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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**Appointment of external members of the Ethics Committee**

**(Extract from the Report of the 93rd Session of the Committee on  
Constitutional and Legal Matters)**

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## APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

16. The CCLM reviewed document CCLM 93/3 “*Appointment of External Members of the Ethics Committee*”. The CCLM noted that the Ethics Committee would include, in addition to two internal members, three reputable individuals external to FAO, appointed by the Director-General, whose nominations would be approved by the Council, upon recommendation by the CCLM and the Finance Committee. The CCLM further noted that the Director-General had submitted six candidates for the three positions of external members, together with their respective *curricula vitae*.

17. The CCLM considered, first, that it would be useful to establish criteria in the light of which the nominations would be examined. In that context, the CCLM identified the following criteria: (i) no former officials of FAO; (ii) desirability of avoiding candidates serving, or having served with other United Nations Rome-based organizations; (iii) knowledge of, and experience in ethics, in the United Nations System; (iv) gender balance; (v) regional balance; (vi) usefulness of experience from the private sector and academia.

18. The CCLM recommended to the Council the following three candidates for the external positions in the Ethics Committee:

Mr. Ngonlardje Kabra **Mbaidjol** (Chad)

Ms. Anne Marie **Taylor** (Canada, France, USA)

Mr. José **Zalaquett** (Chile)

19. The CCLM recommended that for the next renewal of the external membership of the Committee the procedures for the nomination of candidates be improved. In this connection, the CCLM underlined that only one nationality should be recognized in the case of candidates holding more than one nationality, in line with the practice followed for office holders in intergovernmental organizations. The CCLM further recommended that the Director-General should propose at least seven candidates for the three positions, i.e. one candidate from each of the FAO geographic regions. Finally, the Committee recommended that the proposals should be gender balanced.