CONFERENCE

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Appointment of the Director-General
(Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council)

Addendum 1

1. In accordance with Rule XXXVII, paragraph (1)(b) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Council at its 170th Session “set the dates of 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General” (CL 170/REP, paragraph 35). It was also agreed by the Council that nominations received by the established deadline would be circulated one week thereafter by circular letter.

2. By the date set by the Council of 28 February 2023, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received three nominations.

3. On 6 March 2023, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council received a communication of withdrawal of one of the three nominations.

4. In this regard, communication from the Government of the Republic of Iraq informing of the withdrawal of the nomination of Hamid Khalaf Ahmed is contained in Appendix A.

5. Accordingly, the candidates nominated for the office of Director-General are:

   China QU Dongyu
   Tajikistan Dilshod Sharifi
Appendix A

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and with reference to the Note Verbal of the Representation n. 42/FAO dated 27 February 2023, has the honor to inform that the Iraqi Government has decided to withdraw the candidature of Dr. Hamid Khalaf Ahmed for the position of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Agencies takes this opportunity to convey the best wishes of the Government of Iraq to the candidates for the election of the DG of FAO.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Agencies avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Secretary General of the Conference and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.