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### CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AND APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL COORDINATORS

### EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PROCEDURE AND VOTING

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The following notes on this subject should not be taken to be more than an explanatory guide, and reference should be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the General Rules of FAO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2000 edition). The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Twelfth Edition of the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

#### VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

2. Each Member of the Commission has one vote. Members of the Commission are those Member Countries of FAO and/or WHO which have notified either the Director-General of FAO or of WHO of their wish to be Members of the Commission.

3. The relevant Rules of the Commission are as follows:

##### Rule VI.1

*Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this rule, each Member of the Commission shall have one vote. An alternate or adviser shall not have the right to vote except where substituting for the representative.*

##### Rule I.2

*Membership shall comprise such eligible nations as have notified the Director-General of FAO or of WHO of their desire to be considered Members of the Commission.*

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## QUORUM FOR VOTING

4. The quorum for the conduct of elections in the Commission is the majority of the Members of the Commission attending the session, provided that such a majority is not less than 20% of the total membership of the Commission, nor less than 25 Members. It is most likely in view of the membership of the Commission that the quorum for the conduct of elections during the Twenty-sixth Session of the Commission will be 34 Members.<sup>1</sup>

5. The relevant Rule of the Commission is as follows:

### *Rule IV.6*

*The majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of making recommendations for amendments to the Statutes of the Commission and of adopting amendments of, or additions to, the present Rules in accordance with Rule XIII.1. For all other purposes the majority of the Members of the Commission attending the session shall constitute a quorum, provided that such a majority shall be not less than 20 percent of the total membership of the Commission, nor less than 25 Members. In addition, in the case of amendment or adoption of a proposed standard for a given region or group of countries, the quorum of the Commission shall include one third of the Members belonging to the region or group of countries concerned.*

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

6. No formal procedure for the nomination of candidates to hold office in the Commission has been laid down in the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. In accordance with Rule VI.7 of the Commission the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of FAO apply *mutatis mutandis*. However, in accordance with Rule XII.5 of the General Rules of FAO, the appointing body shall determine the nomination procedure. The Commission has previously agreed that nomination forms should not be distributed in advance of the Commission's sessions but should be available to Members of the Commission on request at the commencement of the session from the Election Officer appointed by the Director-General of FAO. Only nomination forms returned to the Election Officer will be regarded as valid.

## ELECTION BY GENERAL CONSENT OR SECRET BALLOT

7. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission prescribe that elections shall be decided by secret ballot except where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, then the Commission may decide to proceed by means of clear general consent.

8. The relevant Rule of the Commission is as follows:

### *Rule VI.5*

*Elections shall be decided by secret ballot, except that, where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, the Chairperson may submit to the Commission that the election be decided by clear general consent. Any other matter shall be decided by secret ballot if the Commission so determines.*

## ELECTIONS TO FILL ONE ELECTIVE PLACE

9. The election for the appointment of the Chairperson of the Commission is conducted under the provisions of Rule XII. 10 of the General Rules of FAO, which reads as follows:

### *Rule XII.10*

*In any election for one elective place, other than that of the Director-General, if a candidate fails on the first ballot to obtain a majority of the votes cast, successive ballots shall be taken at such time or times as the Conference or Council shall decide, until a candidate obtains such a majority.*

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<sup>1</sup> One fifth (20 per cent) of 168 = 34 Members (rounded up).

## **ELECTIONS TO FILL MORE THAN ONE ELECTIVE PLACE**

10. In the case of the elections of the three vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, Rule XII.12 of the General Rules of FAO applies, except in respect of the quorum provisions which are those contained in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, as explained in paragraph 2 above. The relevant Rule is as follows:

### *Rule XII.12*

*In any election by the Council to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the following shall apply:*

