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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Sixty-second Session

Rome, 1 July 2019

### Election of Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee

1. Under Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Finance 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). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVII.2 of the GRO).
2. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provides for Member Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
3. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the candidates for (i) the office of Chairperson is given in *Appendix A* and for (ii) Membership of the Committee is given in *Appendix B*.

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4. The following nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Finance Committee:

Ms Imelda Smolcic Rahman (Uruguay)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee:

AFRICA	ETHIOPIA	(Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa)
	NIGER	(Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	BANGLADESH	(Mr Manash Mitra)
	JAPAN	(Mr Toru Hisazome)
EUROPE	GERMANY	(Mr Heiner Thofern)
	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	(Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	BRAZIL	(Mr Rodrigo Estrela de Carvalho)
	MEXICO	(Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma)
NEAR EAST	EGYPT	(Mr Haitham Abdelhady)
	SUDAN	(Mr Sid Ahmed M. Alamain Hamid Alamain)
NORTH AMERICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	(Ms Emily Katkar)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	AUSTRALIA	(Ms Lynda Hayden)

6. 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 seats to be filled.

## APPENDIX A

## URUGUAY

Name: **Ms IMELDA SMOLCIC**

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Present functions/activities:

2018-present Embassy of Uruguay in Rome, Italy:  
Alternate Representative to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies and the Government of Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

2016-2018 Director, Regional Division for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

2011-2016 Delegate of Uruguay to the Mission of the Republic to the United Nations, New York:  
Expert in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee).  
Chaired the budget negotiations of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MNUSMA), the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and the Organization's Programme Budget for the 2014-2015 biennium.  
Chair of the United Nations Committee on Conferences (2015).  
Vice-Chair of the Committee on Conferences (2013).  
Vice-Chair of the Fifty-third Session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (2013).  
Rapporteur of the Fifty-second Session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (2012).  
Expert in the First Committee - Disarmament and International Security (2011 -2012).  
Nominations Officer (2011 - 2016)

2009-2011 Foreign Affairs, Uruguay.  
Permanent Representative to the Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights of MERCOSUR.  
Alternate Representative to the Coordinating Committee of Ministers of Social Affairs of MERCOSUR.  
Alternate Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the National Coordinating Council for Public Policies on Gender Equality.  
Alternate delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Refugee Commission

- 2008-2009 Deputy Director of the Directorate-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay
- 2002-2008 Embassy of Uruguay in New Delhi, India:  
Alternate Representative of Embassy and Consulate  
Chargé d'affaires ad interim (2004 - 2005; 2007 - 2008)
- 2000-2002 Directorate General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay:  
Director, Department of Human Rights (2000-2002)  
Head of the Department of Special Affairs of the Directorate of Multilateral Affairs, responsible for International Organizations related to Disarmament and liaison with the Ministry of National Defence in the field of Peacekeeping Operations (2000)
- 1994-2000 Delegate of Uruguay to the Mission of the Republic to the United Nations, New York:  
Representative to the Committee on Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues (Third Committee)  
Responsible for the presentation and coordination of the Resolution on "The Rights of the Child"  
Nominations Officer (1999 - 2000)  
Chair of the Negotiating and Drafting Group for the Omnibus Resolution on "The Rights of the Child" - Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly (1998)  
Adviser to the negotiating group for the Resolution on "The Rights of the Child" at the Fifty-fourth Session of the Commission on Human Rights (Geneva, 1998)  
Chairperson of the Seminar between government representatives and NGOs for the Report on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children (New York, 1996) at the invitation of Ms Graça Machel Mandela (Expert appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations)  
Chairman of the Drafting Group on the Omnibus Resolution, "The Rights of the Child" - Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly (1996)  
Delegate to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Istanbul, 1996): negotiator in the Working Group on Housing Rights  
Coordinator between UNICEF and the Government of Uruguay for the design of strategies for the dissemination of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF Five-Year Plan.
- 1993-1994 Directorate General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

Linkage with the Ministry of National Defence on the participation of Uruguayan troops in the United Nations Peacekeeping

1991-1992

Protocol Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay

## AUSTRALIA

**Name:** Ms LYNDA HAYDEN

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Present functions/activities:

**Professional Summary** Lynda graduated from Australia's Murdoch University with a Bachelor of Science (Conservation Biology, majoring in botany) in 2001 after which she taught English in Japan. In January 2004 Lynda joined the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources where she has worked in a number of areas spanning across policy, governance, trade and market access and regulatory operating environments.

October 2017 – April 2019 Director - Animal Products and Food Markets Section, Agricultural Policy Division

Role: Leading a team responsible for delivering high-quality policy advice to enhance the productivity, profitability and competitiveness of Australia's animal and animal product industries and on issues relating to food chain resilience, food loss and waste, food security and consumer trends.

