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Item 7.2 - Any Other Matters Arising from the Conference Session

Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations)

Curriculum Vitae of Mr. He Changchui

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Name: He Changchui;

Nationality: Chinese

Current Position: Assistant Director-General and the Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand.

Educational Background: Dr. He has a B.Sc. degree in Physics; a M.Sc. degree in Integrated Survey Planning (Agriculture Remote Sensing) and a Ph.D. degree in Physical Geography (Geo-informatics Applications). He is a Member of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences.

Professional Experiences: Dr. He started his career in 1975 as a Research Scientist in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, focusing on geo-information applications to environment and natural resources management.

In 1983, Dr. He was transferred from the Chinese Academy to the State Science and Technology Commission of China, where he progressively held senior positions, including that of Deputy Director-General of the Department of Basic Research and High Technology, and, concurrently, was in charge of the National Remote Sensing Center of China, overseeing five department heads.

From August 1988 to April 1998, Dr. He served as Chief Technical Advisor before becoming the Section Chief, Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific. During this period, he led the development of a number of regional strategies and programmes on environment and natural resources management and pioneered an operational inter-governmental cooperation network on space technology applications (remote sensing, GIS, satellite meteorology and ICT) for sustainable development for the Asia and the Pacific Region.

Dr. He joined FAO in April 1998 as Chief of the Environment and Natural Resources Service, Sustainable Development Department, at Headquarters in Rome. His main responsibility was to lead the SDRN team in the identification of priority areas for FAO's intervention and response, and the development, formulation and implementation of FAO's programmes in the area of environment and natural resources management --- covering mainly the environment, energy, agro-climatology and agro-meteorology, remote sensing and GIS, and organic agriculture. He contributed technically to the organization of the SIDS. Under his leadership, the SDRN team served as the coordinating Unit for the Organization and as the secretariats for interdepartmental works on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the three post-UNCED environmental conventions (Bio-diversity, Climate Changes and Desertification). Dr. He acted as the FAO's Focal Point for several global initiatives, including the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, CEOS and ISDR.

In September 2002, Dr. He was appointed Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific and was confirmed as Assistant Director-General and the Regional Representative in April 2003. In that position, Dr. He assumes the overall

managerial and administrative responsibilities of the Regional Office, with the main task of identifying emerging regional issues for priority actions and responses by the Organization. In 2003, Dr. He led the development of the first ever Regional Strategic Framework aimed at translating the FAO's Strategic Framework into regional actions. This was followed, in 2008, by the development of a Regional Priority Framework following the result-based approach.

Publications: More than 60 research papers, technical reports and strategic analysis and policy documents were prepared and/or published, mainly in the areas of environment and natural resources management, land use and land cover studies, remote sensing and GIS applications, and regional and national capacity buildings. Dr. He was invited to a large number of international/Regional fora as keynote speakers on a wide range of strategic, policy and technical issues relating to food security and agriculture as well as rural development.

Languages:

Fluent in Chinese and English.

Other information:

a) Awards:

- Two awards for Outstanding Government Services issued by the State Sciences and Technology Commission of the State Council of China (respectively for 1986 and 1987);
- Group Award for the First Class Scientific and Technological Achievement (as a contributing member) issued by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (1984);
- Award for the Best Paper of the Third Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (Boyang Lake Area Agricultural Land Use Dynamic Study) by the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society of Japan (1983);
- Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Contribution to Regional Cooperation on Space Applications by the Asian Association of Remote Sensing (1997).

b) Professional Affiliations:

- Elected Member, Eurasian Academy of Sciences;
- Member, Chinese Society of Environment and Geography;
- Member, Chinese Society of Remote Sensing;
- Executive Committee member, International Society of Digital Earth.