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Election of Council Members

1. The General Committee formally draws the attention of the Conference to the following paragraphs of Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO):

"3. In selecting Members of the Council, the Conference shall give due consideration to the desirability of:

- (a) including in its membership a balanced geographical representation of nations interested in the production, distribution and consumption of food and agricultural products;
- (b) ensuring the participation in the work of the Council of such Member Nations as contribute in a large measure toward the success of the Organization;
- (c) giving to the greatest possible number of Member Nations an opportunity, by rotation of membership, to serve on the Council".

"4. Member Nations shall be eligible for re-election".

2. The Conference set 12.00 hours on Monday 18 November 1991 as the deadline for submission of nominations for election to the Council¹.

3. The General Committee has examined the nominations received by that time and confirm their validity.

¹ C 91/LIM/6, para. 20.

4. These nominations are as follows:²

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
AFRICA	(a) November 1991 to 31 December 1992 (1 SEAT)	CONGO
	(b) November 1991 to 31 December 1994 (3 SEATS)	ANGOLA RWANDA TANZANIA
	(c) 1 January 1993 to November 1995 (5 SEATS)	CONGO MADAGASCAR NIGERIA TUNISIA ZAIRE
ASIA	(a) November 1991 to 31 December 1994 (6 SEATS)	BANGLADESH CHINA INDONESIA JAPAN KOREA, REP. OF MALAYSIA THAILAND
EUROPE	(a) November 1991 to 31 December 1994 (3 SEATS)	CYPRUS GERMANY HUNGARY ROMANIA
	(b) 1 January 1993 to November 1995 (3 SEATS)	BELGIUM CZECHOSLOVAKIA SPAIN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	(a) November 1991 to 31 December 1994 (3 SEATS)	ARGENTINA CHILE NICARAGUA VENEZUELA
	(b) 1 January 1993 to November 1995 (5 SEATS)	BRAZIL COLOMBIA CUBA MEXICO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

² See C 91/LIM/8 for the vacancies and periods.

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
NEAR EAST	(a) November 1991 to 31 December 1994 (1 SEAT)	IRAN, ISLAMIC REP. OF SYRIA
	(b) 1 January 1993 to November 1995 (2 SEATS)	LEBANON LIBYA
NORTH AMERICA	(a) 1 January 1993 to November 1995 (2 SEATS)	CANADA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5. For the Africa Region for the period November 1991 - 31 December 1992 there is one candidate for 1 seat, therefore one ballot may be sufficient to fill the vacancy.

6. For one region, i.e., Africa, the number of candidates for the period November 1991 - 31 December 1994 is the same as the number of vacancies. One ballot for this region may therefore be sufficient for candidates to obtain the required majority in accordance with Rule XII-3(a) and (b) GRO. In this connection, attention is drawn to Rule XII-9(a) GRO which specifies that the election of Council Members must be decided by secret ballot, even in cases where there are not more candidates than Council seats to be filled. For the Region of Asia there are seven candidates for six seats; for the Region of Europe there are four candidates for three seats; for the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean there are four candidates for three seats and for the Region of Near East there are two candidates for one seat. This means that for these Regions more than one ballot may be needed before the vacancies are filled.

7. For the period 1 January 1993 - November 1995 for two regions, i.e., Africa and North America the number of candidates is the same as the number of vacancies. Therefore one ballot may be sufficient for candidates to obtain the required majority in accordance with Rule XII-3(a) and (b) GRO. In accordance with Rule XXII-10(g) GRO: "Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw". Accordingly, for the Region of Europe there will be 4 candidates for 3 seats; for the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean there will be 6 candidates for 5 seats and for the Region of Near East there will be 3 candidates for 2 seats. This means that for these 3 regions more than one ballot may be needed before the vacancies are filled.

8. The General Committee notes that voting will take place on Monday 25 November 1991 in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Conference.

9. The Committee recommends that:

- (a) the first stage of voting should comprise balloting for the Africa Region to fill one seat for the period November 1991 - 31 December 1992, and balloting for all regions concerned for the period November 1991 - 31 December 1994. This would be followed by any additional ballots which may be required for this period.
- (b) The second stage of voting should comprise balloting for all regions concerned for the period 1 January 1993 - November 1995. This would be followed by any additional ballots which may be required for this period.

Appointment of the Independent Chairman of the Council

10. The Conference had before it one nomination for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council.

11. The Conference after a secret ballot appointed Mr..... to the office of Independent Chairman of the Council for a period of two years up to the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 1993, and adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution .../91

APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

THE CONFERENCE,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization:

- 1. Declares thatis appointed Independent Chairman of the Council for a period of two years, that is, until the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 1993;
- 2. Decides that the conditions of appointment, including the allowances attached to the office of the Independent Chairman of the Council, shall be as follows:
 - (a) An annual allowance of the equivalent of US\$10 000 to cover the representation expenses and secretarial assistance in the Chairman's home station, on the understanding that the Director-General will provide secretarial assistance when the Chairman attends sessions of the Council or Conference; one-half of the allowance shall be payable in US dollars, the balance being payable, in whole or in part, in the currency of the home country of the Chairman, or in Italian lire, according to his desires;
 - (b) A per diem allowance at a rate equivalent to that for the Deputy Director-General, while the Chairman is absent from his home station on Council business, the allowance being reduced to US\$20 per diem while the Chairman is in travel status on board a common carrier other than by sea;

(c) Travel expenses, including the above per diem allowance, shall be defrayed by the Organization, in conformity with its regulations and existing practice, when the Chairman attends sessions of the Council, of the Programme and Finance Committees, of the Conference, or when he is invited by the Council or by the Director-General to travel for other purposes.

Method of Work of Commission III

12. The Committee recommends that the rapporteur appointed by the Conference to prepare the report of Commission III on item 24 be invited to continue this work for the other items on the Commission agenda, and to consult as necessary the two Vice-Chairmen of the Commission for this purpose.

Timetable of the Session

13. The Committee recommends that Plenary should meet on the morning of Friday 22 November 1991 to consider sections of the report of Commission II as part of an attempt to shorten the Conference by one day.