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COUNCIL

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Report of the 108th Session of the Programme Committee (10-14 October 2011)

Changes in Representation of Members of the Programme Committee

1. Rule XXVI-4(a) of the General Rules of the Organization states: "If the representative of a Member of the Committee is expected to be unable to attend a session of the Committee, or if, due to incapacity, death or any other reason, he is prevented from exercising his functions for the remainder of the term for which the Member he represents has been elected, that Member shall inform the Director-General and the Chairperson as soon as possible, and may designate a substitute representative who shall have the qualifications and experience referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. The Council shall be informed of the qualifications and experience of the substitute representative".

2. Further to the details of changes in representation of members of the Programme Committee, a summary of the qualifications of Mr Mohamed Mellah (Algeria), Ms Debra Price (Canada), Mr Guo Handi (China) and Mr Fesseha Tesfu Beyene (Ethiopia) is given below for the information of the Council.

ALGERIA

Name:	Mr Mohamed Mellah
Present Position:	Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Algeria, Rome.
Main previous positions:	
2008-2011	Assistant Director (Social Development), Operating Manager on: World Health Organization (WHO), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Gender, Human Development, Aging, Disabled People, Youth, Road Safety.
2004-2008	Diplomatic Counsellor, Embassy of Algeria, Brazil.
1999-2004	Diplomatic Counsellor and Office Chief, Directorate on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, General-Directorate for Multilateral Relations.
1995-1999	Counsellor (Foreign Affairs), Embassy of Algeria, Uganda.
1992-1995	Attaché (Foreign Affairs), General-Directorate for Consular Affairs and General-Directorate for Protocol.
1988-1992	Vice-Consul, Consulate of Algeria, Marseille.
1987-1988	Attaché (Foreign Affairs), Directorate for Asia/Latin America.
1979-1987	Attaché, Directorate for International Organizations.
Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:	
2011	International Conference on Childhood, Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).
2009, 2010, 2011	World Health Assembly (WHA).
2004	African Commission on Human Rights, Banjul (Gambia).
2002, 2003, 2004	Council on Human Rights.
2002	Fifty-seventh Session of the UN General Assembly, Commission Three (Social Development).

CANADA

Name: Ms Debra Price

Present Position: Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the U.N. (since August 2011).

Main previous positions:

August 2008 - July 2011 Counsellor, Political, Economic and Public Affairs, Embassy of Canada, Romania (with accreditation to Republic of Moldova and Bulgaria).

September 2006 - July 2008 Deputy Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa.

October 2004 - August 2006 Counsellor, Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction Program, Embassy of Canada, Russian Federation.

September 1995 - August 2000 Desk Officer, Conventional Weapons and European Security, Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa.

September 1993 - August 1995 Second Secretary, Political, Economic and Public Affairs, Embassy of Canada, Russian Federation.

January 1992 - July 1992 Desk Officer, Bilateral Relations with Guatemala and El Salvador, Central American Relations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa.

August 1991 - December 1991 Desk Officer, Open Skies and Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa.

April 1991 Joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

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

August 2000 - September 2004 First Secretary/Counsellor and Head of Political Section, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York.

CHINA

Name:	Mr Guo Handi
Present Position:	Deputy Representative and Counselor, Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome (since April 2009).
Main previous positions:	
January 2007 - April 2009	Director, Division of America and Oceania Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P. R. China.
January 2001 - January 2007	First Secretary, Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome.
July 1998 - January 2001	Director, Division of EU Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P. R. China.
October 1995 - July 1998	Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P. R. China.
October 1994 - October 1995	Administrative Officer, Representation of FAO in Beijing, P. R. China.
October 1991 - October 1994	Program Officer, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P. R. China.
September 1984 - October 1991	Administrative Assistant, Representation of FAO in Beijing, P. R. China.
June 1984 - September 1984	Program Officer, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, P. R. China.
September 1982 - June 1984	Translator, Information Institute, Bureau of Machine-building, Beijing Municipality, P. R. China.
Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:	
2001 - 2011	Participation in FAO Meetings.

ETHIOPIA

Name: Mr Fesseha Tesfu Beyene

Present Position: Minister Counsellor, Head - Political and Public Diplomacy Division, Embassy of Ethiopia, Rome.

Main previous positions: Section Head - Agricultural Commodities Programme (ACP) - European Union Affairs; Brussels, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Addis Ababa).

Assistant Director-General - Multilateral Department - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Addis Ababa).

Assistant Director-General - Diaspora Affairs Directorate General - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Addis Ababa).

Assistant Chief Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Addis Ababa).

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

2004-2006 Delegate to:

UN General Assembly.

Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - Heads of State and Government Summits.

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) - Ministerial Meetings.