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COUNCIL

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Under the provisions of Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization, as revised by the 32nd Session of the FAO Conference, the Finance Committee consists of representatives of eleven Member Nations elected by the Council: seven from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean; four 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 seven (or six) Members from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and (b) the election of four (or three) 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 Finance Committee:

EGYPT (Yasser Sorour)

NEAR EAST

7. The following six nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee from the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean:

CAMEROON (Medi Moungui)

AFRICA

UGANDA (Robert Sabiiti)

PAKISTAN (Aamir Ashraf Khawaja)

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

CHINA (Li Zhengdong)

MEXICO (Jorge Eduardo Chaen Charpentier)

LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN

PANAMA (Eudoro Jaen Esquivel)

8. The following five nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee from the regions of Europe, North America and Southwest Pacific.

DENMARK (Soeren Skafte)

EUROPE

GERMANY (Eckhard W. Hein)

ITALY (Augusto Zodda)

FRANCE (Jean-Jacques Soula)

USA (Lee Brudvig)

NORTH AMERICA

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

9. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization. It should be noted that 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

CAMEROON

Name: **MEDI MOUNGUI**

Present functions: Second Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions: Technical Director, South West Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture
Senior Agricultural Economist, Ministry of Agriculture

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

FAO	Member of the Programme Committee (2002-2003) Delegate to the Conference and Regional Conferences since 2002 Council Member since 2002 Delegate to all technical committees (COAG, COFI, CFS, COFO, CMP, etc) FAO/WHO Food Standards: Delegate at the Codex Alimentarius Commission Member of the Codex Alimentarius Executive Committee (2004-2007) Delegate at various committees and task forces of the Codex Alimentarius (CCGP, ITFFBT, CCFL, CCAFRICA, etc)
WFP	Member of the Executive Board (2002 – 2005) Observer at the Executive Board since 2006 Member of the Governance Group 2005 – 2006
IFAD	Executive Board Director for Cameroon and List C1 since 2003 Delegate to the Governing Council since 2002 Member of the Consultation for the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD Resources Member of many technical committees and working groups (Evaluation Committee, Field Presence, Performance Base Allocation, etc) Convener/coordinator of List C (all developing countries)

CHINA

Name: **LI ZHENG DONG**

Present functions: Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture (since December 2004)

Main previous functions:

1998-2004	Deputy Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1994-1998	Counsellor, Permanent Representation of PR China to FAO
1992-1994	Director, International Organizations Division II, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1988-1992	Deputy Director, International Organizations Division I, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1982-1998	Project Officer, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture

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

2002-2004	Member of the Programme Committee
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EGYPT

Name: **YASSER SOROUR**

Present functions: Second Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of Egypt to UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome (since October 2004)

Main previous functions:

2004	Chief of Staff of the assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs Member of the Egyptian delegation to the Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Istanbul
2002 - 2004	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egyptian delegation to the Head of State Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Teheran Governmental Expert Group on the reform of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (2002) Governmental Expert Group on Human Rights and minorities (2003)
1998-2002	Third Secretary, Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan Egyptian delegation to the Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Doha
1997-1998	member of the standing Financial Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference
1996-1998	Diplomatic attaché at the Office of the Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
1992-1996	Financial analyst officer at the Arab Investment Bank
1991	Financial auditor in the Egyptian Central Authority for Accountability

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

Member of the Committee of the Council mandated to oversee the IEE of the FAO

Member of the Steering committee of the informal consultations to strengthen partnerships between the three UN Rome based agencies

Member of the consultative group on the evaluation of FAO's role in containing Avian Flu

MEXICO

Name: **JORGE EDUARDO CHEN CHARPENTIER**

Present functions: Ambassador Permanent Representative of Mexico to FAO

Main previous functions:

2005-2006	Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean
2004-2005	Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States
2001-2004	Alternate Representative to the European Institutions in Brussels
1998-2001	Ambassador of Mexico to Hungary
1995-1997	Director-General for Europe
1993-1995	Director-General for Asia and Africa
1992-1993	Director-General of the Diplomatic Archives
1990	Chargé d'affaires at the Mexican Embassy in Chile
1985-1992	Adviser to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs
1979-1985	Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

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

PAKISTAN

Name: **AAMIR ASHRAF KHAWAJA**

Present position: Agriculture Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Rome (since May 2005)

Main previous positions:

2003	Additional Director-General, Lahore Development Authority
2000-2003	Project Director, Barani Village Development Project
1998	Project Director, Second Barani Areas Development Project
1999-2000	Additional Deputy Commissioner (Cantt), Rawalpindi
1995-1997	Additional Deputy Commissioner at Faisalabad
1993-1995	Director, Local Government, Mardan, NWFP
	Assistant Commissioner/Sub-divisional Magistrate