- (a) Two thirds of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum and more than one half of the number of Council Members casting valid votes shall constitute the required majority.*
- (b) Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.*
- (c) The candidates who receive the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in a number equal to the number of elective places to be filled, provided they have received the required majority defined in paragraph (a) above.*
- (d) If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot. This procedure shall be continued until all the elective places have been filled.*
- (e) If, at any stage during the election, one or more of the vacant elective places cannot be filled because of an equal number of votes having been obtained by two or more candidates, a separate ballot shall be held among such candidates to determine which of them will be elected, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) above. Such procedure will be repeated if necessary.*

## **DEFINITION OF VOTES CAST**

11. Under the General Rules of FAO only affirmative or negative votes count as “votes cast” for calculating the majority required. Abstentions and defective ballots are not counted in the calculation of the majority. Rules XII.4(a) and (b) of the General Rules of FAO apply and read as follows:

### *Rule XII.4*

- (a) For the purpose of the Constitution and these Rules the phrase “votes cast” shall mean affirmative and negative votes, and shall not include abstentions or defective ballots.*
- (b) In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the phrase “votes cast” shall mean the total number of votes cast by the electors for all elective places.*

## **DEFINITION OF ABSTENTIONS**

12. Abstentions are recorded only for those who specifically indicate that they are abstaining. In the case of a secret ballot, a blank ballot paper or one marked “Abstention” by the voter is an abstention. Failure to vote does not count as a formal abstention.

13. Rule XII.4(c) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

### *Rule XII.4(c)*

*Abstentions shall be recorded:*

- (i) in a vote by show of hands, only for those delegates or representatives who raise their hands in response to the Chairman’s request for abstentions;*
- (ii) in a roll call vote, only for those delegates or representatives who reply “Abstention”;*
- (iii) in a secret ballot, only for such ballot papers deposited in the ballot box as are either blank or marked “Abstention”.*

## **DEFINITION OF DEFECTIVE BALLOT**

14. In the case of a secret ballot, a defective ballot paper is one:

- with votes for more candidates than vacancies;
- with votes for persons or places not validly nominated;
- in multiple elections, with less votes than places to be filled;
- with any notation or mark not necessary to indicate the vote.

15. However, subject to the above any ballot paper shall be considered valid if the intention of the voter is clear. Rule XII.4 (d)(i)-(iv) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII. 4(d)*

- (i) *Any ballot paper carrying votes for more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, or carrying a vote for an individual, nation or locality not validly nominated, shall be considered defective.*
- (ii) *In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place any ballot paper carrying votes for less candidates than there are vacancies to be filled shall also be considered defective.*
- (iii) *The ballot paper shall carry no other notation or mark than those required for the purpose of indicating the vote.*
- (iv) *Subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a ballot paper shall be considered valid when there is no doubt as to the intention of the elector.*

## **METHOD OF CONDUCTING A SECRET BALLOT**

### Appointment of tellers

16. Rule XII.9(c)(i)-(iii) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.9(c)*

- (i) *For the purpose of a secret ballot the Chairman of the Conference or Council shall appoint two tellers from among the delegates or representatives, or their alternates. In the case of a secret ballot for an election, the tellers shall be delegates or representatives, or their alternates, who are not parties directly interested in the election.*
- (ii) *The duties of the tellers shall be to supervise the balloting procedure, count the ballot papers, decide on the validity of a ballot paper in any case of doubt, and certify the result of each ballot;*
- (iii) *The same tellers may be appointed for successive ballots or elections.*

### Ballot papers

17. Rule XII.9(d) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII. 9(d )*

*Ballot papers shall be duly initialed by an authorized officer of the secretariat of the Conference or Council. The elections officer shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement. For each ballot only one blank ballot paper shall be given to each delegation entitled to vote.*

### Voting booths

18. Rule XII.9(e) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII. 9(e)*

*For a vote by secret ballot, one or more voting booths shall be set up, supervised in such a manner as to ensure complete secrecy of the ballot.*

### Replacement of invalidated ballot papers

19. Rule XII.9(f) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.9(f)*

*Should any delegate invalidate his ballot paper, he may, before leaving the precinct of the polling booths, request a new blank ballot paper, which shall be delivered to him by the elections officer on the surrender of the invalidated ballot paper. The invalidated ballot paper shall remain in the custody of the elections officer.*

