



COUNCIL

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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

1. Under Rule XXXIV of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters consists of a Chairperson and seven Members (one Member from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee communicates to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience (Rule XXXIV.2 of the GRO).
2. The procedure for election of Members of the Committee requires that Member Nations of the Organization stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
3. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the candidates for (i) the office of Chairperson is given in *Appendix A* and for (ii) Membership of the Committee is given in *Appendix B*.

4. The following nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

Ms Céline Jurgensen (France)
Ms Haifa Aissami Madah (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of))

5. The following nominations have been received for election as Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

AFRICA	SENEGAL	(Mr Madiagne Tall)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	INDONESIA	(Mr Purna Cita Nugraha)
EUROPE	LUXEMBOURG	(Ms Marie-Lise Stoll)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	NICARAGUA VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	(Ms Monica Robelo Raffone) (Ms Haifa Aissami Madah)
NEAR EAST		
NORTH AMERICA	CANADA	(Ms Julie Émond)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	AUSTRALIA	(Ms Emma Hatcher)

6. This election is governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10(a) of this rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than seats to be filled.

APPENDIX A

FRANCE

Name: Ms CÉLINE JURGENSEN

Current roles or activities:

2020 - Present Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in Rome

Main previous roles or activities:

2016 - 2020 Director of Strategy
Directorate of Military Applications
Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission

2014 - 2016 Deputy Director of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
Directorate of the United Nations, International Organizations, Human and Francophone Rights
Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

2012 - 2014 Deputy Director for Strategic Affairs
Strategic Affairs Branch
Ministry of Defence

2010 - 2012 Political Advisor
Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York

2008 - 2010 Political Advisor
Subdirector for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament Directorate
Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

2003 - 2008 Legal Counsel
Sub-Directorate for European Union Law and International Economic Law
Legal Affairs Branch
Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

VENEZUELA (REPÚBLICA BOLIVARIANA DE)

Name: **Ms HAIFA AISSAMI MADAH**

Present functions/activities:

2021-present Appointed Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and presented her Credential Letters on September 22, 2021.

Main previous functions/activities:

2000 - 2021 From February 2016 to June 2021, she served as Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), International Criminal Court (ICC) and other International Organizations and Courts based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

From 2011 to 2016, she served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In 2010, Haifa Aissami Madah served as Judge of the Court of Appeals of the Metropolitan Area of Caracas in Criminal Law.

From 2000 to 2009 Haifa Aissami Madah served as National Prosecutor in a number of areas, such as the Human Rights, Drugs and Family Protection.

Haifa Aissami Madah has provided several guest lectures at the National Prosecutors School, Supreme Court of Justice and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Justice.

From 2006 - 2009 Haifa Aissami Madah was Professor at the Bolivarian University (Caracas, Venezuela).

Ambassador Aissami is a lawyer who graduated from the Universidad de Los Andes (ULA), Mérida - Venezuela in 1998

APPENDIX B**AUSTRALIA**

Name: **Ms EMMA HATCHER**

Present functions/activities:

2023 ongoing Present Position: Deputy Permanent Representative
to the FAO - Australian Embassy, Rome, Italy

Main previous functions/activities:

2012-2022 2019-2022
Counsellor (Agriculture)
Australian Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea

2015-2019
Director (International Forest Policy)
Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

2013-15
Director (Legal and International)
Anti-Dumping Commission of Australia

2012-2013
Legal Officer – United Nations Commission on International Trade
Law (UNCITRAL)
UN Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

Prior - Various positions in Australian Government agencies,
including:
Australian Customs Service
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
Department of Finance

CANADA

Name: **Ms JULIE ÉMOND**

Present functions/activities:

2021 to present Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to FAO

Main previous functions/activities:

