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## Agenda Item 25 - Appointment of FAO Deputy

**Mr Chairperson,**
**Distinguished delegates,**
**Ladies and gentlemen**,

I have great pleasure to inform that I intend to appoint Mr Daniel Gustafson to the position of Deputy Director-General, Operations.

The position was advertised for a 30-day period starting on September 25, 2012. It attracted 90 candidates, 73 men and 17 women.

Following the established procedures, internal and external experts reviewed all the applications.

Based on the Terms of Reference and the qualification requirements for the post, the Office of Human Resources submitted the names of four candidates for the interview process. This process was supported by internationally recognized experts.

Based on educational background, professional experience, managerial skills and the unanimous results of the interview, I decided to appoint Mr Daniel Gustafson as the Deputy Director-General, Operations, of FAO.

Mr Gustafson has been with FAO for more than 18 years, serving in the field and at headquarters at different professional and management levels.

He was FAO Representative in Kenya and India, overseeing also programmes in Bhutan and Somalia. He has served as head of our Liaison Office in Washington and most recently as Director of the Office of Support to Decentralization and Officer in Charge of the Corporate Services Department.

I would appreciate the confirmation of the members of the Council to this appointment.