Executive Summary

1. In accordance with Rule XVII.1 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Director-General has invited the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies listed in Appendix A to send their representatives to the 41st Session of the Conference.

2. In accordance with Rule XVII.2 GRO, the Director-General has invited the Intergovernmental Organizations with which FAO has concluded an agreement providing for representation to send observers (Appendix B-a).

3. In accordance with Rule XVII.4 GRO, the Director-General has provisionally invited, subject to the approval of the Conference, a number of Intergovernmental Organizations with which FAO has concluded an agreement not providing for representation to send observers (Appendix B-b).

4. In accordance with Rule XVII.4 GRO, the Director-General has provisionally invited, subject to the approval of the Conference, a number of Intergovernmental Organizations with which FAO has not concluded an agreement to send observers (Appendix B-c).

5. In accordance with Rule XVII.3 GRO, and with paragraph 19(a) of the "FAO Policy concerning Relations with International Non-Governmental Organizations" (Basic Texts Vol. II, Section M), the Director-General has invited the International Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with FAO to send observers (Appendix C).

6. In accordance with Rule XVII.4 GRO, the Director-General has provisionally invited, subject to the approval of the Conference, a number of other International Non-Governmental Organizations to send observers (Appendix D).

Suggested action by the Conference

The invitations sent to Intergovernmental Organizations with which FAO does not have a formal agreement are extended on a provisional basis and are subject to approval by the Conference on the basis of a recommendation made by the General Committee.

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Appendix A

United Nations and Specialized Agencies
invited to the Conference

United Nations, Specialized Agencies and Related Organizations

United Nations Secretariat (UN)
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC)
United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS)
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
United Nations University (UNU)
United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Maritime Organization (IMO)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
International Organization for Migration (IOM)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Universal Postal Union (UPU)
World Bank (WB)
World Food Programme (WFP)
World Health Organization (WHO)
World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
World Trade Organization (WTO)
Appendix B

Intergovernmental Organizations
invited to the Conference

a) Organizations with which FAO has an agreement providing for representation

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
African Union (AU)
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)
Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)
Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Bioversity International
CAB International (CABI)
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab
Region (INFOSAMAK)
Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in Latin
America and the Caribbean (INFOFESCA)
Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC)
Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP)
Council of Europe (COE)
Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA)
Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)
EUROFISH
Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for
Fishery Products in Africa (INFOFECHE)
Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Technical Advisory Services
for Fishery Products in the Asia and Pacific Region (INFOFISH)
International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)
International Jute Study Group (IJSG)
Italian-Latin-American Institute (IILA)
Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO)
Latin American Parliament  
League of Arab States (LAS)  
Organization for the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA)  
Organization of American States (OAS)  
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)  
Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)  
Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE)  
Regional International Organization for Plant Protection and Animal Health (RIOPPAH-OIRSA)  
World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)  

b) Organizations with which FAO has concluded an agreement not providing for representation  
Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)  
Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID)  
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)  
International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)  
International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA)  
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)  
International Olive Oil Council (IOOC)  
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
Southern African Development Community (SADC)  
West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)  
World Conservation Union (IUCN)  

c) Organizations with which FAO has not concluded an agreement  
Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)  
Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)  
Global Dryland Alliance (GDA)  
Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)  
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)  
Regional Commission of Fisheries of Gulf of Guinea (COREP)  
South Centre
Appendix C

International Non-Governmental Organizations
invited to the Conference

Organizations in consultative status with FAO

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)
Caritas Internationalis (CI)
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
International Council of Women (ICW)
International Union of Food, Agriculture, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’
Associations (IUF)
World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)
World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO)
Appendix D

Other International Non-Governmental Organizations
invited to the Conference

ActionAid International
Canadian Chamber in Italy
CropLife International
Emerging Ag
Food Forever Initiative
Foundation of Social Promotion of culture (FPSC)
Global Pulse Confederation (GPC)
Health for Animals
International Agrifood Network
International Catholic Rural Association (ICRA)
International Commission of Agricultural and BioSystems Engineering (CIGR)
International Dairy Federation
International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International)
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)
International Federation of Women in Legal Careers
International Fertilizer Association (IFA)
International Indian Treaty Council
International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
International Seed Federation (ISF)
Mastercard Worldwide
New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)
Oxfam International
Pesticide Action Network (PAN)
Rotary International
Soroptimist International (SI)
The Grain and Feed Trade Association
Via Campesina
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
World Rural Forum
World Sugar Research Organization
WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative