

165th Session of the Council

Item 14: Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference (CL 165/14)

Document CL 165/14, Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference, addresses a number of procedural matters in preparation for the upcoming Conference Session in July 2021. The document provides an overview of arrangements for the upcoming Conference Session with regard to invitations, the establishment of Commissions of the Conference, scheduling of items and elections.

The Council is requested to make decisions on:

- 1) The Provisional Agenda for the 42nd Session of the FAO Conference given in *Appendix A* of the document CL 165/14;
- 2) The closing date for submission of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of Council (July 2021 to June 2023) at 12.00 hours on **Monday, 5 April 2021**; and Monday, 12 April 2021, as the date by which such nominations are circulated by letter and through the FAO Members Gateway by the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Council;
- 3) The closing date for submission of nominations for Members of the Council (July 2021 to June 2023 and July 2022 to June 2024) be set at 12.00 hours **on Monday, 12 July 2021**.
- 4) The establishment of two Commissions:
 - a. on Substantive and Policy Matters (Commission I)
 - b. on Programme and Budgetary Matters (Commission II).
- 5) Inviting Palestine to participate in the Session as an observer.

The Council is also invited to review the four additional proposals contained in companion document CL 165/18, *Working Methods of the Conference*.

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