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COUNCIL

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- Under the provisions of Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization, the Programme Committee consists of representatives of eleven Member Nations elected by the Council: eight from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean; three from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
- Under the provisions of the same Rule, Member Nations seeking election to the Committee communicate to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected and details of his or her qualifications and experience. This information is in turn circulated in writing to Members of the Council.
- The procedures for election of Members of the Committee require that Member Nations stand for election for a specific region as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee. After electing the Chairperson, the Council elects the other ten Members of the Committee in two stages, making the necessary adjustment to take into account the Member Nation of which the Chairperson is a national and the region to which that Member Nation belongs.
- The two stages are (a) the election of eight (or seven) Members from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and (b) the election of three (or two) Members from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
- The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee is given in Appendix A for stage (a) and Appendix B for stage (b).

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6. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

UNITED KINGDOM (Vic Heard)

EUROPE

7. The following eight nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee from the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Near East:

ANGOLA (Carlos Alberto Amaral)

AFRICA

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Pascual Bacale Mbiang)

INDIA (Ramalingam Parasuram)

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

JAPAN (Seiichi Yokoi)

ARGENTINA (Ms. Maria del Carmen Squeff)

LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL (José Antonio Marcondes Carvalho)

AFGHANISTAN (Abdul R. Ayazi)

NEAR EAST

EGYPT (Abdelaziz M. Hosni)

8. The following two nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee from the regions of North America and Southwest Pacific.

CANADA (James Melanson)

NORTH AMERICA

AUSTRALIA (Ms. Fiona Barlett)

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

9. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization. In accordance with paragraph 9 of this Rule, the Chairman may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than vacancies.

APPENDIX A

AFGHANISTAN

Name: **ABDUL RAZAK AYAZI**

Present functions: Agriculture Attaché and Alternate Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

Employment with FAO from 1959 – 1989 :

- Agricultural Economist
 - Evaluation Officer
 - Investment Project Analyst
 - Senior Evaluation Officer
 - Senior Adviser, Field Development and Investment Centre
 - Chief of Evaluation Service
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Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Member of FAO Programme Committee

Council and Conference of FAO

Technical Committees of the FAO Council

Executive Board of WFP

Participation in meetings of other UN organizations

Familiarity with FAO Field Programme

Extensive travel in developing countries

ANGOLA

Name: **CARLOS ALBERTO AMARAL**

Present functions: Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative

Main previous functions:

1972 – 1974	Teacher of Mathematics and Accounting
1975 – 1976	Secretary of the Department of National Reconstruction
1976 – 1977	Head of Department, National Office of Geology and Mines, Ministry of Geology and Mines
1978 – 1979	Head of Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Fisheries
1980 – 1996	National Director of the Office of Analysis and Planning, Ministry of Fisheries
1992	Economic Counsellor, Angolan Embassy in Belgium
1992 – 1996	Member of the Administrative Council of the Angola Fisheries Development Fund
1996 – 1998	Economic Adviser to the Minister for Fisheries
Since 1998	Counsellor at the Angolan Embassy in Italy and Alternate Permanent Representative of Angola to the UN Agencies in Rome (FAO, WFP and IFAD)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Since 1998 Participation in various activities of FAO, WFP and IFAD

ARGENTINA

Name: **MS. MARIA DEL CARMEN SQUEFF**

Present functions: Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO
(November 2005)

Main previous functions:

1991 – 1995	Under-Secretariat of Economic Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1995 – 2000	Commercial Section of the Argentine Embassy to the European Union
2000 – 2003	Coordinator of the MERCOSUR – European Union Negotiating Group
2003 – 2005	Chef de Cabinet of the Under-Secretariat of Economic Integration and MERCOSUR
Since 2005	Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

Since 2006 Executive Board Director IFAD

BRAZIL

Name: **JOSÉ ANTÔNIO MARCONDES DE CARVALHO**

Present functions: Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO (since March 2007)

Main previous functions:

1982	Secretary, Embassy of Brazil, Washington
1987	Secretary, Embassy of Brazil, Havana
1990	Acting Head, Special Division on the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1991	Cabinet Advisor, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil
1992	Counsellor, Under-secretariat general for Economic and Commercial Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993	Counsellor, Brazilian Mission to the UN, New York
1998	Head, Division for Regional Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1999	Director, Department of Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2007	Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

2007	131 st FAO Council, 132 nd FAO Council, 34 th FAO Conference
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EGYPT

Name: **ABDELAZIZ M. HOSNI**

Present functions: Counsellor (Agriculture), Embassy of Egypt and Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to FAO (April 2007)

Main previous functions:

1987 – 2006	Professor, Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University
1987 – 1991	Member of the National Technical Committees for Protected Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture
1998 – 2002	Member of the Cut Flowers Group in the Agricultural Technology utilization and Transfer Project, Agricultural Research Centre

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

2007	131 st FAO Council, 132 nd FAO Council, 34 th FAO Conference
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EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Name: **PASCUAL BACALE MBIANG**

Present functions: Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to FAO

Main previous functions:

1986	Head of the Port and Airport Health Authority, Malabo
November 1990	Head of Public Health Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Health, Regional Health Office, Bata.
October 1990	Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Safety, Quality and Hygiene of Food Products of Animal and Plant Origin, from Hunting and Fisheries and Beverages on the National Mainland
1994	Coordinator of Veterinary Services in the Mainland Region, Ministry of Agriculture
1995	Member of the Standing Committee on the Hygiene of Municipal Markets, Food Handlers and Food Retail Outlets
2003	Director-General of Livestock and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development
2004	Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to FAO