Attendance at counting of votes

20. Rule XII.9(g) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.9(g)*

*Should the tellers withdraw from the presence of the delegates or representatives in order to carry out the count of the votes, only the candidates or scrutineers appointed by the candidates may attend the count, but they shall not take part in the count.*

Protection of secrecy of ballot

21. Rule XII.9(h) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.9(h)*

*Members of delegations and of the secretariat of the Conference or Council who are responsible for the supervision of any vote by secret ballot shall not disclose to any unauthorized person any information which might tend, or be presumed to tend, toward destroying the secrecy of the ballot.*

Custody of ballot papers

22. Rules XII.9(i) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.9(i)*

*The Director-General shall be responsible for the safe custody of all ballot papers until the elected candidates take of office or for three months after the date of the ballot, whichever is the longer period.*

Postponement of balloting in an election

23. In an election the Conference may postpone second or subsequent ballots. Rule XII.13(b) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.13(b)*

*At any stage in an election after the first ballot has been held, further balloting may be postponed by the Chairperson with the concurrence of the Conference or Council.*

**RAISING OF POINTS OF ORDER DURING A VOTE**

24. A vote may be interrupted only on a point of order which is in connection with the voting. Rule XII.14 of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

*Rule XII.14*

*Once voting has commenced, no delegate or representative may interrupt the voting except to rise to a point of order in connection with the voting.*

**CHALLENGING THE RESULT OF A VOTE OR ELECTION (SECRET BALLOT)**

25. Procedure and time limit for challenging the results of a vote or elections. Rule XII.15(d) and (e) of the General Rules of FAO apply and read as follows:

*Rule XII.15*

*(d) A secret ballot may be challenged at any time within three months of the date upon which it took place or until the elected candidate takes office, whichever is the longer period.*

- (e) *Should a vote or election by secret ballot be challenged, the Director-General shall cause the ballot papers and all relevant record sheets to be re-examined and shall circulate the result of the investigation, together with the original complaint, to all Member Nations of the Organization or of the Council, as appropriate.*

## OFFICERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

26. During its Twenty-sixth session the Commission will have to elect a Chairperson and three Vice Chairpersons to serve from the end of the Twenty-sixth session to the end of the next regular session of the Commission.

### Chairperson

27. In accordance with Rule II.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, it is necessary for the Commission to elect a Chairperson to hold office from the end of the Twenty-sixth session until the end of the next regular session. The present Chairperson, Mr. **Thomas J. Billy** (USA) is ineligible for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having held this office for two terms.

### Vice-Chairpersons

28. The same provisions of Rule II.1 apply to the election of Vice-Chairpersons as apply to that of Chairperson. The current Vice Chairpersons, Mr. **David Nhari** (Zimbabwe), Mr. **Gonzalo Ríos** (Chile) and Prof. **Stuart Slorach** (Sweden) are ineligible for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having held this office for two terms.

29. Rule II.1 of the Commission reads as follows:

#### *Rule II.1*

*The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives, alternates and advisers (hereinafter referred to as "delegates") of the Members of the Commission; it being understood that no delegate shall be eligible without the concurrence of the head of his delegation. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold office from the end of the session at which they were elected until the end of the following regular session. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall remain in office only with the continuing endorsement of the respective Member of which they were a delegate at the time of election. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO shall declare a position vacant when advised by the Member of the Commission that such endorsement has ceased. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for re-election but after having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

30. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are respectively the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In addition to the foregoing officers, the Executive Committee has seven further members elected by the Commission from among members of the Commission, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, South-West Pacific. The term of office of these Members is equal to two (regular) sessions of the Commission, and at its Twenty-third session the Commission elected **Tanzania, Philippines, France, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Canada** and **Australia**, respectively to serve until the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission (now the Twenty-sixth session).

