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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ROME

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Twenty-sixth Session

Rome, 9 - 28 November 1991

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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Ninety-ninth Session decided, in accordance with Rule XXIII-1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, that nominations for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council should be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council by 17.00 hours on Friday, 6 September 1991.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received one nomination, that of Mr Antoine Saintraint (Belgium). Copies of the Curriculum Vitae of the nominee and the transmittal communication are appended.

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NOTE VERBALE

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The Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium - Permanent Representation of Belgium to FAO - presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to inform you that the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium has decided to renominate Mr Antoine SAINTRAINT, General Administrator of Cooperation with Development Countries, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council of FAO.

This nomination is presented within the deadline established by the FAO Council at its Ninety-ninth Session, at the Seventeenth Plenary Session of 20 June 1991, and with specific reference to G/CF 4/3 of 5 July 1991.

In accordance with the statutes of the Organization, the election will take place at the Twenty-sixth Session of the Conference to be held in Rome in November 1991.

The updated curriculum vitae of the current Independent Chairman of the Council, whose nomination for a second term of office is presented in accordance with Rule XXIII of the General Rules, is attached to this note verbale.

In accordance with the provisions of this Rule the Secretary-General is requested to circulate this nomination to FAO Member Governments.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium - Permanent Representation of Belgium to FAO - takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

Rome, 6 August 1991

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



CURRICULUM VITAE OF  
MR ANTOINE SAINTRAINT

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 28 March 1927. Namur. Belgium

DEGREES: Candidate. Faculties of Philosophy and Literature. Namur  
Doctor of Laws. Université catholique de Louvain  
B.A. Political and Social Sciences

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1944-1945 Volunteer, First American Army
- 1950-1951 Attorney, Namur Bar
- 1951-1960 Territorial Administrator
- 1960-1961 Chargé de mission at the Ministry of African Affairs
- 1961-1968 Member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium. Deputy from Brussels
- 1968-1975 Head of the Mission for Cooperation in Latin America, headquarters Mexico City, subsequently in Lima
- 1975-1977 Chef de Cabinet at the Ministry of Brussels Affairs
- 1977-1984 General Administrator of Cooperation with Developing Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cooperation with Developing Countries
- 1984-1986 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, responsible in particular for issues concerning hunger in the world
- 1986-1989 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 1989-1991 Independent Chairman of the Council of FAO

CONTRIBUTION TO ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

Mr Antoine SAINTRAINT, in his capacity as General Administrator of Cooperation with Developing Countries, has participated in many activities of various United Nations organizations including UNDP, WHO, UNIDO, FAO, IFAD, WFP...

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- former Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Consultative Council of Benelux
- has chaired numerous missions and joint commissions:
  - in Latin America; particularly in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia
  - in Africa; especially in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and Angola
  - in Asia; particularly Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia and China.
- Associate Member of the Académie royale des Sciences d'Outre-Mer of Belgium - natural and medical sciences
- has participated in numerous international conferences (TCDC Buenos Aires, WFP Paris, Special programme for Africa in New York...)
- as effective governor of IFAD from 1978 to 1984, was particularly responsible for the inspection of Belgian Survival Fund Projects in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.
- chaired the WFP Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes in 1987.
- participated in
  - the Twentieth Regional Conference for the Near East held in Tunis in March 1990.
  - the Seventeenth Regional Conference for Europe held in Venice in 1990.
  - the Twentieth Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific held in Beijing in April 1990.
  - the Sixteenth Regional Conference for Africa held in Marrakech in June 1990.
  - the Twenty-first Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean held in Santiago in July 1990.
- participated in the 17th Ministerial Session of the World Food Council held in Helsingore - Denmark in June 1991.