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

Since 2006 Executive Board Director IFAD

INDIA

Name: **RAMALINGAM PARASURAM**

Present functions: Minister (Agriculture) Embassy of India, Rome
 Alternate Permanent Representative of India to FAO, IFAD and WFP (since January 2006)

Main previous functions:

Joint Secretary, Government of India

Secretary, State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Agriculture Department

Secretary, State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rural Development Department

Chief Executive, State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation

Chief Executive, State Cooperative Dairy Federation

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

FAO	Council
	Member of the Programme Committee
	Coordinator, Asia Group
	Chair, Intergovernmental Groups on Rice and Grains
IFAD	Executive Board
	Chair, Evaluation Committee
	Coordinator, Asia Group
	Coordinator, List C-II
WFP	Executive Board
	Member, Bureau of the Executive Board
	Coordinator List B

JAPAN

Name: **SEIICHI YOKOI**

Present functions: Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to
FAO

Main previous functions:

1984 - 1986	Associate Expert, AGPC, FAO
1988 - 1991	Assistant Director for Rural Development Programme, Agricultural Policy Division, Kyushu Regional Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
1993 – 1996	Assistant Director, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
1996 – 1999	Principal Administrator, Country Study II and Environment Division, OECD
1999 – 2002	Deputy Director, International Research Division, Research Council, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
2002 – 2004	Director, Planning Division, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Development Study Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency
2004 – 2005	Director, Group II (Asian and Latin American countries), Rural Development Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency
2005 – to present	Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to FAO

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2001, 2003, 2005, 2007	FAO Conference
2001, 2005 – 2007	FAO Council
2005 – 2007	FAO Finance Committee
2005 – 2007	WFP Executive Board Meeting
2001, 2003 – 2007	FAO meetings

APPENDIX B

AUSTRALIA

Name: **FIONA BARTLETT**

Present functions: Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO
(designate, effective January 2008)

Main previous functions:

1993 – 1995	Assistant Director, Domestic Wool, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1997 – 1998	Assistant Director, Domestic Grains, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1999 – 2002	Director, Dairy Policy, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
2002 – 2007	Director, Water Resource Assessment, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2007	34 th Session of the FAO Conference
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CANADA

Name: **JAMES MELANSON**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the Rome based United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies, Canadian Embassy, Rome (since 2004)

Main previous functions:

1977-1979	District Development Officer, Botswana: Placed by CUSO, on contract to the Government of Botswana, reporting to the District Commissioner, responsible for development planning and administration in one of the country's ten rural administrative districts.
1981-1982	Assistant Trade Commissioner, Industry Trade and Commerce: Several training assignments in the Latin America Bureau of ITC.
1982-1985	Assistant Trade Commissioner, Malaysia: Reporting to the Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in Malaysia.
1985-1987	Sectoral Advisory Group Officer, DFAIT: Reporting to the Senior Advisor for the International Trade Advisory Groups, helped set up the 15 "Sectoral Advisory Groups for International Trade" (SAGITS) that brought together major Canadian industry players to advise the Trade Minister on the Canada-US Free Trade Negotiations. Specific responsibility for private sector trade policy input in agriculture, apparel and textiles, footwear, telecommunications and software.
1987-1989	Senior Development Officer, Malaysia Program: Reporting to CPD, undertook both analyst and project manager functions for Malaysia, and part of ASEAN program.
1989-1993	Deputy Director, Planning and Operations, ASEAN Program: Reporting to Country Program Director. Planned and managed approximately 20 projects and project teams.
1993-1995	Director, Regional Program, Asia Branch: Reporting to Vice-President, responsible for CIDA regional programming efforts in Asia, including ASEAN, APEC, Regional Institutions and a number of multi-country programmes. Supervised both HQ and Field Staff, and directed large number of contract staff of Canada ASEAN Centre.
1995-1999	Counsellor Development, Canadian Embassy, Costa Rica; Reporting to Ambassador, field responsibility for CIDA programs in Costa Rica, Panama and Regional Program in Central America. Analysis of national and regional development situation and trends; reporting, monitoring and managing bilateral projects, counterpart funds and debt swap arrangements; preparation of draft regional programme strategy.

1999-2004	Director, International Financial Institutions, Multilateral Branch: Responsible for oversight of Canada's relations with Regional Development Banks, Global Environment financing mechanisms, and thematic multi-donor initiatives. Also provide input on World Bank and IMF development policy issues.
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Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

FAO	All major meetings since assuming present duties
WFP	President of the Executive Board
IFAD	Executive Board Director for Canada

UNITED KINGDOM

Name: **VICTOR CHARLES HEARD**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome (since 2005)

Main previous functions:

1966 – 1981	Development assignments in more than 60 developing countries and countries in transition with the UK Department for International Development, the European Commission, the UK Foreign Office and civil society organizations
1981 - 2005	<p>Representative of the United Kingdom to a range of UN Bodies and Forums, including the UN General Assembly, ECOSOC, the Boards and Conferences of UNDP, UNICEF, IFAD, UINESCO, ILO and the ILO Child Labour Committee.</p> <p>Posted to the UK representation to the UN in New York, was Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCO, and UK representative to the Interim Mekong Committee.</p> <p>In the field he has worked on joint programmes with UNDP, UNFPA, UNDCP, UNESAP, UNAIDS, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank.</p> <p>Multilateral experience includes representation to the OECD, the European Council and the World Bank.</p>
2005 – to present	Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2005 – 2007	FAO Conference and Council
2005 – 2007	Chair of the FAO Programme Committee