



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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***"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"***

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**ELECTION OF CFS CHAIRPERSON**

## **I. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CFS SECRETARY (PUBLISHED ON THE FAO MEMBERS GATEWAY)**

1. The election of the new CFS Chairperson will take place under Item VIII.b of the Provisional Agenda of the 44th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) scheduled from 9 to 13 October 2017 in Rome.
2. In accordance with paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, the Secretary of CFS wishes to inform Members that the following nomination for the election of CFS Chairperson has been received:
  - His Excellency Mario Arvelo, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP
3. Pursuant to paragraph 4, Rule II, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, any nomination of candidates reaching the CFS Secretary after the deadline (9 September 2017) of 30 calendar days before the opening date of the session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at which the election of the Chairperson will take place shall not be considered as valid.

## **II. PRESENTATION LETTER AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF H.E. MARIO ARVELO, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO FAO, IFAD AND WFP**

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Honourable Madame

Deborah Fulton

Secretary of the Committee on World Food Security

Honourable Madame,

I have the honour to address Your Excellency on the occasion of informing that the government of the Dominican Republic has decided to present Ambassador Mario Arvelo, Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP, as a candidate for Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security for the 2017-2019 term, in the election to be held during the 44th session of the Committee in October 2017.

This decision reflects the Dominican Republic's commitment to attaining food and nutrition security for all our citizens and for all countries. We share the objectives of the Rome-based United Nations agencies and of the CFS in the understanding that food and nutrition security is a reachable goal through the sustainable development of the rural economy, with the involvement of the international community, governments, civil society, and the private sector.

Ambassador Arvelo is a Lawyer from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra of Santo Domingo, a Political Scientist from Northeastern University of Boston, and has been a career diplomat for over twenty years. During his tenure in Rome, he has been Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and of the Global Soils Partnership, Acting Chair and Vice-Chair of the Programme Committee, as well as Chair of the Group of 77 and the GRULAC, among other responsibilities where he has shown his aptitude for building bridges and his capacity for achieving results. He currently serves as First Alternate Chair of the FAO/WFP Appeals Committee and is a member of IFAD's Executive Board. His CV both in Spanish and English are attached.

The Dominican Republic trusts unreservedly that Ambassador Arvelo's knowledge and experience will effectively contribute to the objectives of CFS as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all.

I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

MIGUEL VARGAS

Minister of Foreign Relations

Mario Arvelo

Santo Domingo, 1 January 1970

#### **Diplomatic posts**

Since 2004	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the Rome-based United Nations agencies (the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Programme)
2002-2004	Ambassador, Alternate Representative to FAO, IFAD, and WFP (Dominican Embassy in Italy)
2001-2002	Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Dominican Embassy in Chile
1999-2000	Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Dominican Embassy in Japan

1997-1998 First Secretary, Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic to the Organization of American States in Washington DC

### **Current responsibilities**

Since 2015 Member, Executive Board of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Since 2014 First Alternate Chair of the FAO/WFP Appeals Committee

Since 2003 Governor, International Fund for Agricultural Development's Governing Council

Since 2002 Observer, World Food Programme's Executive Board

Since 2002 Member, FAO Committee on Agriculture (Committee Chair in 2012-2014)

Since 2002 Member, FAO Committee on Commodity Problems

Since 2002 Member, FAO Committee on Fisheries

Since 2002 Member, FAO Committee on Forestry

Since 2002 Member, Committee on World Food Security

### **Other responsibilities as a diplomat (in Rome, otherwise noted)**

2016 Chair, Community of Latin American and Caribbean States

2014-2015 Commissioner-General of the Dominican Republic for the Universal Exposition Expo Milano 2015

2012-2014 Chair, FAO Committee on Agriculture

2012-2014 Vice-Chair, 32nd FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires)

2013 Member, International Steering Committee on Family Farming

2013 Member, Intergovernmental Working Group on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture

2013-2014 Member, Intergovernmental Working Group on Global Statistics for Agriculture

2014 Chair, Central American Integration System

2013 Chair, Global Soil Partnership

2012 Chair, negotiation of the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management

2011 Chair, Group of Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

2010 Delegate, 31st FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (in Panama City)

2008-2010 Vice-Chair, 30th FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia)

2009 Chair, Group of 77

2009 Lead Negotiator for 132 developing countries, FAO General Commission on Budget & Programmes

2009	Co-Chair, High-Level Meeting FAO/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: Investing in Food Security in a Global Economy (Paris)
2009	Delegate, 3rd World Summit on Food Security
2009	Delegate, 15th General Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (Sharm El-Sheikh)
2008	Assistant Vice-Chair and Chair of the Closing Session, High-Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy
2008	Vice-Chair, Group of 77
2007	Chair, FAO General Commission on Budget & Programmes
2007	Chair, International Technical Consultation on e-Agriculture, Agricultural Information, and Knowledge Management
2006	Acting Chair, FAO Programme Committee
2004-2007	Vice-Chair, FAO Programme Committee
2004-2007	Member, FAO Joint Committee on Programmes and Finance
2004-2007	G77 and GRULAC Coordinator, FAO reform process
2006	Delegate, 36th General Assembly of the OAS (Santo Domingo)
2006	Delegate, 29th FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Caracas)
2005	Delegate, 59th General Assembly of the United Nations (New York)
2005	Lead Negotiator for 132 developing countries, FAO General Commission on Budget & Programmes
2003-2004	Lead Negotiator for the GRULAC, Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food
2003	Chair, Group of Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
2003	Lead Negotiator for 132 developing countries, FAO General Commission on Budget & Programmes
2002	Delegate, 2nd World Summit on Food Security
1997-1998	Deputy to the Chair, OAS Commission on Juridical and Political Affairs
1997	Deputy to the Chair, OAS Permanent Council

