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## COUNCIL

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### Election of Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- Under Rule XXXIV of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters consists of a Chairperson and seven Members (one Member from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee communicates to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience (Rule XXXIV.2 of the GRO).
- The procedure for election of Members of the Committee requires that Member Nations of the Organization 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.
- 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 Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

Ms Daniela Rotondaro (San Marino)

5. The following nominations have been received for election as Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

AFRICA	GABON	(Mr Charles Essonghe)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	PHILIPPINES	(Mr Theodore Andrei Bauzon)
EUROPE	SPAIN	(Mr Rafael Osorio de Rebellón Villar)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	NICARAGUA	(Ms Monica Robelo Raffone)
NEAR EAST	JORDAN	(Mr Ali Al Bsoul)
NORTH AMERICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	(Ms Emily Katkar)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	FIJI	(Mr Esala Nasayi)

6. This election is governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10(a) 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

## SAN MARINO

Name: **Ms DANIELA ROTONDARO**

Born in Casablanca (Morocco)

Nationality: Sammarinese

Studies: Lycée Français Descartes – Rabat Morocco

Graduated in Law: International Law

Present functions/activities:

Since 2010 - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of San Marino to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Rome Based Agencies

Since 2001 - Ambassador - Permanent Representative of the Republic of San Marino to the Rome-based Agencies

FAO Elected: 2015-2017-2019 Member of the Committee on Constitutional Legal Matters  
 2015-2017 Head of delegation – Member of FAO Council  
 2008-2012 Vice Chair Executive Board of the European Commission for Agriculture (ECA)  
 2009-2011-2015 Chair of the Credentials Committee - FAO Conference  
 2011 – Chair of FAO Appeals Committee

Main previous functions/activities:

2000-2010 Embassy of San Marino to Italy, Counselor  
 1996-1999 Chief of Cabinet: Head of the International Affairs Dept, Ministry of Public Health and Social Security  
 1995-1996 United Nations International Crime Research Institute (UNICRI), Rome  
 1993-1995 United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNCDP), Vienna  
 1987-1993 Chief of Cabinet: Ministry for Public Health and Social Security  
 Executive Director of “San Marino Conferences”  
 Administrative Secretary of the European Centre for Disaster Emergency (Council of Europe)  
 Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe  
 2002 Commendatore of Republic of Italy  
 2019 Cavaliere Grand Ufficiale – Republic of Italy  
 Founder of the Soroptist International Club in San Marino  
 Italian, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

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**GABON**

Name: **Mr CHARLES ESSONGHE**

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Present functions/activities:

2010/2019 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Gabon to FAO

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Main previous functions/activities:

Before 2010 First Counsellor of Embassy (Canada, Washington and United Nations)  
Director, Europe (2000 to 2004)  
Director-General of Foreign Affairs (2004 to 2010) at the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs

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**FIJI**

Name: **Mr ESALA NAYASI**

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Present functions/activities:

Esala has had extensive experience in Fiji's Foreign Services and assumed his current post of Deputy Secretary Policy on May 16, 2016.

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Main previous functions/activities:

Prior to his appointment, Esala had been the acting Permanent Secretary for 16 months from January 1, 2015. He was previously the Deputy Secretary (Operations) from June 2014 and the Director of Political and Treaties from January 2012. Prior to his appointment as Director Political and Treaties, he served as a diplomat at Fiji's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York for over four years completing his term in December 2011. He first joined the Civil Service in 2005, and was a part of the Political and Treaties Division of the Ministry before his appointment to the Fiji mission in NY. He is a lawyer by profession. Esala is happily married with two beautiful daughters.