31. Rule III. 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission further prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

32. The Commission, at its Twenty-sixth session, will have to appoint seven Members of the Executive Committee, one from each of the above mentioned geographic regions to serve until the end of the second succeeding regular session. The following Members are ineligible for re-election having served two consecutive terms as Members of the Executive Committee: Brazil, France, and Canada.

## APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL COORDINATORS

33. Rule II.4(a) and (b) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure governs the appointment of Coordinators. These Rules were amended by the Twenty-third Session of the Commission so that Members of the Commission (countries not persons) are now appointed as Coordinators. These Rules are as follows:

4. (a) *The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1 (hereinafter referred to as "regions") or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as 'groups of countries'), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.*

(b) *Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. Coordinators shall hold office from the end of the session of the Commission at which they were appointed until not later than the end of the third succeeding regular session, the precise term being determined by the Commission in each instance. After having served two consecutive terms, the Coordinators shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.*

34. Coordinators are nominated for a fixed period; in current practice this period is equivalent to the period between regular Commission sessions. Coordinators may be reappointed, but having served two consecutive terms are ineligible to hold office for the next succeeding term. The Commission is invited to appoint Coordinators for the following geographic regions/groups of countries: Africa; Asia; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Near East; North America and the South-West Pacific. Coordinators are appointed exclusively on the proposal of a majority of Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. According to established practice, Regional Coordinating Committees nominate Coordinators at each of their biennial sessions. The following is the current status with regard to Regional Coordinators:

Region	Current Coordinator	Terms in office	Nomination
Africa	Uganda	Second term	Morocco
Asia	Malaysia	First Term	Republic of Korea
Europe	Slovak Republic	First Term	Slovak Republic
Latin America and the Caribbean	Dominican Republic	Second Term	Argentina
Near East	Egypt	Second Term	Jordan
North America and the South-West Pacific	Canada	First Term	Samoa

## OFFICERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

35. Please see Appendix I which shows the officers of the Commission and members of the Executive Committee from 1962 to the present.

## MEMBERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2003

36. Please see Appendix II which contains a list of the Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as at 28 February 2003. An up-to-date list of the Members of the Commission will be distributed at the commencement of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Commission as a Conference Room Document, if additional notifications of membership are received.

## APPENDIX 1

**CHAIRPERSONS, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS  
COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED ON  
A REGIONAL BASIS<sup>2</sup>**

<b>SESSION</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSONS</b>	<b>REGIONAL MEMBERS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> (1962)	J.L. Harvey (USA)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands) H. Doyle (New Zealand) Z. Zaczekiewicz (Poland)	Argentina, Australia, Canada, India, Senegal, United Kingdom
2 <sup>nd</sup> (1964)	J.L. Harvey (USA)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands) H. Doyle (New Zealand) Z. Zaczekiewicz (Poland)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> (1965)	M.J.L Dols (Netherlands)	H.V. Dempsey (Canada) G. Weill (France) J.H.V. Davies (UK)	Ghana, India, Poland, USA, Cuba, Australia
4 <sup>th</sup> (1966)	M.J.L Dols (Netherlands)	H.V. Dempsey (Canada) G. Weill (France) J.H.V. Davies (UK)	
5 <sup>th</sup> (1968)	J.H.V. Davies (UK)	I.H. Smith (Australia) E. Mortensen (Denmark) O. Högl (Switzerland)	Ghana, Japan, Poland, Argentina, USA, New Zealand
6 <sup>th</sup> (1969)	J.H.V. Davies (UK)	I.H. Smith (Australia) E. Mortensen (Denmark) O. Högl (Switzerland)	
7 <sup>th</sup> (1970)	G. Weill (France)	N.A. de Heer (Ghana) A. Miklovicz (Hungary) G.R. Grange (USA)	Tunisia, Japan, Fed. Rep. Germany, Argentina, Canada, Australia
8 <sup>th</sup> (1971)	G. Weill (France)	N.A. de Heer (Ghana) A. Miklovicz (Hungary) G.R. Grange (USA)	
9 <sup>th</sup> (1972)	A. Miklovicz (Hungary)	D.G. Chapman (Canada) E. Matthey (Switzerland) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Tunisia, Thailand, Fed. Rep. Germany, Brazil, USA, Australia
10 <sup>th</sup> (1974)	D.G. Chapman (Canada)	E. Matthey (Switzerland) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico) T. N'Doye (Senegal)	
11 <sup>th</sup> (1976)	E. Matthey (Switzerland)	T. N'Doye (Senegal) D. Eckert (F.R. Germany) W.C.K. Hammer (Australia)	Kenya, Thailand, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, USA, New Zealand