#### **Other responsibilities**

Since 1996	Member, Phi Beta Delta/Alpha Nu (Honour Society for accomplished international scholars in the United States)
Since 1996	Notary Public (Dominican Republic)
Since 1992	Judicial Interpreter and Official Translator (Dominican Republic)
1989-2008	Columnist, Hoy (Santo Domingo)

- 1996-1997      Coordinator of the Public Defence Project, NGO Fundación Institucionalidad y Justicia (Santo Domingo)
- 1996-1997      Professor of International Relations and Labor Law at the Law Department of the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM, Santo Domingo)
- 1994-1996      Teaching Assistant, Northeastern University's Political Science Department (Boston)
- 1993-1994      Corporate Lawyer, Compañía Dominicana de Teléfonos (Santo Domingo)
- 1991-1992      Corporate Lawyer, Banco Popular Dominicano (Santo Domingo)
- 1988-1991      Co-Editor of the Law Review Journal, PUCMM
- 1987-1991      Captain, PUCMM Chess Team
- 1989-1990      Paralegal, Pellerano & Herrera Law Office (Santo Domingo)
- 1987-1988      Teaching Assistant, PUCMM
- 1985-1986      Chair of the Max Henríquez Ureña Literature & Debate Academy at Loyola High School (Santo Domingo)
- 1984-1986      Chair, Loyola High School's Cinema Club

### **Education**

- 1996              Master of Arts (Political Science with Majors in International Relations and Comparative Government & Politics, and Minor in Political Theory)

Northeastern University, Boston

Fulbright Scholar

- 1991              Licenciado en Derecho (Bachelor of Laws)  
                          Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santo Domingo  
                          First of the 1986-1991 Class
- 1986              Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras (Baccalaureate in Science and Literature)

Loyola High School, Santo Domingo

### **Other studies**

Global Economic Trends at Georgetown University, Washington DC

International Relations at Sophia University, Tokio

International Trade at Universidad APEC, Santo Domingo

International Negotiations at Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

publications and conferences

A Chronicle of Food and Hunger

Cultural anthropology

A Lost Seagull

Poems and photographs

Brasilia

Photographs and reflections on architecture and history

ChileNorthSouth

Photographs and reflections on geography and history

El modelo de desarrollo agroalimentario del Presidente Danilo Medina [President Danilo Medina's Model for Developing Agriculture and Food Production]

Editor of the volume and author of the introductory essay

El Palacio Nacional: cincuenta años de historia y arquitectura [The National Palace: Fifty Years of History and Architecture]

Research/editorial assistant, book by José Chez Checo

El segundo desafío [The Second Challenge]

Essay on poetry in Anatomía de un poeta: aproximaciones críticas a José Mármol [Anatomy of A Poet: Critical Approaches to José Mármol], edited by Carlos Ardavín

Food and Hunger in the Bible

Judeo-Christian theology and cultural anthropology

Hay un país en el mundo | There Is A Country in the World

English translation (bilingual edition) of a poem by Pedro Mir

Judas redeemed

Analysis of the actions attributed to Judas Iscariot

Kínwa

History and cultural anthropology on quinoa

La primera tierra [The First Earth]

Essays on modern and contemporary history

Finalist of the 2000 Book of the Year Award, Ministry of Culture of the Dominican Republic

Las teologías del hambre [The Theologies of Hunger]

Essay on anthropology and theology in Conferencias Magistrales 2011 [Scholastic Lectures 2011], edited by León Félix Batista and Eulogio Javier

Proceedings of the Ministerial Meeting on Food Price Volatility

Contribution, book edited by David Hallam and Boubaker Ben-Belhassen

Sobre la libertad [On Liberty]

Spanish translation and explanatory analysis of John Stuart Mill's On Liberty

Soils of Life

On the sustainable use of soils as a key to food security

Testimonios del Ozama [Testimonies from the Ozama]

Essay on poetry inspired by Santo Domingo's Ozama River, illustrated with the author's photographs

Todas las luces [All the Lights]

Essays on geopolitics and travel, illustrated with the author's photographs

Finalist of the 2003 Book of the Year Award, Ministry of Culture of the Dominican Republic

Un relato casual [A Random Tale]

Short stories

Volatilidad en los precios de los alimentos y el papel de la especulación [Price Volatility in Food Commodities and the Role of Speculation]

Editor of the volume and author of the essay Volatility and Speculation in Times of Hunger

You Shall Not Waste Food

Analysis on the sustainable processes of food production, and on food waste

Young Japan?!

Photograph, book edited by Pierre Gramegna and Ryutaro Hashimoto

### **Languages**

Spanish (mother tongue)

English (second language)

Italian (thorough knowledge)

French (basic)

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