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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-fourth Session

Rome, 17-24 November 2007

### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FAO CONFERENCE TO THE STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

1. Article 4(a) of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides that “the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a staff pension committee for each member organisation, and a secretariat to the Board and to each such committee”. Under Article 6(c) the staff pension committee of each member organization “shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service...”

2. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee plays an important role in the general effort to harmonise United Nations pensions and their administration with the requirements of Organisations of the United Nations common system and of their staff, who may serve and retire in all countries of the world. The characteristics of the International Civil Service of the United Nations system require particular care as well as in-depth treatment of the issues that are brought to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly. Its responsibilities are:

- a) to review the pension Fund regulations and Administrative rules with respect to possible amendments thereto in order to formulate the position of the Committee's delegation to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which in turn makes recommendations as appropriate, to the United Nations General Assembly;
- b) to interpret and apply the Regulations and Administrative rules of the Pension Fund in cases of contestation by FAO and WFP participants of a decision by the Secretary of the Staff Pension Committee concerning participants' entitlements and/or status;
- c) to grant disability benefits in payment (approximately 25-30 cases per year), in accordance with the Regulations and rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

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3. The Committee meets in Rome as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting half a day). Depending on the Board seats allocated to FAO, the Committee appoints from among its membership representatives to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the higher administrative body of the Fund, reporting directly to the United Nations General Assembly. Regular sessions of the Board are held not less frequently than once every two years.

4. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of:

- a) Three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
- b) Three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
- c) Three members (and three alternates) elected by the FAO and WFP Participants.

5. The Conference-appointed members and alternates at present are:

Term of Office	Members	Alternates
1 January 2005 - 31 December 2007	Mr Zoltán Kálmán, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to FAO	Mr Bruce Berton Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States to FAO
1 January 2006 - 31 December 2008	Mr Saulo Ceolin Alternate Permanent Representative of Brasil to FAO	Vacant <sup>(b)</sup>
1 January 2007 - 31 December 2009	Vacant <sup>(a)</sup>	Ms Nasrin Akhter Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to FAO

6. In view of the time factor and to avoid undue travel costs in connection with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings which are held in Rome, the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

7. The Conference *is invited to appoint* to the Staff Pension Committee the following:

- a) One member to serve until 31 December 2009 to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Kabelo Gilbert Mafura, Alternate Permanent Representative of Lesotho to FAO (Resigned);
- b) One alternate member to serve until 31 December 2008 to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Hassane Abi Akar, Alternate Permanent Representative of Lebanon to FAO (Resigned);
- c) One member to serve from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010;

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- d) One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010;
  - e) One member to serve from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011;
  - f) One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011.