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

FAO	Chairperson of the Finance Committee (2006-2007)
	Member of Bureau of the FAO Council Committee on the IEE
IFAD	Alternate Director in IFAD Executive Board
	Institutions and management specialist, IFAD PCR Mission (2002)
	Rural Development and Social Mobilization Specialist
	IFAD/UNOPS Supervision Mission (2002)
	Agriculture Economist IFAD (2002)
	Project Director for Second Barani Development Project funded by IFAD and ADB (1998)
	Project Director for BVDP funded by IFAD (1998/99 and 2000/03)
WFP	Representative in WFP Executive Board

PANAMA

Name: **EUDORO JAÉN ESQUIVEL**

Present functions: Ambassador Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (December 2005)

Main previous functions:

2004-2005	Caja de Ahorros, Panama General Manager
2000-2004	Melo-Pma Group, Vice-President of Finance
1999-2000	Financial Adviser – Banks in Panama, Nicaragua and El Salvador
1996-1999	Caja de Ahorros – General Manager
1994-1996	Executive Director of the Bank Association
1991-1994	National Government: Negotiator of the External Debt; Executive Director - Bank Commission
1960-1990	Deputy Director-General of the Banco Nacional - The Chase Manhattan Bank (Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, Italy, United Kingdom, Virgin Islands (USA) and Chile)
1957-1960	National Government – Ministry of Agriculture

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

Alternate Governor to the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Representative of Panama to the World Food Programme

UGANDA

Name: **ROBERT SABIITI**

Present position: Agricultural Attaché and Alternate Permanent Representative to the Rome-based UN agencies

Main previous positions:

Monitoring and evaluation of agricultural projects in Uganda
Planning Uganda's agricultural projects and programmes
Agricultural development analysis
Preparation of work plans and budgets for Uganda's agricultural sector

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

Participated in all FAO Council and Conferences since 2004
Prepared Uganda on the Intergovernmental Working Group that developed the Voluntary Guidelines for the Right to Food
Participated in all WFP Executive Board meetings

APPENDIX B

DENMARK

Name: **SOEREN SKAFTE**

Present functions: Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to FAO
Chairman of the Danish FAO Committee
(Since 1 November 2003)

Main previous functions:

1978-1985	Head of Section, Ministry of State
1985-1989	Personal Assistant to the Danish Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office
1989-1990	Head of Department, Prime Minister's Office
1990-1995	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy
1995-2000	Director-General, Danish Agency for Structural Development
2000-2003	Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
from 2000	Member of EU Council Working Party FAO Agri Coordination (Chairperson 2002)

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

Delegate to Ministerial meetings in Nordic Council of Ministers, OECD, IEA and IAEA

Member of Danish Delegations to United Nations General Assembly

From 2000 Head of Delegation to FAO Council, FAO Regional Conference since 1999, Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Committee on Agriculture (COAG), and ECA

Alternate Delegate to FAO Conference 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

Alternate Delegate to World Food Summit: *five years later*

Member of the ECA Executive Committee 2004-2006

Vice-Chair of CFS 2004-2006

Member of the FAO Finance Committee since 2005

FRANCE

Name: **JEAN-JACQUES SOULA**

Present functions: Scientific Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative of France to FAO

Main previous functions:

November 1979-March 1981	Algeria; Veterinary Instructor at the Institute of Agricultural Technology (ITA), Mostaganem
April 1981-September 1983	France: practicing Veterinary Surgeon, animal medicine and surgery
October 1983-August 1984	France: New Caledonia: Chief of the Eastern Veterinary Area, Poindimié
September 1984-September 1987	France: Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Veterinary Services of Alpes Maritimes, Nice
October 1987-November 1989	Guinea: Technical Director of the National Training Centre for Animal Production, Labé
December 1989-August 1992	Burkina Faso: Adviser to the Minister responsible for animal production, Ouagadougou
September 1992-August 1996	Chad: Embassy of France, Adviser to the Mission of Cooperation and Cultural Action, N'Djaména
September 1996-August 2000	Mauritania: Embassy of France, Adviser to the Mission of Cooperation and Cultural Action, Nouakchott
September 2000-June 2003	Chief of the Office "Exports to Third-Party Countries", General Directorate of Food (DGAL)
July 2003-July 2005	France, Paris: Head of the International Health Coordination Mission, General Directorate of Food (DGAL/Ministry of Agriculture), Assistant to the Chief of French Veterinary Services

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

Scientific Counsellor to the French Permanent Representation to FAO since July 2005: participation in sessions of the FAO Governing and Statutory Bodies, regional group meetings, consultation groups and steering committees. Chairman of the FAO European Commission on Agriculture.