<sup>2</sup> Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are elected for a period of **one** regular Commission Session and may be re-elected once. Members of the Executive Committee elected on a regional basis, are elected for a period of **two** regular Commission Sessions and may be re-elected once. The Session Number and the dates given in this table refer to the Session in which the Officers of the Commission were elected. Except for the 1st Session, the Officers of the Commission hold office from the *end* of the session in which they are elected to the *end* of the following regular session. Regional Members hold office from the *end* of the session in which they are elected to the *end* of the second succeeding regular session.



<b>SESSION</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSONS</b>	<b>REGIONAL MEMBERS</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> (1978)	E. Matthey (Switzerland)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany) D.A. Akoh (Nigeria) S. Al Shakir (Iraq)	
13 <sup>th</sup> (1979)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany)	D.A. Akoh (Nigeria) E.F. Kimbrell (USA) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Kenya, Rep. Korea, USSR, Argentina, Canada, New Zealand
14 <sup>th</sup> (1981)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany)	A.A.M. Hasan (Iraq) A.H. Ibrahim (Sudan) E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	
15 <sup>th</sup> (1983)	E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	A. Brinkner (Denmark) A.A.M. Hasan (Iraq) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Cameroon, Rep. Korea, USSR, Argentina, Canada, Australia
16 <sup>th</sup> (1985)	E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	A. Brinkner (Denmark) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico) L. Twum-Danso (Ghana)	
17 <sup>th</sup> (1987)	E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	J.K. Misoi (Kenya) N. Tape (Canada) F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	Cameroon, Thailand, Netherlands, Cuba, USA, Australia
18 <sup>th</sup> (1989)	E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	C. Kane (Senegal) N. Tape (Canada) F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	
19 <sup>th</sup> (1991)	F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	L. Crawford (USA) Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand) J. Race (Norway)	Tunisia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Cuba, Canada, New Zealand
20 <sup>th</sup> (1993)	F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	D. Gascoine (Australia) Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand) J. Race (Norway)	
21 <sup>st</sup> (1995)	Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand)	J.A. Abalaka (Nigeria) D. Gascoine (Australia) S. Van Hoogstraten (Netherlands)	Tunisia, Malaysia, France, Brazil, United States of America, New Zealand
22 <sup>nd</sup> (1997)	Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand)	T. Billy (USA) M.-E. Chacón (Costa Rica) S. Van Hoogstraten (Netherlands)	Canada <sup>3</sup>
23 <sup>rd</sup> (1999)	T. Billy (USA)	G. Ríos (Chile) S. Slorach (Sweden) D. Nhari (Zimbabwe)	Tanzania, Philippines, France, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Australia <sup>4</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup> (2001)	T. Billy (USA)	G. Ríos (Chile) S. Slorach (Sweden) D. Nhari (Zimbabwe)	

<sup>3</sup> Canada was appointed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of the United States of America in view of the requirements of Rule III.1 of the Commission concerning geographical representation on the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

<sup>4</sup> The Membership of the Executive Committee was enlarged by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission (1999) to include a Member elected from the Region of the Near East.

