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# CONFERENCE

## Thirty-sixth Session

**Rome, 18 - 23 November 2009**

## ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) sets out the provisions for the nomination and election of Member Nations to the FAO Council.
2. The term of office of Council Members is for three years.
3. At present the Council has forty-nine seats, of which sixteen fall vacant in each of two successive calendar years and seventeen in the third calendar year.
4. The seats to be filled at the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference comprise 16 which fall vacant at the conclusion of that Session and 17 which fall vacant on 31 December 2010.
5. The Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference will be the last one to take place in November of the second year of the biennium. As of June 2011 the Conference will meet in June in the second year of the biennium (IPA Action 2.7). It is thus necessary to implement transitional measures to preserve the integrity of the term of office of Council of the Members which have already been elected (for a period of three years), and whose terms of office should therefore continue to run their course, while allowing for the progressive introduction of the new system.<sup>1</sup> A diagramme in Appendix C to this document describes the transitional measures required to adjust the pattern of elections and to the renewal of the membership of the Council in line with the new cycle of Conference sessions. The diagramme illustrates the need to carry out a process of adjustment to the new system under which the Members of the Council elected at the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference will be elected for a term of two and a half, rather than three, years.
6. By circular letter of 21 July 2009 the Director-General informed the membership that he was in receipt of a letter dated 20 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, acting in the name of his country and on behalf of the Group of 77, submitting a proposed amendment to Article V, paragraph 1 of the FAO Constitution to the effect that the Council would comprise 61 Member Nations. In the event that the Conference should decide to

<sup>1</sup> Section III of CCLM 87/3 refers.

increase the number of Council Members, the information contained in this document would need to be updated. The information provided in this document is therefore subject to any decision that the Thirty-sixth Session of Conference might take with regard to the proposal to increase the membership of the Council.

7. The present composition of the Council is listed below and the seats in the first two columns will come up for election as indicated in (a) and (b).

Seats falling vacant at  
conclusion of Thirty-sixth  
Conference Session,  
November 2009

Bangladesh  
Chile  
China  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Germany  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Japan  
Malaysia  
Panama  
Republic of Korea  
Republic of Moldova  
South Africa  
Thailand  
Ukraine  
Uruguay

Seats falling vacant on  
31 December 2010

Belgium  
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)  
Brazil  
Canada  
Congo  
Cuba  
Kenya  
Kuwait  
Mexico  
Morocco  
Niger  
Russian Federation  
Senegal  
Sudan  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turkey  
United States of America

Seats falling vacant in  
November 2011

Afghanistan  
Australia  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
France  
Ghana  
India  
Indonesia  
Italy  
Mauritania <sup>2</sup>  
Norway  
Pakistan  
Saudi Arabia  
United Kingdom  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Zimbabwe

- a) Since Mauritania is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII-7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the period from November 2009 to November 2011 (the remainder of the term of office 1 January 2009 to November 2011), as provided by Rule XXII paras 6 and 9.

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<sup>2</sup> Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII-7 GRO.

- b) For the period November 2009 to 30 June 2012 the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which have occupied those seats:

<b>REGION</b>	<b>COUNTRY OCCUPYING SEAT</b>
Africa (3)	Ethiopia, Gabon, South Africa
Asia (6)	Bangladesh, China, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Thailand
Europe (3)	Germany, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	Chile, Panama, Uruguay
Near East (1)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (0)	

- c) For the period 1 January 2011 to June 2013 the distribution of the 17 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which have occupied those seats:

<b>REGION</b>	<b>COUNTRY OCCUPYING SEAT</b>
Africa (5)	Congo, Kenya, Morocco, Niger, Senegal
Asia (0)	
Europe (3)	Belgium, Russian Federation, Turkey
Latin America and the Caribbean (5)	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago
Near East (2)	Kuwait, Sudan
North America (2)	Canada, United States of America
Southwest Pacific (0)	

8. Under the terms of Rule XXII-10 GRO, each nomination for election to a seat on the Council must be made in writing and supported by the delegates of two Member Nations other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated, and the nomination must be for a specific region. Rule XXII-10(a) GRO specifies that the Conference, as soon as possible after the opening of its session and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, i.e. Friday, 20 November 2009 shall, on the recommendation of its General Committee, "decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted". The procedure to be followed in submitting these nominations is outlined in Rule XXII-10(b) and (c) GRO. Rule XXII-10(d) GRO further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election.

