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CONFERENCE

Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June - 2 July 2011

**Proposal to amend Article V.1 of the FAO Constitution
submitted by Morocco**

1. The proposal to amend Article V.1 of the FAO Constitution contained in the attached letter from the Ambassador of Morocco to FAO and G77 Chairperson, was communicated to the membership through circular letter ref. LEG-81 of 25 February 2011 and through the Permanent Representatives Web site.

Rome, 23 February 2011

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to refer the letter forwarded by the Dominican Republic on 20 July 2009, (attached hereto) concerning an increase in the membership of the Council.

While recalling that the Conference, at its Thirty Sixth Session, in 2009, decided to defer consideration of a draft Conference resolution amending Article V, paragraph 1 of the Constitution for further discussions, I should like, in the name of my country and on behalf of the Group of 77, to reiterate the proposal, under Article XX, paragraph 3 of the Constitution, that an amendment to the Constitution be considered by the forthcoming Thirty-seventh session of the Conference, as follows:

Article V, paragraph 1 of the Constitution is to be amended to read as follows:

A Council of the Organization consisting of forty-nine sixty-one Member Nations shall be elected by the Conference. Each Member Nation on the Council shall have one representative and shall have only one vote. Each Member of the Council may appoint alternate, associates and advisers to its representative. The Council may determine the conditions for the participation of alternates, associates and advisers in its proceedings, but any such participation shall be without the right to vote, except in the case of an alternate, associate or advisor participation in the place of a representation. No representative may represent more than one Member of the Council. The tenure and other conditions of the office of the Members of the Council shall be subject to rules made by the Conference.

The proposed allocation of additional 12 seats is as follows:

| Regional Group | New Seats | Rationale |
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| Africa | 2 | To enhance Regional representation |
| Asia | 2 | To enhance Regional representation |
| Europe | 3 | To enhance Regional representation |
| GRULAC | 2 | To enhance Regional representation |
| Near East | 2 | To enhance Regional representation |
| South-West Pacific | 1 | To enhance Regional representation |
| North America | - | This Region already has 100% representation |

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hassan Abouyoub,
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Morocco
G77 Chairperson



His Excellency
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