## APPENDIX 2

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

**Africa (43 Members)**

1. Angola
2. Benin
3. Botswana
4. Burkina Faso
5. Burundi
6. Cameroon
7. Cape Verde
8. Central African Republic
9. Chad
10. Congo, Republic of
11. Côte d'Ivoire
12. Democratic Republic of the Congo
13. Equatorial Guinea
14. Eritrea
15. Ethiopia
16. Gabon
17. Gambia
18. Ghana
19. Guinea
20. Guinea-Bissau
21. Kenya
22. Lesotho
23. Liberia
24. Madagascar
25. Malawi
26. Mauritania
27. Mauritius
28. Morocco
29. Mozambique
30. Namibia
31. Niger
32. Nigeria
33. Rwanda
34. Senegal
35. Seychelles
36. Sierra Leone
37. South Africa
38. Swaziland
39. Togo
40. Uganda

41. United Republic of Tanzania
42. Zambia
43. Zimbabwe

**Asia (21 Members)**

44. Bangladesh
45. Bhutan
46. Brunei Darussalam
47. Cambodia
48. China
49. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
50. India
51. Indonesia
52. Japan
53. Lao People's Democratic Republic
54. Malaysia
55. Mongolia
56. Myanmar
57. Nepal
58. Pakistan
59. Philippines
60. Republic of Korea
61. Singapore
62. Sri Lanka
63. Thailand
64. Viet Nam

**Europe (40 Members)**

65. Albania
66. Armenia
67. Austria
68. Belgium
69. Bulgaria
70. Croatia
71. Cyprus
72. Czech Republic
73. Denmark
74. Estonia
75. Finland
76. France
77. Georgia
78. Germany

79. Greece
80. Hungary
81. Iceland
82. Ireland
83. Israel
84. Italy
85. Latvia
86. Lithuania
87. Luxembourg
88. Malta
89. Netherlands
90. Norway
91. Poland
92. Portugal
93. Republic of Moldova
94. Romania
95. Russian Federation
96. Slovak Republic
97. Slovenia
98. Spain
99. Sweden
100. Switzerland
101. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
102. Turkey
103. United Kingdom
104. Yugoslavia

**Latin America and the Caribbean (32 Members)**

105. Antigua and Barbuda
106. Argentina
107. Bahamas
108. Barbados
109. Belize
110. Bolivia
111. Brazil
112. Chile
113. Colombia
114. Costa Rica
115. Cuba
116. Dominica
117. Dominican Republic
118. Ecuador
119. El Salvador

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| 120. Grenada                  | 138. Bahrain                    | <b>North America (2 Members)</b>      |
| 121. Guatemala                | 139. Egypt                      | 156. Canada                           |
| 122. Guyana                   | 140. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 157. United States of America         |
| 123. Haiti                    | 141. Iraq                       | <b>Southwest Pacific (11 Members)</b> |
| 124. Honduras                 | 142. Jordan                     | 158. Australia                        |
| 125. Jamaica                  | 143. Kuwait                     | 159. Cook Islands                     |
| 126. Mexico                   | 144. Kazakhstan                 | 160. Fiji                             |
| 127. Nicaragua                | 145. Kyrgyzstan                 | 161. Kiribati                         |
| 128. Panama                   | 146. Lebanon                    | 162. Micronesia, Federated States of  |
| 129. Paraguay                 | 147. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya     | 163. New Zealand                      |
| 130. Peru                     | 148. Oman                       | 164. Papua New Guinea                 |
| 131. Saint Kitts and Nevis    | 149. Qatar                      | 165. Samoa                            |
| 132. Saint Lucia              | 150. Saudi Arabia               | 166. Solomon Islands                  |
| 133. Suriname                 | 151. Sudan                      | 167. Tonga                            |
| 134. Trinidad and Tobago      | 152. Syrian Arab Republic       | 168. Vanuatu                          |
| 135. Uruguay                  | 153. Tunisia                    |                                       |
| 136. Venezuela                | 154. United Arab Emirates       |                                       |
| <b>Near East (19 Members)</b> | 155. Yemen                      |                                       |
| 137. Algeria                  |                                 |                                       |