**JORDAN**

Name: **Mr ALI AL BSOUL**

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Present functions/activities:

September 1 2018 - now      Counsellor/Head of the administration and operation unit/the special bureau of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan

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Main previous functions/activities:

Nov. 2014-Sep. 2018      Deputy Chief of Mission at the Jordanian Embassy in Rome and Alternate Permanent Representative to Rome based UN Organisations

July 2001 - October 2014      Head of the Humanitarian Affairs Section, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and expatriates of Jordan

Sep. 2009 – Sep. 2013      First Secretary Embassy of Jordan in Madrid

Sep. 2008-Sep.2009      The Special Bureau of Minister for Foreign Affairs

2004-2008      Third Secretary – Jordan's Mission to the EU

## NICARAGUA

Name: **Ms MONICA ROBELO RAFFONE**

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Present functions/activities:

2007 - present      Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

                         Governor for the Republic of Nicaragua to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

                         Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Government of Italy (from 2015)

                         Representative of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Italo-Latin American Institute (from 2015)

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Main previous functions/activities:

2018-2021            Member of the FAO Council, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group

2017-2019            Member of FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group

June-December 2015    President Pro Tempore of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)

June 2015            Vice-Chair of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council (FAO)

2003-2007            Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (Central Institute for Cataloguing and Documentation)

                         Consultant to the Regional Support Unit (RMSU) on the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Programme "Euromed Heritage II"- EuropeAid Cooperation Office

2002-2005            Agriconsulting Europe, Gruppo Soges, A.R.S Progetti, Brussels  
Chief Technical Consultant on development projects (Alat) I framework agreements funded by the European Commission, EuropeAid Cooperation Office

2001-2002            Non-Governmental Organization called Cooperazione Italiana Nord Sud (CINS), Rome

                         Evaluation and monitoring on development and humanitarian aid projects in developing countries

1999-2001            European Commission, Brussels  
In charge of the Human Resources division and NGOs- Training, implementation and monitoring of projects to support NGOs on human rights and democratization in Latin America

1998-1999            Corporate Legal Adviser, Hunton & Williams law firm, Brussels

1994-1997            Corporate lawyer, legal department of the European Investment Bank in Central America, Managua, Nicaragua

1990-1992

Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Nicaragua in Italy, Alternate  
Permanent Representative, Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua to the  
United Nations Agencies in Rome



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**PHILIPPINES**

Name: **Mr THEODORE ANDREI BAUZON**

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Present functions/activities:

2017 - present      Alternate Permanent Representative, Philippine Permanent Representation to the Rome-based UN Agencies

2016 - present      Head of Economic Section, Philippine Embassy in Rome, Italy

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Main previous functions/activities:

2014-2016          Third Secretary and Vice Consul, Philippine Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq

15/12/2015-  
23/05/2016          Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Philippine Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq

2012-2014          Principal Assistant, US Division, Office of American Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines

2009-2011          Senior Economic Development Specialist, National Economic and Development Authority, Republic of the Philippines

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**SPAIN**

Name: **Mr RAFAEL OSORIO DE REBELLÓN VILLAR**

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Present functions/activities:

2016 - present First Secretary at the Spanish Embassy in Rome responsible for multilateral affairs, with particular focus on the three Rome-based United Nations Agencies (FAO, WFP and IFAD).

Part of the Spanish delegation at the 40th and 41st FAO Conferences, at several FAO Councils and Executive Boards of IFAD and WFP, including several plenary sessions of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Served on the UNIDROIT Finance Committee and on several occasions served as a delegate at the UNIDROIT General Assembly.

Main previous functions/activities:

2014-2016 Deputy Assistant Director-General for the United Nations at the Directorate-General for the United Nations and Human Rights at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation.

2012-2014 Head of the Consular Section of the Spanish Embassy in Cairo (Egypt)

2009-2012 Deputy Head of Mission at the Spanish Embassy in Kiev (Ukraine)

2006-2009 Secretary at the Spanish Embassy in Tegucigalpa (Honduras)

2004-2006 Head of Service and Area Manager at the Deputy Directorate for the United Nations at the Directorate-General for the United Nations and Human Rights at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation

2003 Admission into the Spanish Diplomatic School.

Graduate of Law from the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM).

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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