Collaboration and frequent contacts with the representations and agencies of the United Nations system (FAO, WFP, IFAD, UNDP, UNICEF, HCR, WHO, UNFAP), over the course of more than 15 years of service in the Sahel region for rural development projects and in embassies as responsible for French cooperation (rural affairs, fisheries, health, rule of law).

GERMANY

Name: **ECKHARD W. HEIN**

Present functions:

Main previous functions:

1968-1969	Internships/Short-Term Assignments: bank management and international transport/logistics.
1970-1972	Associate Research Assistant, Department for Comparative Agricultural Policy and Rural Sociology, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany.
1972-1976	Economist – Research Fellow, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany. Member of an inter-disciplinary research project funded by the German Research Association.
1976-1977	Programme Officer (P.2) (Associate Expert) Regional Bureau for the Near East and North Africa, Field Programme Development Division, Development Department, FAO, Rome.
1977-1978	Programme Officer (P.2) Assistant to the FAO Representative in India (Associate Expert – German Associate Expert Programme).
1979-1981	Programme Officer (P.3) Office of the FAO Representative in Bangladesh.
1981-1986	Programme Officer (P.4) Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC).
1986-1991	Senior Programme Officer(P.5)/Officer-in-Charge, Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC).
1991-1995	Chief (D.1) Policies, Procedures and Programme Statistics Unit, (DDFC), Field Programme Development Division, Development Department.
1995-January 1998	Chief (D.1) Information and Procedures Unit (TCDI), Technical Cooperation Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Major involvement in different internal FAO coordinating and management committees, working groups, including as Secretary of the Field Programme Committee, member of the Information Resources Committee and member/chairman of the Joint Commissary Committee.
February 1998-December 2000	Secretary (D.1) Consultative Committee on Programme and Operation Questions (CCPOQ) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) – on secondment from FAO. During secondment to the ACC/CEB machinery there had been close collaboration with the CEB High Level Committee on Management and the ACC Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions

as well as with the Joint Inspection Unit; furthermore regular collaboration existed with the UN System Staff College as resource person; regular participation at various governing body meetings within the UN system and close collaboration with different agencies; specific involvement in questions of extra-budgetary funding and support cost issues.

January 2001-December 2003 Secretary (D.1) High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), CEB Secretariat – on secondment from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

December 2003- October 2005 Chief, (D.1) Resources and Strategic Partnerships Unit (TCDS), Technical Cooperation Department (TC), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Additional functions: Director-General's representative and Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee on Medical Coverage (JAC/MC); Chairman of the Steering Committee of the FAO/Italy Decentralized Cooperation Programme (IFDCP).

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

2005-2007 Member of the Finance Committee

ITALY

Name: **AUGUSTO ZODDA**

Present position:

Member of the General Supervision and Inspection Service of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance

Member of the Board of Alitalia (since June 2004)

Member of the Board of Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato (since March 2004)

Member of the Board of SACE, Italian Export Credit Agency (since September 2003)

Main previous positions:

November 1965	Joined the Italian Treasury as Junior Counsellor
1972-1974	Member of the European Community Group on capital movements
June 1982-June 1983	Member of the Working Group for interventions on exchange markets set up by Versailles G7 Summit
October 1983-December 1985	Member of the Board of Istituto Nazionale Credito Lavoro Italiano all'Estero – ICLE (Gruppo Monte dei Paschi di Siena)
May 1987-Dec 1989	Member of the Board of the Italian Exchange Office
July 1987-Dec 1997	Member of the Board of Coopercredito (BNL)
Jan 1989-Dec 1998	Member of the Monetary Committee of the European Union
Oct 1990-Dec 1998	Finance “Sub Sherpa” for the preparation of the G7 Summits
1992-1995	Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Treasury
April 1996-July 2002	Member of the Board of “Europrogetti e Finanze” (Project finance institution)
July 1996-Dec 2001	President of the Audit Committee of “Fondazione Nazionale Banca delle Comunicazioni”
Feb 1997-Dec 1998	Director of International Affairs in the Treasury Department
March 1997-Dec 1998	Member of the Board of Mediocredito Centrale (Italian Bank)
April 1999-Dec 2001	Member of the Board of Banco di Napoli
February 2000-July 2003	Member of the Board of “Gestore della rete di transmission nazionale – S.p.a.” (GRTN)

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

Member of the Finance Committee 2003-2005 and 2005-2007

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **LEE BRUDVIG**

Present position: Deputy Chief of Mission for the UN Agencies in Rome

Main previous positions: Worked as a corporate Finance Officer for Bank of America and in several foreign service posts with the US Department of State, including Counsellor for Economic and Political Affairs in Vienna and Minister-Counsellor in New Delhi

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

2005-2007 Member of the Finance Committee