2015-2021	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Canada to the world Trade Organization, the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.
2014-2015	Senior Policy Analyst, Donor Relations, Global Affairs Canada
2011-2013	First Secretary, Canadian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam
2009-2011	Senior Development Officer, Cambodia Program, Canadian International Development Agency
2007-2009	Senior Development Officer, Middle East and North Africa Program, Canadian International Development Agency
2004-2006	Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti
2002-2004	Analyst and Development Officer, Haiti, Cuba, and Dominican Republic Program, Canadian International Development Agency

INDONESIA

Name: **Mr PURNA CITA NUGRAHA**

Present functions/activities:

2022-now	First Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to the Italian Republic, and accredited to the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Malta, and San Marino
2022-now	Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome
2022-now	Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)

Main previous functions/activities:

2022	Court Mediator, South Jakarta District Court, Jakarta, Indonesia
2022	Court Mediator, City of Tuban District Court, East Java, Indonesia
2022	Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Pasundan, West Java, Indonesia
2021	Deputy Director for Middle East Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia
2016-2019	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York, United States
2015	Head of Protocol Section for Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia
2009	Associate/Legal Consultant, Djoni Aluwi and Aluwi Law Firm, Indonesia

LUXEMBOURG

Name: **Ms MARIE-LISE STOLL**

Present functions/activities:

31/01/2019 - present Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, WFP and IFAD
day

Main previous functions/activities:

April 2021 - April Permanent Representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to
2022 IFAD (Council)
January - June 2020 Chair of the Europe Regional Group (ERG)

NICARAGUA

Name: **Ms MONICA ROBELO RAFFONE**

Current roles or activities:

2007–Present

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nicaragua Mission to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies

Governor of the Republic of Nicaragua to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Government of Italy

Representative of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Italo-Latin American Institute

2021–2024: Member of the FAO General Council, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group

2021–2023: Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group

Acting Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC): January–July 2023

Main previous roles or activities:

Prior to 2021

2019–2021: Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group.

2017–2019: Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, representing the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Group.

June–December 2015: Acting Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC)

June 2015: Vice-Chair of the 152nd Session of the Council (FAO)

2003–2007: Italian Ministry of Activities and Cultural Heritage (Central Institute for Cataloguing and Documentation) – Consultant at the Regional Support Unit of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Programme “Euromed Heritage II”, EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

2002–2005: Agriconsulting Europe, Gruppo Soges, ARS Progetti, Brussels – Main technical evaluator of development projects (Alat) and framework contracts financed by the European Commission, EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

2001–2002: Cooperazione Italiana Nord-Sud (CINS) NGO, Rome - Evaluation and monitoring of development and humanitarian aid projects in developing countries.

1998–1999: Hunton & Williams Law Firm, Brussels – Corporate legal consultant.

1994–1997: Corporate lawyer in the Legal Department of the European Bank of Central America (Managua -Nicaragua).

1990–1992: Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Nicaragua in Italy and Alternate Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua to the United Nations Rome-based Agencies.

SENEGAL

Name: **M MADIAGNE TALL**

Current roles or activities:

2020 – Present Second Counsellor for Multilateral Affairs, Deputy Permanent
Representative of Senegal to the UN Rome-based Agencies

Main previous roles or activities:

2014-2020 Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment
of Senegal

VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

Name: **Ms HAIFA AISSAMI MADAH**

Current roles or activities:

2021–Present - Ambassador, Permanent Representation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Main previous roles or activities:

2000–2021 - 2016–2021: Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the International Criminal Court (ICC) and other international organizations and courts in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

- 2011–2016: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

- 2010: Senior Judge, Chamber 9 of the Criminal Judicial Circuit of the Court of Appeals of the Metropolitan Area of Caracas – Venezuela.

- 2000–2009 National Prosecutor with Full Authority of the Venezuelan Public Prosecutor's Office, covering several areas, such as Human Rights, Drugs and Family Protection.

- 2006–2009: Lecturer at the Bolivarian University (Caracas, Venezuela).

- Guest lecturer at the National School of Prosecutors, Supreme Court of Justice, Ministry of Interior and Justice.

- Ambassador Aissami graduated as a lawyer from the University of the Andes (ULA), Mérida – Venezuela in 1998.