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Membership of the Finance Committee

Executive Summary

On 15 January 2016 Trinidad and Tobago, a Member of the FAO Latin America and the Caribbean region, informed the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of its withdrawal from membership of the Finance Committee.

By the deadline of 9 May 2016 the sole candidate for the post vacated by Trinidad and Tobago was that of Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma, Alternate Representative of Mexico to FAO, submitted by Ecuador, as *pro tempore* Chairperson of GRULAC, on 27 April 2016

Suggested action by the Council

The Council will be invited to elect Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma (Mexico) to the Finance Committee for the remainder of the aforementioned term of office not completed by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago.

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1. Under Rule XXVII.1 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Finance Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members – two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific.
2. One Member of the FAO Latin America and the Caribbean region, i.e. Trinidad and Tobago, has notified the Organization of its intention to step down from Membership of the Finance Committee. The notification received from Trinidad and Tobago is given in *Appendix A*.
3. Pursuant to Rule XXVII.2 of the GRO, Member Nations from the FAO Latin America and the Caribbean region seeking election as member of the Finance Committee for the seat vacated by Trinidad and Tobago were invited to inform the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the details of the candidates not later than 20 days before the start of the following Council Session (Rome, 30 May-3 June 2016), i.e. 9 May 2016. By such deadline one nomination had been received, through Ecuador, the *pro tempore* Chairperson of the FAO Latin America and the Caribbean Region (see *Appendix B*), namely that of Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma of Mexico. A brief CV of the candidate is provided in *Appendix C*.
4. Under Rule XXVII.1 of the GRO, Members of the Committee shall appoint as their representatives individuals who have shown a continued interest in the objectives and activities of the Organization, have participated in Conference or Council sessions and have special competence and experience in administrative and financial matters.
5. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provide for Members Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and the elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 a) of this Rule, the Independent Chairperson of Council 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



**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TO THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)**

Note No. 02/2016

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Council and Protocol Affairs Division, and has the honour to inform that due to the end of the tour of duty of Ambassador John Sandy on 15 October 2015, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has decided to withdraw its membership of the Finance Committee and allow another member of the GRULAC to represent the region.

Trinidad and Tobago continues to hold as high priority the work and contribution of the Finance Committee and will have confidence and give full support to the successor GRULAC member to the Finance Committee.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.



15th January 2016, Geneva

Appendix B

Note no. PPT.ECU-93-2016

The Permanent Representation of Ecuador to the United Nations Agencies based in Rome, in its capacity as President ad interim of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group, presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the withdrawal of Trinidad and Tobago from one of the two seats assigned to the Latin America and the Caribbean region in the Finance Committee.

In this regard, the Permanent Representation of Ecuador wishes to inform the Organization that the Regional Group has agreed to present the candidature of Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma, from the Permanent Representation of Mexico, to fill the vacant seat, to be tabled for decision at the 154th Session of the Council.

The Curriculum Vitae of the aforementioned candidate is attached to this note. The Permanent Representation of Ecuador avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

Rome, 27 April 2016

Mr. Benito Santiago JIMÉNEZ SAUMA

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Born in Merida, Mexico in 1971.

- Member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1998. Second Secretary.
- Alternate Representative of Mexico to the International Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD, WFP) since February 2013.
- Director on Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2013).
- Representative of Mexico in the long-term climate finance negotiations under the UNFCCC and in the Transitional Committee of the Green Climate Fund (2011-2013). Negotiator in the Ad-Hoc Working Group in the Kyoto Protocol (2010-2012).
- Has participated as a Delegate of Mexico in Conferences of the Parties to the UNFCCC (Climate Change), to the Montreal Protocol (Ozone layer), as well as in the Summit on Sustainable Development (2002 and 2012) and the 2005 Summit at UN Headquarters.
- On Climate Change, he has participated in the COP-6, COP6-bis, COP-7, COP-13, COP-16, COP-17 and COP-18.
- Delegate in the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations (New York) as Delegate to the Second Committee of the General Assembly, where he was in charge of environment, sustainable development, HIV/AIDS and health affairs (September 2004 – February 2010).
- Has assisted the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on international environmental governance between 2006 and 2009.
- Under-Director for Environment in the Foreign Ministry of Mexico (2000 – 2004) dealing with sustainable development, climate change and biodiversity.
- Bachelor degree in Computer Science (1994) and Master Degree in Diplomatic Studies (1999).