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Main previous functions/activities:

January 2017 – October 2017 Director - Competition and Investment Section, Agricultural Policy

Role: Leading a team responsible for delivering high-quality policy advice on agricultural competition, investment, food loss and waste, food security and energy issues.

November 2011- January 2017 Director - Food and Animal By-Products Section, Exports Division (maternity leave December 2015 - October 2016)

Role: Leading a high performing team responsible for developing, improving and maintaining international market access for dairy, eggs, seafood, poultry, game meat, organic products, honey, other food products not specified in export legislation and animal by-products such as pet food, rendered products, hides, skins and wool and pharmaceutical and technical goods.

September–November 2011 Senior Policy Officer - National Food Plan Taskforce

Role: Developing the government's strategic direction on global food trade for the National Food Plan Green Paper.

2008 – 2011 Senior Policy Advisor – Food Section, Exports Division

Role: Developing, improving and maintaining international market access for dairy, eggs, seafood, organic products, honey and other food products not specified in export legislation, specialising in seafood export market access issues.

2006 - 2008 Policy Officer - East Asia Section, Trade and Market Access Division

Role: Providing sound policy advice on issues relating to trade with China, Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong including the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement; undertaking program management activities for the Australia China Agricultural Cooperation Programme; organising and accompanying international delegations; and coordinating whole-of-department responses to agriculture, fisheries and forestry trade matters.

2004-2006 Assessing Officer - Biological Imports Program, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Role: Assessing and applying import conditions to a range of biological commodities including food products, laboratory material and veterinary therapeutics; responding to phone calls from clients and advising of Australia's import requirements.

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**BANGLADESH**

**Name: Mr MANASH MITRA**

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**Present functions/activities:**

Since January 2018      Economic Counsellor & Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO,  
WFP & IFAD

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**Main previous functions/activities:**

January 2018 – May 2019      Participated in the 170th – 175th Sessions of the Finance Committee  
Participated in the 159th – 161st Sessions of the FAO Council  
Participated in the 41st and 42nd Sessions of IFAD Governing Council  
Participated in the First, Annual and Second Executive Board Meetings of WFP in 2018 and First Regular Session in 2019  
Participated in the 45th session of CFS  
ISC Member in the UN Decade of Family farming

May 2015 – December 2017      Senior Assistant Chief  
Planning Division, Ministry of Planning  
Bangladesh

August 2012 – April 2015      Parliamentary Program Director  
Promoting Democratic Institutions and Practices (PRODIP),  
USAID/UKAID Funded Project  
The Asia Foundation/ State University of New York  
Bangladesh Office

July 2009 – July 2012      Parliament Component Manager  
Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity  
(PROGATI), USAID Funded Project  
Development Alternatives, Inc.  
Bangladesh Office



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**BRAZIL**

Name: **Mr RODRIGO ESTRELA DE CARVALHO**

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Present functions/activities:

2018 - present                      Counselor, Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, IFAD and WFP

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Main previous functions/activities:

1996 - 2004                      Rodrigo Estrela de Carvalho holds a BA in Economic Sciences from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (1998). Between 1996 and 1998 he was advisor to the Congresswoman Maria da Conceiyao Tavares . He has been a career diplomat since 2000. Between 2003 and 2004 he was advisor to the Leadership of the Government in the Federal Senate of Brazil.

2005 - 2010                      In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was advisor to the Secretary-General for International Affairs (2005). Mr Estrela served at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva (2005-2008), when negotiated health and labor issues, and at the Embassy of Brazil in Lima, where he was head of the economic and energy sectors (2009-2010).

2011 - 2018                      Between 2011 and 2013, in Brazil, Mr Estrela held a position in the Special Advisory Office of the President of the Republic on International Affairs. He was appointed Special Advisor for Economic Affairs of the Minister of Finance (2014), Under-Secretary for Economic and Financial Institutions of the Ministry of Finance (2015) and Secretary of International Affairs of the Ministry of Planning (2016). He was also head of the Division of Agriculture and Commodities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016-2018).

**ETHIOPIA**

Name: **Mr MITIKU TESSO JEBESSA**

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Present functions/activities:

Deputy Representative of Ethiopia to the RBAs with a title of Minister

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Main previous functions/activities:

President of Ambo University, Ethiopia

Deputy Dean and Dean Ambo College of Agriculture, Ethiopia

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**EGYPT**

Name: **Mr HAITHAM ABDELHADY**

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Present functions/activities:

August 2017 until now      First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of Egypt to UN Agencies in Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

2014 to 2017      First Secretary, UN Affairs Division at the Multilateral Affairs and International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

2010 to 2014      Second Secretary, Embassy of Arab Republic of Egypt in Beijing, China (Political and Economic Division).

