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CONFERENCE

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Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

1. Article 4(a) of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension fund provides that “the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a staff pension committee for each member organisation, and a secretariat to the Board and to each such committee”. Under Article 6(c) the staff pension committee of each member organization “shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organisation corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service...”

2. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee plays an important role in the general effort to harmonise United Nations pensions and their administration with the requirements of Organisations of the United Nations common system and of their staff, who may serve and retire in all countries of the world. The characteristics of the International Civil Service of the United Nations system require particular care as well as in-depth treatment of the issues that are brought to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly. Its responsibilities are:

- a) to review the Pension Fund Regulations and Administrative rules with respect to possible amendments thereto in order to formulate the position of the Committee's delegation to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which in turn makes recommendations as appropriate, to the United Nations General Assembly;
- b) to interpret and apply the Regulations and Administrative rules of the Pension Fund in cases of contestation by FAO and WFP participants of a decision by the Secretary of the Staff Pension Committee concerning participants' entitlements and/or status;
- c) to grant disability benefits in payment (approximately 25-30 cases per year), in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

3. The Committee meets in Rome as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting half a day). Depending on the Board seats allocated to FAO, the Committee appoints from among its membership representatives to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the higher administrative body of the Fund, reporting directly to the United Nations General Assembly. Regular sessions of the Board are held not less frequently than once every two years.

4. The FAO/WFP Staff Pension Committee consists of:

- three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
- three members (and three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
- three members (and three alternates) elected by the FAO and WFP Participants.

5. The Conference-appointed members and alternates at present are:

Term of Office	Members	Alternates
1 January 2011 - 31 December 2013	Ms Natalie Feistritzer Permanent Representative of the Republic of Austria to FAO	Mr Keith Lee Heffern Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO
1 January 2010 - 31 December 2012	Ms Sultana Afroz Alternate Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	His Excellency Zohrab V. Malek Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to FAO
1 January 2009 - 31 December 2011	Mr Ibrahim Abu Atilah Alternate Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to FAO	Mr Carlos Bentancour Alternate Permanent Representative of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to FAO

6. In view of the time factor and to avoid undue travel costs in connection with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings which are held in Rome the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

7. The Conference *is invited to appoint* to the Staff Pension Committee the following:

- a) One member to serve from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2014;
- b) One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2014;
- c) One member to serve from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015;
- d) One alternate member to serve from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015.