



# CONFERENCE

## Forty-third Session of the Conference

Rome, 1-7 July 2023

### Information Note on Election of Council Members

#### I. Introduction

1. The 43rd Session of the Conference will address the Election of Council Members under Item 8 of the Agenda of the Session, which is scheduled for Thursday, 6 July 2023 at 17:00 hours in the Plenary Hall.
2. The General Committee of the Conference has reviewed the nominations, and has confirmed the submission to the Conference of the nominations for the vacancies that have occurred (document C 2023/LIM/15, Section A). The Committee also noted that in the Europe Region for the term of office from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference there are four candidates for three vacancies, and, unless one candidate withdraws, a secret ballot will be held to determine which countries are to be elected.
3. The four candidates for Council membership for the term of office from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference are:
  - 1) Croatia
  - 2) Iceland
  - 3) Netherlands
  - 4) Russian Federation
4. This Information Note sets out how such an election would proceed.

#### II. Election of Council Members

5. The election of Council Members will be held in one election to fill all three vacancies simultaneously, as prescribed in the General Rules of the Organization<sup>1</sup>. The specific procedure for an election to fill multiple vacancies at the same time is reflected in General Rule XII paragraph 12.
6. The procedures for the secret ballot will be the same as for any other secret ballot vote in FAO, most recently for the appointment of the Director-General on Sunday 2 July 2023, and in full accordance with the Basic Texts of FAO and established practice. The voting procedure will be supervised by two tellers, who are appointed by the Chairperson. The tellers will count the votes, take decisions on the validity of ballot papers in case of any doubt, and certify the result. The candidates

<sup>1</sup> General Rules of the Organization, Rule XXII paragraph 10 (g).

may appoint scrutineers to be present at the vote count. The process is supported by the Elections Officer and his staff.

7. Following a check of the quorum, Members will be called up in alphabetical order starting with the letter “A” to proceed to the voting area in the Plenary Hall, where they will receive a ballot paper to cast their votes.

8. The three vacancies will be filled using one single ballot paper, which lists the four candidates in alphabetical order. As there are three vacancies to be filled, voting delegates must mark three candidates of their choice. **It is important that voting delegates mark three candidates since ballot papers that show less or more than three votes shall be invalid<sup>2</sup>.** It is therefore not possible to select only one, or two or four candidates of preference, as three votes must be cast out of the four candidates for a ballot paper to be valid.

9. If a voting delegate wishes to abstain in the vote, the ballot paper should be left blank entirely.

10. The ballot paper will clearly reflect the number of vacancies that need to be filled. A sample ballot paper is attached in Annex.

### **III. Majority requirement and result of the election**

11. Candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be elected as members of the Council, provided they also reach the required majority of more than half of members casting valid votes. As with other votes, this number does not include abstentions or defective ballot.

12. If only some vacancies are filled, a further ballot would be held to elect a candidate or candidates from among the remaining candidates. Only if no candidate achieves the required majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes would be eliminated.

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<sup>2</sup> General Rules of the Organization, Rule XII paragraph 12(b).

## Sample ballot paper

ورقة اقتراع  
选票  
Ballot paper



Bulletin de vote  
Бюллетень для голосования  
Papeleta de votación

انتخاب أعضاء المجلس  
عن إقليم أوروبا (اعتبارًا من الأول من يوليو/تموز 2024 وحتى نهاية الدورة الخامسة  
والأربعين للمؤتمر)

选举理事会成员

欧洲区域 (自 2024 年 7 月 1 日至大会第四十五届会议结束)

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

EUROPE REGION (from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Conference)

ÉLECTION DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL

RÉGION EUROPE (du 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 2024 jusqu'à la fin de la 45<sup>e</sup> Conférence)

ВЫБОРЫ ЧЛЕНОВ СОВЕТА

ЕВРОПЕЙСКИЙ РЕГИОН (на срок с 1 июля 2024 года по окончании 45-й сессии Конференции)

ELECCIÓN DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO

REGIÓN DE EUROPA (desde 1 de julio de 2024 hasta el final de la 45.<sup>a</sup> Conferencia)

المقاعد المطلوب شغلها

待补席位:

SEATS TO BE FILLED:

SIÈGES À POURVOIR:

ЧИСЛО МЕСТ, ПОДЛЕЖАЩИХ ЗАПОЛНЕНИЮ:

PUESTOS QUE HAY QUE CUBRIR:

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الرجاء وضع علامة "X" في الخانة الخاصة بالمرشحين الثلاثة الذين تودون انتخابهم

在您支持当选的 3 个候选国对应方框内划 "X"

Place an "X" in the boxes corresponding to the 3 candidates you wish to elect

Mettre un "X" dans les cases correspondant aux 3 candidats que vous désirez élire

Поставьте "X" напротив трех кандидатов, за которых вы хотите отдать свой голос

Marque con una "X" los recuadros correspondientes a los tres candidatos que desee elegir

كرواتيا/克罗地亚/Croatia/Croatie/Хорватия/Croacia	
آيسلندا/冰岛/Iceland/Islande/Исландия/Islandia	
هولندا/荷兰/Netherlands/Pays-Bas/Нидерланды/Países Bajos	
الاتحاد الروسي/俄罗斯联邦/Russian Federation/Fédération de Russie/Российская Федерация/Federación de Rusia	

-1 أي ورقة تُترك بيضاء تعتبر بمثابة امتناع عن التصويت.  
-2 أي ورقة تحمل أصواتاً لعدد من المرشحين يزيد أو يقل عن عدد المقاعد المطلوب شغلها تعتبر ملغاة.

1. 未填写的空白票视为弃权。

2. 所选候选国多于或少于待补席位的选票视为废票。

1. Any ballot paper left blank will be considered an abstention.

2. Any ballot paper carrying votes for more or less candidates than seats to be filled shall be considered defective.

1. Tout bulletin blanc sera considéré comme une abstention.

2. Tout bulletin portant plus ou moins de suffrages que de sièges à pourvoir sera considéré comme nul.

1. Все незаполненные бюллетени рассматриваются как голос "воздержался".

2. Все бюллетени, в которых число поданных голосов больше или меньше числа мест, подлежащих заполнению, считаются недействительными.

1. Las papeletas en blanco se considerarán abstenciones.

2. Las papeletas en las que se vote por más o menos candidatos que el número de puestos por cubrir se considerarán defectuosas.