CONFERENCE

Forty-first Session

Rome, 22-29 June 2019

Election of Council Members

Executive Summary

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 (see Appendix C). The term of office for Council Membership is three years.

The Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of the two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.

The seats to be filled at the 41st Session of the Conference comprise 17 which fall vacant at the end of the 41st Session of the Conference and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2020.

The 160th Session of the Council (3-7 December 2018) recommended that 12.00 hours on Monday 24 June 2019 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Friday 28 June 2019 be set as the date for the election.

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1. The Conference at its 41st Session will be called to fill the vacancies due to the expiration of terms of office of Council Members. Nominations are sought for 17 seats falling vacant at the end of the 41st Session of the Conference; for 16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2020; and for 2 seats from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference until the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference. The present composition of the Council is given below.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>17 seats falling vacant at the end of the 41st Session of the Conference</th>
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<td>France</td>
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<td>Jordan</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
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<td>Nicaragua</td>
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<td>North Macedonia</td>
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<td>Mexico</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Qatar</td>
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<td>Romania</td>
<td>Malaysia³</td>
<td>Russian Federation</td>
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<td>Sudan</td>
<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>South Sudan⁴</td>
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<td>Trinidad and Tobago</td>
<td>Saudi Arabia</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)⁴</td>
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<td>Uruguay</td>
<td>Spain</td>
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2. 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. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in Appendix A.

3. 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, 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”. Accordingly, the 160th Session of the Council (3-7 December 2018) recommended that 12.00 hours on Monday 24 June 2019 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Friday 28 June 2019 be set as the date for the election, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

4. 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

¹ Peru to replace Chile from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (see para. 91 of C 2017/REP).
² Myanmar to replace the Philippines from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (see para. 91 of C 2017/REP).
³ Malaysia replaced Thailand from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020 (see para. 91 of C 2017/REP).
⁴ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.
⁵ Indonesia to replace Viet Nam from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (see para. 91 of C 2017/REP).
nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election. A nomination form is given in Appendix B.

5. In line with Rule XXII.5 of the GRO, any Member Nation shall be eligible for election to the Council if it is not in arrears of 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.

6. Details of the distribution of seats to be filled by region are given below, along with the Member Nations which are currently occupying those seats:

a) **17 seats** from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference to 30 June 2022:

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Country currently occupying seat (until the end of the 41st Session of the Conference)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Africa (5)</td>
<td>Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Kenya, Lesotho, Zambia</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asia (0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Europe (3)</td>
<td>Austria, France, Romania</td>
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<tr>
<td>Latin America and the Caribbean (5)</td>
<td>Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay</td>
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<tr>
<td>Near East (2)</td>
<td>Qatar, Sudan</td>
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<tr>
<td>North America (2)</td>
<td>Canada, United States of America</td>
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<td>Southwest Pacific (0)</td>
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b) **16 seats** for the period 1 July 2020 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (June 2023):

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<td>Asia (3)</td>
<td>India, Malaysia*, Pakistan</td>
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<td>Europe (4)</td>
<td>Bulgaria, Finland, Italy, Spain</td>
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<td>Latin America and the Caribbean (1)</td>
<td>Ecuador</td>
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c) Since South Sudan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela are deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seats should be filled for the Africa and for the Latin America and the Caribbean regions for the period from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) (the remainder of the term of office), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.

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* Malaysia replaced Thailand from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020 (see para. 91 of C 2017/REP).
# Appendix A

**FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES**

## I. AFRICA

(Member Nations: 49 – Council seats: 12)

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<th>Africa</th>
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<td>Ghana</td>
<td>Sao Tome and Principe</td>
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<td>Central African Republic</td>
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## II. ASIA

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<td>Lao People's</td>
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<td>Singapore</td>
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<td>Brunei Darussalam</td>
<td>Democratic Republic</td>
<td>Thai</td>
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<td>India</td>
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<td>Indonesia</td>
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III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 – Council seats: 10)

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czechia
Denmark
Dominica

Georgia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco
Montenegro

Norway
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Moldova
Romania
San Marino
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
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
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica

Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama

Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad And Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
V. NEAR EAST

(Member Nations: 21 – Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan  Kuwait  Somalia
Bahrain  Kyrgyzstan  Sudan
Djibouti  Lebanon  Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt  Libya  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

Associate Member: Tokelau
Appendix B

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(To be submitted by 12.00 hours on Monday, 24 June 2019)

Date: ........................................

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
    Room A140
    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) From the end of the 41st Session of the Conference to 30 June 2022 [17 seats]*

b) From 1 July 2020 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (June 2023) [16 seats]*

c) From the end of the 41st Session of the Conference to the end of the 42nd Session
    of the Conference (June 2021) [2 seats]*

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 in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw
(Rule XXII.10(g) GRO refers).
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.

[...]

(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 in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.