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Election of Council Members

Executive Summary

Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) sets out the provisions for the nomination and election of Member Nations to the FAO Council (see *Appendix C*). The term of office for Council Membership is three years.

The Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.

The seats to be filled at the 40th Session of the Conference comprise 16 which fall vacant at the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017) and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2018.

The 156th Session of the Council (24-28 April 2017) recommended that 12.00 hours on Tuesday 4 July 2017 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Friday 7 July 2017 be set as the date for the election.

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1. The present composition of the Council is given below. The seats listed in the first two columns will come up for election as indicated in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

<u>16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017)</u>	<u>16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2018</u>	<u>17 seats falling vacant at the end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)</u>
Afghanistan	Chile	Argentina
Algeria	China	Benin
Australia	Congo	Brazil
Cameroon	Cyprus ¹	Canada
Czechia	Equatorial Guinea	Côte d'Ivoire
Ecuador	Ethiopia	Germany ²
Egypt	Indonesia	Kenya
France	Japan	Lesotho
Iceland	Kuwait	Mexico
India	Nicaragua	Montenegro ²
Malaysia	Philippines ³	Qatar
Mali	Republic of Korea	Romania
Pakistan	San Marino ¹	Sudan
Russian Federation ⁴	Sri Lanka	Trinidad and Tobago
Saudi Arabia	United Kingdom ⁵	United States of America
Zimbabwe	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ⁶	Uruguay
		Zambia

- a) Since the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the period from the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017) to 30 June 2018 (the remainder of the term of office from the end of the 39th Session of the Conference to 30 June 2018), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO. Any Member Nation which is not in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization is eligible for this seat.
- b) From the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017) to 30 June 2020, the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below, along with the Member Nations which are occupying those seats until 8 July 2017:

Region	Country currently occupying seat
Africa (4)	Algeria, Cameroon, Mali, Zimbabwe
Asia (3)	India, Malaysia, Pakistan
Europe (4)	Czechia, France, Iceland, Russian Federation
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	Ecuador
Near East (3)	Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (1)	Australia

¹ Cyprus and San Marino will step down from Council Membership at the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017).

² Germany and Montenegro will step down from Council Membership effective 30 June 2018.

³ Philippines replaced Thailand on 1 January 2017 (see para. 91 of C 2015/REP).

⁴ Russian Federation replaced Italy on 1 July 2016 (see para. 92 of C 2015/REP).

⁵ United Kingdom replaced Spain on 1 July 2016 (see para. 91 of C 2015/REP).

⁶ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

- c) For the period 1 July 2018 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which are occupying those seats until 30 June 2018:

Region	Country currently occupying seat
Africa (3)	Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia
Asia (6)	China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka
Europe (3)	Cyprus, San Marino ⁷ , United Kingdom
Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	Chile, Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ⁸
Near East (1)	Kuwait
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (0)	

- d) The Secretary-General of the Conference and Council was informed that Cyprus and San Marino will step down from Council Membership at the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017) and that Germany and Montenegro will step down from Council Membership effective 30 June 2018. These Members will be replaced for the remainder of their terms of office in accordance with Rule XXII.6 and 9 of the GRO.

2. Under the terms of Rule XXII.10 of the GRO, each nomination for election to a seat on the Council must be made in writing and supported by the delegates of two Member Nations other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated, and the nomination must be for a specific region. Rule XXII.10(a) specifies that, as soon as possible after the opening of its session and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference shall, on the recommendation of its General Committee, “*decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted*”. The procedure to be followed in submitting these nominations is outlined in Rule XXII.10(b) and (c). Rule XXII.10(d) further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election.

3. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in *Appendix A*.

4. A nomination form is given in *Appendix B*.

⁷ Cyprus and San Marino will step down from Council Membership at the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (8 July 2017).

⁸ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

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	Poland
Andorra	Germany	Portugal
Armenia	Greece	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Russian Federation
Belarus	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Israel	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czechia	Malta	Switzerland
Denmark	Monaco	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Estonia	Montenegro	Turkey
Finland	Netherlands	Ukraine
France	Norway	United Kingdom

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

Associate Member: Tokelau

Appendix B

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

(To be submitted by 12.00 hours on **Tuesday, 4 July 2017**)

Date:

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
Room A140
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome

The Delegate of and the Delegate of

(Signature)..... (Signature).....

wish to nominate

for election to a seat on the Council for the Region of

for the following term of office:

- a) From the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) to 30 June 2020*
- b) From 1 July 2018 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

The Delegate of accepts this nomination.

* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw (Rule XXII.10(g) GRO refers).

Appendix C**RULE XXII.10 OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

10. [...]

- (a) As soon as possible after the opening of the Conference session, and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference, on the recommendation of its General Committee, shall decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted, in accordance with subparagraph (c) below.
- (b) Each nomination shall be made for a specific region as determined by the Conference, indicating the term of office to which it applies, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g) of this paragraph. No nomination shall be made for a term that includes a period for which the Member Nation concerned is already in office.
- (c) Each nomination shall be supported, in writing, by the delegates of two Member Nations to the Conference other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated and shall be accompanied by a formal written acceptance of the nomination by the delegate of the Member Nation nominated. Any nomination reaching the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council after the date and time determined by the Conference for the submission of nominations shall not be valid.

[...]

- (g) The election of Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9(b) and 12 of Rule XII, one election being held to fill simultaneously all the vacancies occurring in each region in each of the calendar years referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. Should the number of Member Nations standing for election in a particular region be equal to the total number of vacancies occurring in both calendar years, one election may be held to fill simultaneously all these vacancies, and the allocation of candidates to the vacancies occurring in each year may be settled, where necessary, by mutual agreement or by the Conference by such methods as it may decide to adopt. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.