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CONFERENCE

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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 organisation “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:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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.

3. The Committee meets in Rome as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting one to two hours). Depending on the Board seats allocated to FAO, the

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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. Yearly sessions of the Board are held in New York or in one of the headquarters duty stations of the UN System Organizations.

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

- three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
- three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
- 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 2007 - 31 December 2009	Mr Kiala Kia Mateva Alternate Permanent Representative of Angola to FAO	Vacant
1 January 2008 – 31 December 2010	Vacant <i>(Formerly occupied by Mr Leslie deGraffenried, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO)</i>	Ms Natalie Feistritz Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO
1 January 2009 – 31 December 2011	Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh Alternate Permanent Representative of Jordan to FAO	Vacant <i>(Formerly occupied by Mr Mario Gustavo Mottin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO)</i>

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:
- One member to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Leslie deGraffenried, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO, whose term of office ends on 31 December 2010;
 - One alternate member to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Mario Gustavo Mottin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, whose term of office ends on 31 December 2011;
 - One member to serve from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2012;
 - One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2012;
 - One member to serve from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013;
 - One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.