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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Forty-fourth Session

Rome, 11-15 June 2012

### Membership of the Programme Committee

#### Executive Summary

Two Members of the FAO Europe Region, Germany and Belgium, have notified the Organization of their intention to step down from Membership of the Programme Committee, to be effective respectively following the Hundred and Eleventh Session (Rome, 31 May-1 June 2012) of the Committee, and 31 July 2012. The Council is invited to elect candidates whose nomination for the vacated posts were received by 22 May 2012

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- Under Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Programme Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members – two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific.
- Two Members of the FAO Europe Region, i.e. Germany and Belgium, have notified the Organization of their intention to step down from Membership of the Programme Committee, respectively following the Hundred and Eleventh Session (Rome, 31 May- 1 June 2012) of the Committee, and 31 July 2012. The notifications received from Germany and Belgium are given in the *Appendix A*.
- Pursuant to Rule XXVI.2 of the GRO, Member Nations from the FAO Europe region seeking election as member of the Programme Committee for the seats to be vacated by Germany and

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Belgium were invited to inform the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the details of the candidates not later than 20 days before the start of the following Council Session (Rome, 11-15 June 2012), i.e. 22 May 2012. By such deadline two nominations had been received, namely those of Ms Natalie Feistritz (Austria) and Ms Christina Emma Grieder (Switzerland). Brief CVs of the candidates are provided in *Appendix B*.

4. Under Rule XXVI.1 of the GRO, Members of the Committee shall appoint as their representatives individuals who have shown a continued interest in the objectives and activities of the Organization, have participated in Conference or Council sessions and have special competence and experience in economic, social and technical matters pertaining to the various fields of the Organization's activities.

5. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provide for Members Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and the elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 of this Rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than vacancies.

## Appendix A



Permanent Representation  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
to the International Organizations in Rome

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Note Verbale No 65/12

The Permanent Representation of Germany to the International Organizations in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and would like to bring to the attention of FAO that Mrs. Swantje Nilsson, Member of the Programme Committee of FAO, will complete her term of service at the Permanent Representation of Germany in Rome on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.

Germany will therefore step down as member of the Programme Committee after the May/June session of the Programme Committee.

Germany would appreciate if FAO could inform the Chair of the Programme Committee and the Chair of the 144<sup>th</sup> Council of this change.

The Permanent Representation of Germany to the International Organizations in Rome avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

Rome, 13 March 2012



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Rome, 5 March 2012

### NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of Belgium to FAO presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to inform it that the mandate of Ms Martine VAN DOOREN, Deputy Permanent Representative, Minister-Counsellor to the Embassy of Belgium, will end on 31 July this year and that Belgium will relinquish its membership of the FAO Programme Committee as of 31 July 2012.

The Permanent Representation of Belgium to FAO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

*[Signature and circular stamp]*

## Appendix B

## AUSTRIA

Name: Ms Natalie Feistritz

Education: Master in Economics and Business Administration (Vienna, University of Economics and Business)

Present Position: Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO, Rome (since June 1999)  
Member of the Staff Pension Committee (2011-2013)  
Member of the Executive Committee of the European Commission on Agriculture (2012-2014)

## Main previous positions:

2010-2012 Member of the Executive Committee of the European Commission on Agriculture

2008 -2011 Member of the Staff Pension Committee

2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) Chair of the OECD Group

2008-2009 Co-Chair of Working Group II on Governance II of the FAO Reform

2006-2008 Member of the WFP Executive Board

2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) Chair of the Europe Regional Group

2006 (1<sup>st</sup> semester) Chair of the EU Presidency of Austria (FAO)

1999 Alternate Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO, Rome

1998-1999 Head of the Department of Agriculture, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Brussels

1994-1998 Attaché for Agricultural Affairs, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Department of Agriculture, Brussels

1992-1994 Officer in the Department for International Trade Policy of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Water Management, Vienna

## Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies:

Participation in most of the FAO Governing Body meetings since 1999 including the European Regional Conferences as well of those of WFP; participation in different UN Conferences outside of Rome

Member in several drafting committees of FAO Governing Body meetings

## SWITZERLAND

Name: Ms Christina Emma Grieder

Present Position: Minister and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome (since September 2011)

Main previous positions:

2007-2011	Counsellor and Head of the Swiss Contribution Office for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Riga
2003-2007	Head of the International Financial Institutions Division, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Bern
2002-2003	Deputy Head, International Financial Institutions Division, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1997-2001	Deputy Head, Interim Head of the Agricultural Service, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1993-1996	Programme Officer Agriculture, Far East Asia Division, SDC, MoFA, Bern
1992-1993	Programme Officer at the Office for Agriculture, Canton of Thurgau, Switzerland
1991-1992	Consultant for irrigation and rural development projects, Indonesia
1989-1991	Advisor to the Swiss Cooperation Programmes in rural development, Bolivia
1983-1988	Programme Officer, pump-lifted rice irrigation, project of the SDC and the Indonesian Government, Indonesia
Until 1983	Several positions with associations of agricultural cooperatives in Switzerland