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CONFERENCE

Thirty-eighth Session

Rome, 15-22 June 2013

Application for Membership in the Organization

This Document is submitted to the 144th Session of Council and 38th Session of Conference

The Director-General wishes to refer to Circular letter C/CA-11/1 of 30 April 2012 informing FAO Members that on 28 January 2012 he received a formal application for Membership in the Organization from the Republic of South Sudan

Suggested action by the 144th Session of Council

Pursuant to Rule XXV.11 of the General Rules of the Organization and paragraphs B-1, B-2 and B-5 of the "Statement of Principles relating to the Granting of Observer Status to Nations", the Council is requested to authorize the Director-General to invite the applicant country to participate, in an observer capacity, in appropriate Council meetings as well as regional and technical meetings of the Organization which may be of interest to it.

Suggested action by the 38th Session of Conference

The Conference may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present, decide to admit additional Members to the Organization.

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1. Rule XIX.2 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) provides that any application for membership "shall be placed on the agenda of the next Conference session which opens not less than 30 days from the receipt of the application".

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2. Article II.2 of the Constitution provides that any nation applying for membership shall submit a “declaration made in a formal instrument that it will accept the obligations of the Constitution as in force at the time of admission”.
3. Rule XIX.1 of the GRO provides that this formal instrument may accompany or follow the application, and in the later case “shall reach the Director-General not later than the opening day of the Conference session at which the admission of the applicant is to be considered”.

Application for Membership

Republic of South Sudan

4. The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan in the form of a letter dated 28 January 2012, which included an instrument of formal acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO (Appendix A). This application was communicated by circular letter ref. C/CA-11/1 on 30 April 2012 to FAO Members by the Director-General.

Relevant Texts

5. The following texts are relevant to the procedure for the admission of additional Members of the Organization:
 - a) Article II, paragraph 2 of the Constitution: the Conference may by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present, decide to admit additional Members to the Organization.
 - b) Rule XII.3(c) of the GRO: when a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required, the total number of affirmative and negative votes cast shall be more than one half of the Member Nations of the Organization.
 - c) Rule XII.10(a) of the GRO: admission of additional Member Nations shall be decided by secret ballot.
6. The following provisions are also relevant:
 - a) Article XVIII.2 of the Constitution: each Member Nation undertakes to contribute annually to the Organization its share of the budget, as apportioned by the Conference.
 - b) Article XVIII.3 of the Constitution: each Member Nation shall, upon approval of its application, pay as its first contribution a proportion, to be determined by the Conference, of the budget for the current financial period.
 - c) Regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations: any Nation admitted to membership shall pay a contribution to the budget for the financial period in which the membership becomes effective. Such contributions begin with the quarter in which the application was approved.



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

Vice President

Ref: *RS.S/FA/S/36/3*

Date: *28/1/2012*

The Director-General
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Re: Application membership

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of South Sudan has decided to apply for membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. I therefore, request that, in conformity with Rule XIX, Paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization, this application be laid before the Conference of the Organization which, I understand will hold its next Session in Rome from 15 to 22 June 2013.

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization, and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours truly,


Dr. Riək Machar Teny
Vice President

28/1/2012




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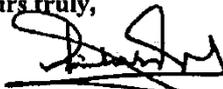
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INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Yours truly,


Dr. Riek Machar Teny
Vice President

28/1/2012