9. The Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session of the Council (28 September - 2 October 2009) is expected to recommend that the Conference set Sunday 22 November 2009 as the date for the election, with 12.00 hours on Friday 20 November 2009 as the deadline by which nominations should be submitted.

10. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in Appendix A.
11. A nomination form is given in Appendix B.
12. A diagramme describing the transistional measures required to adjust to the scheduling of sessions of the Conference in June in the second year of the biennium is given in Appendix C. The Conference may wish to note that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eighty seventh Session in May 2009, recommended that Members be fully informed of such transitional arrangements.

**APPENDIX A****FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES****I. AFRICA**

(Member Nations: 48 - Council seats: 12)

Algeria	Ethiopia	Niger
Angola	Gabon	Nigeria
Benin	Gambia	Rwanda
Botswana	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Lesotho	South Africa
Central African Republic	Liberia	Swaziland
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Tunisia
Congo	Mali	Uganda
Côte D'ivoire	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
	Namibia	

**II. ASIA**

(Member Nations: 23 - Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Philippines
Bhutan	Lao People's	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka
China	Malaysia	Thailand
Democratic People's	Maldives	Timor-Leste
Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Uzbekistan
India	Myanmar	Viet Nam
Indonesia	Nepal	
Japan	Pakistan	

### III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 - Council seats: 10)

Albania	Georgia	Poland
Andorra	Germany	Portugal
Armenia	Greece	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Russian Federation
Belarus	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Israel	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czech Republic	Malta	Switzerland
Denmark	Monaco	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Estonia	Montenegro	Turkey
Finland	Netherlands	Ukraine
France	Norway	United Kingdom

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*ASSOCIATE MEMBER: FAROE ISLANDS*

### IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Member Nations: 33 - Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad And Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica	Mexico	
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

**V. NEAR EAST**

(Member Nations: 21 - Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan  
Bahrain  
Djibouti  
Egypt  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Iraq  
Jordan

Kuwait  
Kyrgyzstan  
Lebanon  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia

Somalia  
Sudan  
Syrian Arab Republic  
Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen

**VI. NORTH AMERICA**

(Member Nations: 2 - Council seats: 2)

Canada  
United States of America

**VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC**

(Member Nations: 16 - Council seats: 1)

Australia  
Cook Islands  
Fiji  
Kiribati  
Marshall Islands  
Micronesia (Federated States of)  
Nauru  
New Zealand  
Niue  
Palau  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands  
Tonga  
Tuvalu  
Vanuatu

**APPENDIX B****NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

(To be submitted by 12.00 hours on Friday 20 November 2009)

Date: .....

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council  
 Room B202  
 Via delle Terme di Caracalla  
 00153 Rome

The Delegate of ..... and the Delegate of .....

(Signature)..... (Signature).....

wish to nominate .....

for election to a seat on the Council for the Region of .....  
 for the following term of office:

- a) November 2009 – 31 November 2011 (for the region of Africa only)\*
- b) November 2009 – 30 June 2012\*
- c) 1 January 2011 – 30 June 2013\*

The Delegate of ..... accepts this nomination.

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\* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.



**RULE XXII-10 OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

10. (a) As soon as possible after the opening of the Conference session, and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference, on the recommendation of its General Committee, shall decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted, in accordance with subparagraph (c) below.
- (b) Each nomination shall be made for a specific region as determined by the Conference, indicating the term of office to which it applies, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g) of this paragraph. No nomination shall be made for a term that includes a period for which the Member Nation concerned is already in office.
- (c) Each nomination shall be supported, in writing, by the delegates of two Member Nations to the Conference other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated and shall be accompanied by a formal written acceptance of the nomination by the delegate of the Member Nation nominated. Any nomination reaching the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council after the date and time determined by the Conference for the submission of nominations shall not be valid.
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- (g) The election of Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9 (b) and 12 of Rule XII, one election being held to fill simultaneously all the vacancies occurring in each region in each of the calendar years referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. Should the number of Member Nations standing for election in a particular region be equal to the total number of vacancies occurring in both calendar years, one election may be held to fill simultaneously all these vacancies, and the allocation of candidates to the vacancies occurring in each year may be settled, where necessary, by mutual agreement or by the Conference by such methods as it may decide to adopt. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.

## APPENDIX C

Membership Phases <sup>1</sup>

\* denotes conference year:

2009 – November

2011 – June

2013 – June

2015 – June

2017 – June

<sup>1</sup> Extracted from document CCLM 87/3.