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## COUNCIL

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### Address to the Council by Candidates for the Post of Director-General

#### Executive Summary

In accordance with Rule XXXVII.1(c) of the General Rules of the Organization, candidates for the office of Director-General of the Organization shall address the session of Council which precedes the session of the Conference which will appoint the Director-General, subject to such arrangements as the Council may make.

This document outlines the procedure concerning the address to Council that was approved by the Council at its 139<sup>th</sup> Session (May 2010).

#### Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to take note of (i) the sole candidate for the office of Director-General for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2019; and (ii) the procedure concerning the address to Council by candidates for the Office of Director-General of the Organization, as approved by the Council at its 139<sup>th</sup> Session.

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1. By 31 January 2015, the deadline set by the 149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (June 2014) for the receipt of nominations for the post of Director-General for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2019, the following nomination had been received:

Brazil

José Graziano da Silva

2. The procedure concerning the address to Council was approved by the Council at its 139<sup>th</sup> Session (May 2010) as follows:

*Extract from the Report of the 139<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, Appendix D<sup>1</sup>*

- (i) Each candidate, validly nominated in accordance with Rule XII.5 of the General Rules of the Organization, will make a statement to a plenary meeting of the Council, of up to 15 minutes. The sequential order in which candidates make statements and answer questions is defined by lots drawn by the Chairperson. The statements should include a presentation of the candidate's vision of the future priorities for the Organization.
- (ii) After each statement, up to 15 minutes will be made available to Members of the Council to ask questions through the Chairperson who will then give the floor to each candidate to respond for up to 15 minutes.
- (iii) The Chairperson may adjust the time allotted for questions and answers foreseen in paragraph (ii) above, subject to a requirement of equality of time among all candidates. In determining the time allotted, the Chairperson should bear in mind that, as far as possible, all candidates should address the Council on the same day.
- (iv) The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, ensures that the allocated time, both for the statements and for the questions and answers, is strictly enforced.
- (v) A candidate may speak in any language of the Organization.
- (vi) Once all statements and questions and answers have been completed, the Chairperson shall declare the relevant agenda item closed. There shall be no debate, nor any conclusions drawn from the statements, questions or answers.

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<sup>1</sup> CL 139/REP, paras 57-58 and *Appendix D*.