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CONFERENCE

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Third Report of the General Committee

I. Election of Council Members

1. The 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 27 June 2011 the deadline for submission of nominations for election to the Council, and agreed that the election begin on the afternoon of Friday 1 July.

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) 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2013 (1 SEAT)	Côte d'Ivoire
	(b) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (4 SEATS)	Algeria, Cameroon, Guinea, Togo
	(c) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 (3 SEATS)	Eritrea, Gabon, Republic of the Congo
ASIA	(a) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (3 SEATS)	India, Indonesia, Pakistan
	(b) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 (6 SEATS)	Bangladesh, China, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand
EUROPE	(a) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (4 SEATS)	Denmark, France, Italy, Poland
	(b) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 (3 SEATS)	Germany, Portugal, United Kingdom
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	(a) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (1 SEAT)	Ecuador
	(b) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 (3 SEATS)	Chile, El Salvador, Venezuela
NEAR EAST	(a) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (3 SEAT)	Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia
	(b) 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 (1 SEAT)	Jordan
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	(a) 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 (1 SEAT)	Australia

4. For both periods, 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 and 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015, the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats to be filled for the regions of Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East 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. For Asia, for the period 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014 the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats to be filled and hence the Committee also recommends election by clear general consent. In the case of Asia for the period 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2015 there are seven candidates for six seats and, unless a candidate withdraws, a secret ballot will be held to determine which countries are to be elected.

5. The Committee also submits to the Conference in *Appendix A* of this report a list of FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes.

II. Voting Rights

6. Sao Tome and Principe, currently with potential voting rights problems, proposes to repay its arrears according to an instalment plan set out in the draft resolution given in annex to this Report. The General Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the Resolution, through which the voting rights of Sao Tome and Principe are restored.
7. The Committee received information that, since its meeting on Sunday 26 June 2011, written communications had not yet been submitted by the Dominican Republic and Peru and agreed to return to the matter at its subsequent meeting, should such written communications be submitted by that time.
8. The Committee considered a request from the Republic of Palau requesting restoration of voting rights under Article III.4 of the Constitution and requested that the Secretariat contact the delegation of Palau for further information.

Appendix A - FAO Member Nations by Region for Council election purposes

Appendix B - Draft Resolution. Payment of arrears in contributions by Sao Tome and Principe

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

Croatia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Cyprus	Malta	
Czech Republic	Monaco	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Denmark	Montenegro	Turkey
Estonia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Finland	Norway	United Kingdom
France	Poland	

Member Organization: European Community

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	Nauru	Samoa
Cook Islands	New Zealand	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Niue	Tonga
Kiribati	Palau	Tuvalu

Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)

Papua New Guinea

Vanuatu

Appendix B**Resolution .../2011*****Payment of Contributions – Sao Tome and Principe*****THE CONFERENCE,**

Noting that the Government of Sao Tome and Principe had made a proposal that it liquidate its arrears of contributions over a period of four years commencing in 2012 in addition to paying each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment,

Decides that:

- 1) Notwithstanding Financial Regulation 5.5 the arrears of contributions of Sao Tome and Principe totalling USD 230,444.97 and EUR 12,826.65 shall be settled through the payment of four annual instalments of USD 57,611.24 and EUR 3,206.66 each from 2012 to 2015.
- 2) The first instalment shall be payable in 1 January 2012.
- 3) The annual payment of the instalments referred to above, together with the payment of each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment and any advances to the Working Capital Fund, shall be considered as fulfilment of the financial obligations of the Sao Tome and Principe to the Organization.
- 4) Instalments shall be payable in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5.
- 5) Default in payment of two instalments shall render this instalment plan null and void.

(Adopted __ June 2011)