2008 to 2010      Third Secretary, Consular Affairs, Migration and Refugees Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

2006 to 2008      Diplomatic Attaché, Embassy of Arab Republic of Egypt in Monrovia, Liberia

**GERMANY****Name: Mr HEINER THOFERN**

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Present functions/activities:

2015 – present      Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the International Organizations in Rome  
Member of the FAO Finance Committee

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Main previous functions/activities:

2014 – 2015      Head of Division “World Food Affairs, International Food and Agriculture Organizations”, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Berlin  
2009 – 2014      Senior Coordinator, Bioenergy and Food Security Projects, FAO, Rome  
2003 – 2008      Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to FAO and other International Organizations in Rome  
2005 – 2007      Chairperson of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems  
1999 – 2003      Head of Division “International Trade Policy”, Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture, Berlin  
1992 – 1999      Desk Officer, Alternate Personal Assistant to the Federal Minister, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, Berlin

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**JAPAN****Name: Mr TORU HISAZOME**

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Present functions/activities:

June 2017 to present      Minister-Counselor/Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome  
Member of FAO Programme Committee

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Main previous functions/activities:

2015 - 2017      Director, International Strategy Office, International Policy Division, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

2014 – 2015      Special Assistant to Vice-Minister for International Affairs, MAFF

2013 – 2014      Deputy Director, International Economic Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, MAFF  
Participated in Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations

2012 - 2013      Deputy Director, Grain Trade and Operation Division, Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF  
Co-chaired the First Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Council

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**MEXICO**

**Name: Mr BENITO SANTIAGO JIMÉNEZ SAUMA**

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**Present functions/activities:**

- Since 2013      Alternate Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Rome-based in Rome
- Since 2016      Alternate Governor of Mexico to IFAD
- Since 2017      Coordinator of IFAD Sub-List C3
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**Main previous functions/activities:**

- July 2017 –      Representative of Mexico, FAO Finance Committee  
June 2019
- 2010-2013      Director of Climate Change, Directorate-General for Global Issues of the Foreign Ministry of Mexico  
  
Activities: Green Climate Fund, Long-term financing, Kyoto Protocol, Conferences of the Parties to the Convention, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 2004-2010      Delegate to the Second Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations, New York  
  
Areas of responsibility: Sustainable Development, HIV/AIDS, ECOSOC
- 2000-2004      Deputy Director for the Environment, Directorate-General for Global Issues. Foreign Ministry of Mexico  
  
Activities: Sustainable development, environment-related conventions, climate change, the Convention on Biological Diversity

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**NIGER**

Name: **Ms RAHILA RABIOU TAHIROU**

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Present functions/activities:

2019/2021 Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP) and Second Counsellor of Embassy of Niger in Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

Second Counsellor of Embassy of Niger in Italy

Foreign Affairs Advisor in Niamey

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Name: **Mr VLADIMIR V. KUZNETSOV**

Present functions/activities:

September 2017 - present Deputy Director (Administrative and Budgetary matters), Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Main previous functions/activities:

2014 - 2017 Director, Department of Administration and General Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation  
Member of the FAO Finance Committee

2012 – 2014 Deputy Director-General, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation  
Member of the FAO Finance Committee

2009 – 2012 Chief Adviser, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

1996 – 2009 Head of Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (deals with financial, budgetary, management and personnel issues of international organizations)

2004 – 2005 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations

1999 – 2003 Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations

1998 – 2000 Alternate Member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe

1995 – 2000 Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

1996 – 1998 Member of the Russian delegation to the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Committee of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC)

1986 – 1997 Member of the USSR, Russian Federation delegation to the 42<sup>nd</sup> – 53<sup>rd</sup> sessions of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Issues) of the General Assembly; member of the delegation to the 31<sup>st</sup> – 38<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; member of the delegation to the sessions of the Committee on Conferences of the United Nations

1992 – 1996 First Secretary, Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

1994 Member of the *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 48/218

1990 – 1991 Second Secretary, USSR Permanent Mission to the UN (delegate to the Fifth Committee)



1984 – 1989	Attaché, Third, Second Secretary, Division of Administrative and Budgetary Matters and UN Secretariat Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980 – 1984	UN Secretariat, New York

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**SUDAN**

Name: **Mr SID AHMED M. ALAMAIN HAMID ALAMAIN**

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Present functions/activities:

Since July 2016      First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative  
Sudan Embassy Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

June 2014 - July 2016      First Secretary Sudan Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Desk Officer in different departmenrs

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Name: **Ms EMILY KATKAR**

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Present functions/activities:

2017-2019 Political-Economic Section Chief and Alternate Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome  
Member: CCLM and CFS Bureau

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Main previous functions/activities:

2014-2016 Human Rights Unit Chief, Bureau of International Organizations, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.

2012-2014 Deputy Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy, Kuwait

2009-2012 Political Officer, U.S. Mission to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium

2008-2009 Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan

2006-2007 Watch Officer, U.S. Department of State Operations Centre, Washington, D.C.

2004-2006 Economics and Consular Officer, U.S. Embassy, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates