14. Therefore, the General Committee recommends to the Conference that it set the lump-sum payment due by the European Union to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its membership in the Organization at Euro 568 705 for the 2016-17 biennium.

15. As in previous biennia, it is proposed that the sum due by the European Union be paid into a trust or special fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

D. Statement by Representative of FAO Staff Bodies

16. The General Committee examined the Director-General's request that, following past practice, the Conference permit a representative of the FAO Staff Bodies to make a statement. The Committee recommends that the statement be submitted to the Chairperson prior to being delivered on Thursday 11 June under item 33: Any Other Matters.

Appendix A

FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes

I. AFRICA

(Member Nations: 49 - Council seats: 12)

Algeria	Ethiopia	Niger
Angola	Gabon	Nigeria
Benin	Gambia	Rwanda
Botswana	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cabo Verde	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Lesotho	South Africa
Central African Republic	Liberia	South Sudan
Chad	Madagascar	Swaziland
Comoros	Malawi	Togo
Congo	Mali	Tunisia
Côte D'Ivoire	Mauritania	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zambia
Eritrea	Mozambique	Zimbabwe
	Namibia	

II. ASIA

(Member Nations: 25 - Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh	Japan	Pakistan
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Philippines
Brunei Darussalam	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Malaysia	Singapore
China	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Thailand
India	Myanmar	Timor-Leste
Indonesia	Nepal	Uzbekistan
		Viet Nam

III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 - Council seats: 10)

Albania	Georgia	Portugal
Andorra	Germany	Republic of Moldova
Armenia	Greece	Romania
Austria	Hungary	Russian Federation
Azerbaijan	Iceland	San Marino
Belarus	Ireland	Serbia
Belgium	Israel	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Spain
Croatia	Lithuania	Sweden
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
	Monaco	

Denmark	Montenegro	Turkey
Estonia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Finland	Norway	United Kingdom
France	Poland	

Member Organization: European Union

Associate Member: Faroe Islands

IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Member Nations: 33 - Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad And Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica	Mexico	
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

V. NEAR EAST

(Member Nations: 21 - Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan	Kuwait	Somalia
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Djibouti	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt	Libya	Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Turkmenistan
Iraq	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Yemen

VI. NORTH AMERICA

(Member Nations: 2 - Council seats: 2)

Canada
United States of America

VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

(Member Nations: 16 - Council seats: 1)

Australia	Nauru	Samoa
Cook Islands	New Zealand	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Niue	Tonga
Kiribati	Palau	Tuvalu
Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Micronesia (Federated States of)		

Associate Member: Tokelau