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### THIRD REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

#### Appointment of the Vice-Chairmen of the Three Commissions

1. In accordance with Rule X-2(c) GRO the Committee recommends to the Conference that the Vice-Chairmanships of the three Commissions be distributed as follows:

- Commission I : M. Vara Ochoa (Peru)  
T. Strojwas (Poland)
- Commission II : D. Nanjira (Kenya)  
D. Nilaweera (Sri Lanka)
- Commission III : Ms M. Galvolgyi (Hungary)  
S. Aidara (Senegal)

#### Statement in Plenary Meetings of the Conference by International Non-Governmental Organizations having Consultative Status

2. The General Committee was apprised of requests from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the International Cooperative Alliance, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers and the World Federation of Trade Unions, all international Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with FAO, to address the Plenary of the Conference.

3. Having examined these requests, the General Committee, in accordance with Rule X-2(g) of the General Rules of the Organization, is now reporting to the Conference, and recommends that the Conference grant speaking time in Plenary to the above-mentioned organizations on the understanding that a maximum time limit of 10 minutes will be observed and that in no case will such organizations be given priority in speaking over delegates of Member Nations.

#### Method of Work of Commission III

4. The Committee discussed the question of the method of work of Commission III and the particular problems that would be faced due to the time limitations in preparing the report of that Commission on agenda item 24, Membership of Regional Economic Integration Organizations in FAO - Amendments to the Basic Texts of the Organization. The Committee recommends that the Conference appoint a rapporteur to prepare the report

of the Commission on this item, and further recommends that M. Sinaceur (Morocco) be appointed Rapporteur and S. Aidara (Senegal) Assistant Rapporteur. The Committee also recommends that Commission III meet again on Friday 15 November and that the Commission I discussions presently scheduled for Friday be held on Saturday 16 November.

#### Right to Vote

5. The General Committee notes that the following Member Nations have not paid sufficient amounts of their assessed contributions to retain their vote in the Conference.

Member Nations	(A) Amounts in Arrears	Years Applicable	(B) Contribution Due for Two Preceding Years	(A-B) Minimum Payment Required to Ensure Vote
<u>I. Member Nations in Arrears</u>				
	(\$US)		(\$US)	(\$US)
Belize	51 872.00	1988/90	51 872.00	1.00
Cambodia	186 724.00	1982/90	51 872.00	134 853.00
Dominican Republic	462 016.00	1986/90	207 488.00	254 529.00
Equatorial Guinea	127 138.00	1985/90	51 872.00	75 267.00
Gabon	249 457.67	1988/90	207 488.00	41 970.67
Guatemala	109 371.70	1988/90	103 774.00	5 628.70
Peru	577 561.70	1988/90	387 136.00	190 426.70
Sao Tome and Principe	77 070.23	1987/90	51 872.00	25 199.23
Seychelles	71 034.19	1988/90	51 872.00	19 163.19
Somalia	75 904.00	1988/90	51 872.00	24 033.00
Suriname	87 538.00	1987/90	51 872.00	35 667.00
Uganda	72 185.96	1988/90	51 872.00	20 314.96
<u>II. Member Nations with Conference-Authorized Installment Plans</u>				
Antigua and Barbuda	94 356.10	1988/90	51 872.00	42 485.10
Chad	62 305.50	1989/90	51 872.00	10 434.50

6. The Organization has sent many communications to each of these Member Nations and received replies from all but Sao Tome and Principe, and the Seychelles. Eight of the fourteen Member Nations listed have registered their attendance at the Conference. The six not registered are:

Antigua and Barbuda  
Belize  
Cambodia

Sao Tome and Principe  
Seychelles  
Suriname

7. The following Member Nations have advised the Organization that some payment is being made and should reach the Organization shortly:

Group I:            Gabon  
                      Peru

Group II:            Chad

8. Article III.4 of the Constitution of the Organization states: "Each Member Nation shall have only one vote. A Member Nation which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the Conference if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years. The Conference may, nevertheless, permit such a Member Nation to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member Nation."

9. As information is received by the Director-General from other Member Nations, either with regard to payments made or with regard to a request for special consideration by the Conference or a plan to liquidate their arrears in installments, such information will be considered by the General Committee for further reporting to the Conference.