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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-eighth Session

Rome, 15-22 June 2013

### Applications for Membership in the Organization

#### Executive Summary

The Director-General has received a formal application for membership from:

1. the Republic of South Sudan on 28 January 2012, which was communicated to Members through Circular letter C/CA-11/1 of 30 April 2012 and was submitted to the 144<sup>th</sup> Session of Council in June 2012 (document C 2013/10);
2. Brunei Darussalam on 17 January 2013, which was communicated to Members through Circular letter C/CA-11/1 of 22 March 2013 and was submitted to the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of Council in April 2013 (document C 2013/10 Rev.1); and
3. the Republic of Singapore on 7 May 2013, which was communicated to Members through Circular letter C/CA-11/1 of 24 May 2013 and is presented in the present document C 2013/10 Rev.2.

#### Suggested action by the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of Conference

The Conference may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present, decide to admit additional Members to the Organization.

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1. Rule XIX.2 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) provides that any application for membership “shall be placed on the agenda of the next Conference session which opens not less than 30 days from the receipt of the application”.

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2. Article II.2 of the Constitution provides that any nation applying for membership shall submit a “declaration made in a formal instrument that it will accept the obligations of the Constitution as in force at the time of admission”.

3. Rule XIX.1 of the GRO provides that this formal instrument may accompany or follow the application, and in the later case “shall reach the Director-General not later than the opening day of the Conference session at which the admission of the applicant is to be considered”.

### **Applications for Membership**

#### **Republic of South Sudan**

4. The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan in the form of a letter dated 28 January 2012, which included an instrument of formal acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO (Appendix A). This application was communicated by circular letter ref. C/CA-11/1 on 30 April 2012 to FAO Members by the Director-General.

#### **Brunei Darussalam**

5. The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam in the form of a letter dated 17 January 2013, which included an instrument of formal acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO (Appendix B). This application was communicated by circular letter ref. C/CA-11/1 on 22 March 2013 to FAO Members by the Director-General.

#### **Republic of Singapore**

6. The Director-General received a formal application for membership from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore in the form of a letter dated 7 May 2013, which included an instrument of formal acceptance of the relevant obligations of the Constitution of FAO (Appendix C). This application was communicated by circular letter ref. C/CA-11/1 on 24 May 2013 to FAO Members by the Director-General.

#### **Relevant Texts**

7. The following texts are relevant to the procedure for the admission of additional Members of the Organization:

- a) Article II, paragraph 2 of the Constitution: the Conference may by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization is present, decide to admit additional Members to the Organization.
- b) Rule XII.3(c) of the GRO: when a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required, the total number of affirmative and negative votes cast shall be more than one half of the Member Nations of the Organization.
- c) Rule XII.10(a) of the GRO: admission of additional Member Nations shall be decided by secret ballot.

8. The following provisions are also relevant:

- a) Article XVIII.2 of the Constitution: each Member Nation undertakes to contribute annually to the Organization its share of the budget, as apportioned by the Conference.
- b) Article XVIII.3 of the Constitution: each Member Nation shall, upon approval of its application, pay as its first contribution a proportion, to be determined by the Conference, of the budget for the current financial period.
- c) Regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations: any Nation admitted to membership shall pay a contribution to the budget for the financial period in which the membership becomes effective. Such contributions begin with the quarter in which the application was approved.



## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

Vice President

Ref: *RS/VA/S/36/3'*

Date: *28/1/2012*

The Director-General  
Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla  
Rome  
ITALY

### Re: Application membership

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of South Sudan has decided to apply for membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. I therefore, request that, in conformity with Rule XIX, Paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization, this application be laid before the Conference of the Organization which, I understand will hold its next Session in Rome from 15 to 22 June 2013.

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization, and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Dr. Riək Machar Teny  
Vice President

*28/1/2012*  




## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

**Vice President**

Ref: RS.S. (V.A.A.I) 38/3

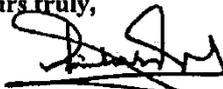
Date: 28/1/2012

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### INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

The Government of the Republic of South Sudan hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Yours truly,

  
Dr. Riek Machar Teny  
Vice President

28/1/2012

## Appendix B



17 January 2013

Dear Director-General,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Brunei Darussalam has decided to apply for membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. I therefore, request that, in conformity with Rule XIX, Paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organization, this application be laid before the Conference of the Organization at its next Session in Rome, due to be held from 15 to 22 June 2013.

The Government of Brunei Darussalam hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organization, and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**MOHAMED BOLKIAH**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade

José Graziano da Silva  
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## Appendix C



7<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Singapore has decided to apply for membership in the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. I therefore, request that, in conformity with Rule XIX, Paragraph 2 of the General Rules of the Organisation, this application be laid before the Conference of the Organisation which, I understand, will hold its next Session in Rome in June 2013.

The Government of the Republic of Singapore hereby formally accepts the obligations of membership in the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations as laid down in the Constitution of that Organisation, and solemnly undertakes fully and faithfully to carry out these obligations as in force at the time of admission.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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**K SHANMUGAM**  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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