Arrangements for the 41st Session of the FAO Conference (Recommendations to the Conference)

Extract from the Report of the 160th Council Session (3-7 December 2018)

Arrangements for the 161st Session of the Council (April 2019) and 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

22. The Council decided to submit to the Conference the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in document CL 160/6 for approval, and in particular recommended that:
   a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture; and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters; and
   b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12:00 hours on Monday 24 June 2019, and the election be held on Friday 28 June 2019.

24. The Council further agreed to recommend to the Conference that the theme of the General Debate at the 41st Session be “Migration, Agriculture and Rural Development” and that statements by heads of delegation be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.

25. The Council decided to establish a deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) at 12:00 hours on Friday, 5 April 2019.

26. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity.

Extract from the Report of the 161st Council Session (8-12 April 2019)

Arrangements for the 41st Session of the Conference (including Provisional Timetable) – Recommendations to the Conference

22. The Council decided to submit the Provisional Timetable set out in CL 161/6 Rev.2 to the Conference for approval.

Nomination of the Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of the Conference and the Chairpersons of the Commissions of the Conference

23. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) of the GRO, the Council nominated Mr Enzo Benech, Minister for Livestock, Agriculture and Fishery of Uruguay as Chairperson of the Conference.

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1 CL 160/6; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7
2 CL 161/6 Rev.2; CL 161/PV/5; CL 161/PV/8

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24. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following nominations for Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference:

- Mr Ulrich Seidenberger (Germany);
- Mr Abdulla bin Abdulaziz Al Subaie (Qatar);
- Mr Thanawat Tiensin (Thailand).

25. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following nominations for the Chairpersons of Commissions I and II:

- Chairperson of Commission I: Ms Marie-Therese Sarch (United Kingdom);
- Chairperson of Commission II: Mr Bommakanti Rajender (India).

Nomination of Seven Members of the General Committee

26. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Niger
- Peru
- San Marino

Nomination of Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

27. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Côte d’Ivoire
- Cuba
- Guatemala
- Kuwait
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Oman
- San Marino
- United States of America

Biennial Theme

28. With regard to the biennial theme for the 2020-21 biennium, the Council agreed to submit the theme “Promoting healthy diets and preventing all forms of malnutrition” to the Conference for endorsement and requested that a concept note on this theme be submitted to the Conference.