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CONFERENCE

Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June – 2 July 2011

Election of Council Members

1. 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. The term of office for Council Membership is three years.
2. At the time of writing the Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.¹
3. The seats to be filled at the 37th Session of the Conference comprise 16 which fall vacant in November 2011 and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2012.
4. In keeping with the former sequence of Governing Body meetings, the last Session of Conference took place in November of the second year of the biennium (36th Session, 18-23 November 2009). Under the reformed sequence of Governing Body meetings established by the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA), the Conference now meets in June of the second year of the biennium².
5. Transitional measures have been implemented since the 36th Session of the Conference to preserve the integrity of the term of office of Council Members elected for a three year term of office at previous sessions of the Conference. The new system has been phased in as illustrated in *Appendix C*.
6. Hence, in order to allow completion of the progressive introduction of the new system³, elections will take place at the 37th Session of the Conference to fill:
 - Council seats listed under paragraph 7(a) for a term of office of two and a half years;
 - Council seats listed under paragraph 7(b) for a term of office of three years.

¹ The Open Ended Working Group established to review and make recommendations regarding measures designed to increase the efficiency of the Governing Bodies (para 156 of C 2009/REP refers) has discussed the issue of Council membership during the present biennium, and a proposal was submitted in this regard by Morocco on behalf of the G77 (see C 2011/LIM/14). The figure of 49 Members mentioned above does not prejudice the outcome of such discussions.

² IPA Action 2.7.

³ Section III of CCLM document 87/3 and *Appendix C* refer.

7. 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 (b) and (c) below.

<u>16 seats falling vacant in November 2011</u>	<u>16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2012</u>	<u>17 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2013</u>
Afghanistan	Chile	Argentina
Australia	China	Brazil
Egypt	Gabon	Canada
El Salvador	Germany	Cape Verde
France	Japan	Côte d'Ivoire ⁴
Ghana	Jordan	Cuba
India	Mauritius	Equatorial Guinea
Indonesia	Mozambique	Greece
Italy	Philippines	Ireland
Mauritania	Republic of Korea	Islamic Republic of Iran
Norway	Slovakia	Mexico
Pakistan	Spain	Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia	Sri Lanka	Syrian Arab Republic
United Kingdom	Thailand	Trinidad and Tobago
United Republic of Tanzania	Uruguay	Tunisia
Zimbabwe	Venezuela	Uganda
		United States of America

- a) Since Côte d'Ivoire is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII-7 of the GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013 (the remainder of the term of office from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2013) as provided by Rule XXII, paras 6 and 9.
- b) For the period 1 December 2011 to 30 June 2014, the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which have occupied those seats:

Region	Country occupying seat
Africa (4)	Ghana, Mauritania, Zimbabwe, United Republic of Tanzania
Asia (3)	India, Indonesia, Pakistan
Europe (4)	France, Italy, Norway, United Kingdom
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	El Salvador
Near East (3)	Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (1)	Australia

⁴ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XII-7 of the GRO.

- c) For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which have occupied those seats:

Region	Country occupying seat
Africa (3)	Gabon, Mauritius, Mozambique
Asia (6)	China, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand
Europe (3)	Germany, Slovakia, Spain
Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela
Near East (1)	Jordan
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (0)	

8. 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, i.e. Monday 27 June 2011, 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.

9. The 140th Session of the Council (November-December 2010) recommended that 12.00 hours on Monday 27 June 2011 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Friday 1 July 2011 be set as the date for the election.

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

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

12. With the election of Member Nations for the electoral period 1 December 2011 to 30 June 2014 the transitional arrangements mentioned in paragraph 5 will have come to an end.

Appendix A**FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES****I. AFRICA**

(Member Nations: 48 - 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
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Lesotho	South Africa
Central African Republic	Liberia	Swaziland
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Tunisia
Congo	Mali	Uganda
Côte D'ivoire	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
	Namibia	

II. ASIA

(Member Nations: 23 - Council seats: 9)

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

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
Czech Republic	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	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	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

Appendix B

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

(To be submitted by 12.00 hours on Monday, 27 June 2011)

Date:

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
Room A139E
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) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 *
- b) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 *

The Delegate of accepts this nomination.

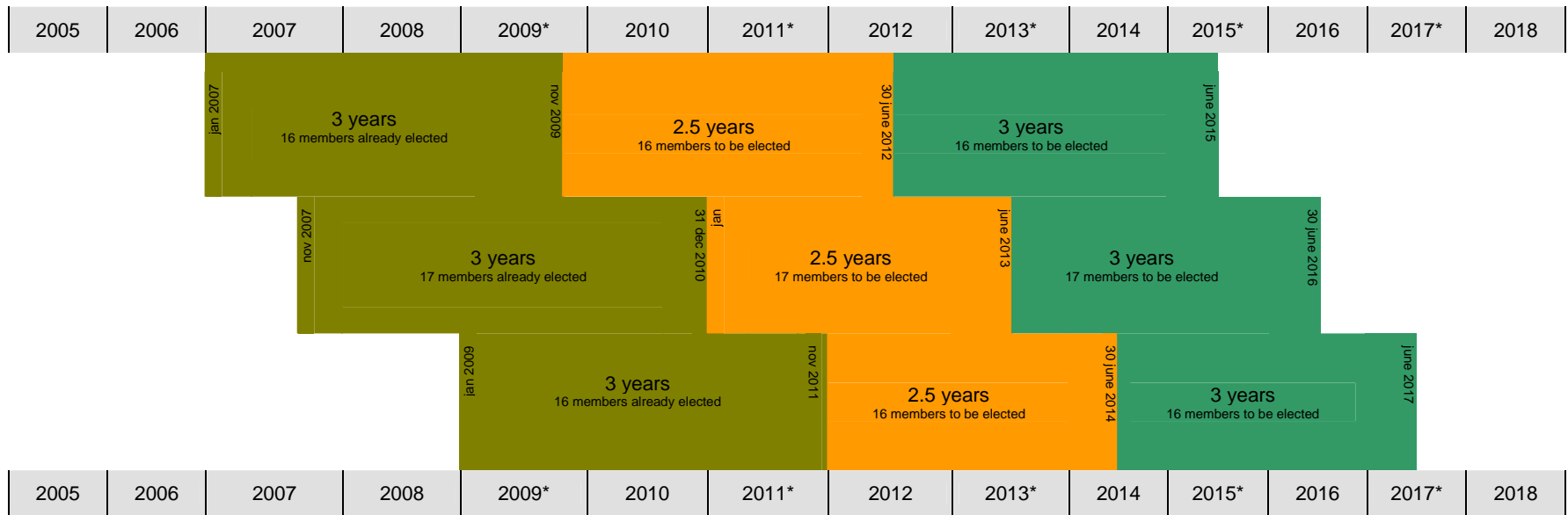
* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.

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.
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- (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 at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.

Appendix C

Membership Phases ¹



* denotes conference year:
 2009 – November
 2011 – June
 2013 – June
 2015 – June
 2017 – June

¹ Extracted from document CCLM 87/3.

