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. On 6 March 2023, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council received a communication from the Government of the Republic of Iraq informing of the withdrawal of the nomination of Hamid Khalaf Ahmed.

3. On 3 April 2023, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council received a communication from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan informing of the withdrawal of the nomination of Dilshod Sharifi, attached in Appendix A.

4. Subsequently, the candidate nominated for the office of Director-General is:

   China       QU Dongyu
Appendix A

The Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Italian Republic (with residence in Paris) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization and with reference to the Verbal note № C-31/22(472) dated from December 27, 2022 has the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has decided to withdraw the nomination of Mr. SHARIFI Dilshod - Head of the International Economic Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan to the office of the Director General of the FAO in favour of the People's Republic of China nomination - H.E. Mr. QU Dongyu.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Paris, April 3, 2023

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