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Address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General

1. On 8 October 2018 the Director-General received, under Rule III, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) a letter requesting that the item “*Address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General*” be placed on the Provisional Agenda of the Hundred and Seventh Session of the Committee. The Director-General issued a revised Provisional Agenda.
2. This short document was prepared in response to the request. The focus of the document is on the address to the Council, but the CCLM may wish to keep in mind that a procedure was also developed for the Conference.
3. At its Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, in May 2010, the Council reviewed the proposals made by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) for the address to the Council and the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General under Rule XXXVII, paragraph 1 (c) and (d) of the General Rules of the Organization.
4. The Council approved the procedure concerning the address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General set out in Appendix A to this document. The Council decided that this procedure would apply at its Hundred and Forty-first Session in April 2011. The Council also endorsed the proposed procedure concerning the address to the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General set out in Appendix B to this document and recommended its adoption by the Conference at its Thirty-seventh Session in June and July 2011¹.

¹ CL 139/REP, paragraphs 58 and 59. See also CL 139/6; CL 139/PV/4 and CL 139/PV/7.

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5. The procedure set out in Appendix A to this document was followed by the Council at its Hundred and Forty-first Session, in April 2011, and at its Hundred and Fifty-first Session, in April 2015² ³.

6. The CCLM is invited either to confirm its continued endorsement of both procedures (for the addresses by candidates to the office of the Director-General to the Council and to the Conference) or to recommend such amendments thereto as it would deem appropriate. Thus, the CCLM is invited to recommend to the Council, as appropriate:

- a. The procedure concerning the address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General to be followed at the Hundred and Sixty-fourth Session of the Council, to be held from 8 to 12 April 2019;
- b. As appropriate, taking into account any relevant past practice, any arrangements concerning the address to the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General, which could be followed by the Conference at its Forty-first Session, to be held from 22 to 29 June 2019.

² CL 151/REP, paragraph 18. See also CL 150/8, paragraphs 15 and 16 and CL 151/7.

³ The Conference decided to follow a different process in 2011. The General Committee of the Thirty-seventh Session of the Conference, held in Rome, from 25 June to 2 July 2011, recommended: “20. *Rule XXXVII.1(d) (also) stipulates that candidates shall address the Conference and respond to questions that Members may put to them, subject to such arrangements as the Conference may make consistent with the General Rules of the Organization aimed at ensuring equality among candidates. In this regard, the Committee notes the broad consensus for a suggestion made by the Chairpersons of the FAO Regional Groups that the addresses by candidates be streamlined in the interest of good time management. The Committee therefore recommends that candidates address the Conference for no more than 15 minutes rather than replicate the 45 minute address, questions and answers sequence followed by the Council in April 2011. (...) 21. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the addresses by candidates be made on the afternoon of Saturday 25 June and that lots be drawn by the Chairperson to determine the speaking order of all six candidates*”. The Conference approved these arrangements.

Appendix A

APPENDIX D*

**PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL
BY CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL****Address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General**

- (i) Each candidate, validly nominated in accordance with Rule XII, paragraph 5 of the General Rules of the Organization, will make a statement to a plenary meeting of the Council, of up to 15 minutes. The sequential order in which candidates make statements and answer questions is defined by lots drawn by the Chairperson. The statements should include a presentation of the candidate's vision of the future priorities for the Organization.
- (ii) After each statement, up to 15 minutes will be made available to Members of the Council to ask questions through the Chairperson who will then give the floor to each candidate to respond for up to 15 minutes.
- (iii) The Chairperson may adjust the time allotted for questions and answers foreseen in paragraph (ii) above, subject to a requirement of equality of time among all candidates. In determining the time allotted, the Chairperson should bear in mind that, as far as possible, all candidates should address the Council on the same day.
- (iv) The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, ensures that the allocated time, both for the statements and for the questions and answers, is strictly enforced.
- (v) A candidate may speak in any language of the Organization.
- (vi) Once all statements and questions and answers have been completed, the Chairperson shall declare the relevant agenda item closed. There shall be no debate, nor any conclusions drawn from the statements, questions or answers.

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Appendix B

APPENDIX E*

**PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE
BY CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL****Address to the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General**

- (i) Each candidate, validly nominated in accordance with Rule XII, paragraph 5 of the General Rules of the Organization, will make a statement to a plenary meeting of the Conference, of up to 15 minutes. The sequential order in which candidates make statements and answer questions is defined by lots drawn by the Chairperson. The statements should include a presentation of the candidate's vision of the future priorities for the Organization.
- (ii) After each statement, up to 15 minutes will be made available to Member Nations of the Organization to ask questions through the Chairperson who will then give the floor to candidates to respond for up to 15 minutes.
- (iii) The Chairperson may adjust the time allotted for questions and answers foreseen in paragraph (ii) above, subject to a requirement of equality of time among all candidates. In determining the time allotted, the Chairperson should bear in mind that, as far as possible, all candidates should address the Conference on the same day.
- (iv) The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, ensures that the allocated time, both for the statements and for the questions and answers, is strictly enforced.
- (v) A candidate may speak in any language of the Organization.
- (vi) Once all statements and questions and answers have been completed, the Chairperson shall declare this process closed. There shall be no debate, nor any conclusions drawn from the statements, questions or answers.
- (vii) The Conference proceeds to the appointment of the Director-General, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization.

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