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Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body

Executive Summary

This document provides an update regarding the extension of the appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty.

Guidance Sought

The Governing Body is invited to note the extension of the appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body and provide any further guidance it considers necessary.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Under Article 20.1 of the Treaty, the Secretary of the Treaty is appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the Governing Body.¹
2. In 2017, the Director-General decided to select Mr Kent Nnadozie for the position of Secretary of the Governing Body, subject to further confirmation by the Governing Body of the Treaty. By letter of 22 June 2017, the Director-General informed Mr Muhamad Sabran, Chair of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty of the proposed appointment of Mr Nnadozie.²
3. At its Seventh Session held in November 2017, the Governing confirmed the appointment for two years.³
4. At the Eighth Session in 2019, the Governing Body approved the proposal made by the Director-General for the reappointment of the Secretary, Mr Kent Nnadozie, for two years, and invited FAO to finalize the contractual arrangements accordingly.⁴

II. EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNING BODY

5. After consultations among the regions in 2021, the Bureau noted the satisfactory performance of the Secretary during the biennium. Subsequently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy and worldwide and in absence of a Ninth Session taking place in 2021, through a letter by the Chair of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, Ms Yasmina El Bahloul, the Bureau invited the FAO Management to further extend of the appointment of Mr Nnadozie for two additional years.
6. The FAO Management renewed the appointment of Mr Nnadozie accordingly.

III. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

7. The Governing Body is invited to note the extension of the appointment of Mr Kent Nnadozie as Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty and provide any further guidance it considers necessary.

¹ Information on the Procedure for the Selection and Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty is available in document IT/GB-9/22/19.2, for the consideration of the Governing Body.

² IT/GB-7/17/29, Selection and Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body, www.fao.org/3/mu486e/mu486e.pdf

³ IT/GB-7/17/Report, para. 45, www.fao.org/3/MV606/mv606.pdf

⁴ IT/GB-8/19/Report, para. 51, www.fao.org/3/nb918en/nb918en.pdf