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COUNCIL

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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee

- Under Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Programme Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members (two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVI.2 of the GRO).
- The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provide for Member Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
- The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee is given in *Appendix A*.

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4. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

Ms Cecilia Nordin Van Gansberghe (Sweden)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee:

ALGERIA (Mr Azeddine Riache)	AFRICA
ETHIOPIA (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)	
BANGLADESH (Ms Sultana Afroz)	ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
CHINA (Mr Li Zhengdong)	
BELGIUM (Ms Martine Van Dooren)	EUROPE
GERMANY (Ms Swantje Nilsson)	
ARGENTINA (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
PANAMA (Mr Gerardo E. Vega Berrio)	
AFGHANISTAN (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)	NEAR EAST
EGYPT (Mr Essam Osman Fayed)	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (Mr Javad Shakhs Tavakolian)	
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (Mr Ammar Awad)	
CANADA (Mr Marco Valicenti)	NORTH AMERICA
NEW ZEALAND (Mr Neil Fraser)	SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

6. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 of this Rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than vacancies.

APPENDIX A

AFGHANISTAN

Name: **Mr ABDUL RAZAK AYAZI**

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

Member of the FAO Programme Committee since 2004

Member of the FAO Council

Chief of the Evaluation Service of FAO

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Participation in many sessions of the Governing Bodies of FAO, the Executive Board of WFP and the Executive Board of IFAD

In-depth knowledge of the Rome-based UN Agencies

ALGERIA

Name: **Mr AZEDDINE RIACHE**

Present functions: First Alternate, Permanent Representation of Algeria to the UN Rome-based Organizations

Main previous functions: Central Inspector, Taxes General Direction (Ministry of Finance)
 Head, Partnership Office with the European Union, Ministry of External Affairs
 Economic Counsellor, Algerian Embassy in Madrid, Spain
 Deputy Director, International Financial Institutions and Economic Trans-regional Organizations, General Direction of International Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

October 2010	Seminar on Inter-Regional Intellectual Property and Economic Development (WIPO) Preparation of and Participation in Conferences of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)
May 2009	Sixth Session, Pilot Group on Innovate Financing, Paris
June 2009	International Conference on the World Economic Crisis
June 2009	Preparations for the MDG Summit in 2010; International Conference on the World Economic Crisis G-8 and G-20 Summits (L'Aquila (Italy), London (United Kingdom), Washington D.C. (USA), Seoul (Republic of Korea))
December 2009	United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

ARGENTINA

Name: **Mr GUSTAVO OSCAR INFANTE**

Present functions: Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Alternate Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO

Main previous functions:

2006 - 2010	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship
1998 - 2006	Head of the Economic and Trade Office, Embassy of the Argentine Republic in Canada
1995 - 1998	Directorate of South America (Brazil Desk), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship
1989 - 1995	Office of Political Affairs and Office of Economic Integration, Embassy of the Argentine Republic in Chile
1986 - 1989	Directorate of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2006 - 2010	FAO World Summit on Food Security 34 th Session of the FAO Conference 36 th Session of the Committee on World Food Security
1998 - 2006	Meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Labelling (Ottawa, Canada)

BANGLADESH

Name: **Ms SULTANA AFROZ**

Present functions: Economic Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Agencies in Rome

Main previous functions:

Worked in different Ministries as Assistant Secretary and Deputy Secretary. Was responsible for specific programmes, and implemented the governing programme. Graduated from Harvard University, USA and studied political programme management

Member of the FAO Programme Committee

Member of the FAO Council

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

FAO Programme Committee meetings

FAO Pension Committee meetings

FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)

FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG)

Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

50th Session of the UN General Assembly

Council, Conference and Reform Committee meeting (member) of Working Group III

WFP Executive Board Meetings

IFAD Governing Council Meetings

IFAD Emoluments Committee Meeting

IFAD Replenishment meetings

BELGIUM

Name: **Ms MARTINE VAN DOOREN**

Present functions: Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Belgium and Alternate Permanent Representative to Rome-based United Nations Organizations

Main previous functions: Director General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Counsellor General for Multilateral Cooperation, Brussels (2004-2007)

General Counsellor for Development Policy of the EU Directorate General for Development

Deputy Chef de Cabinet in the Office of the State Secretary for International Cooperation

General Counsellor for bilateral and multilateral cooperation

Deputy Chief in the Office of the Minister for Development Cooperation

Counsellor, General Administration for Development Cooperation in charge of Cooperation Programmes with West African and Latin American countries.

2007 – present Executive Board Director for Belgium, IFAD

Until April 2009 Member of the Evaluation Committee, IFAD

Member of the FAO Programme Committee

Member of the Administrative Council of BIO International (Investment Agency for Developing Countries headquartered in Brussels)

Since 2003 Member of the Jury for the International King Baudouin Prize for Development, King Baudouin Foundation, Brussels

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

In her former capacity as Director General for Cooperation and Counsellor General for Multilateral Cooperation, has participated in many United Nations and other international conferences/meetings on development. She has had extensive liaison with United Nations Agencies in New York (UNDP, UNICEF, and UNIFEM), in Geneva (UNHCR, ILO, UNAIDS, WHO), in Rome (FAO, IFAD, WFP, BIOVERSITY), in Paris (OECD, UNESCO), as well as with the development banks (World Bank, Agricultural Development Bank, International Development Bank, African Development Bank, West African Development Bank).

Missions abroad: Has performed numerous working missions in more than fifty countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

CANADA

Name: **Mr MARCO VALICENTI**

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations in Rome, and Agriculture Counsellor (since September 2008).

Main previous functions:

September 2008 to present	<p>Alternate Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations in Rome, and Agriculture Counsellor.</p> <p>Develops, influences and supports Government of Canada agricultural policy and programming activities, priority-setting and coordination with UN Rome-based Agencies. Establishes and effectively manages strategic options for increased engagement with FAO.</p>
2007 – 2008	<p>Director General, Strategic Management Directorate (EX02).</p> <p>Directs the development, implementation, and coordinating of the Department's strategic and business planning frameworks in order to provide the Minister, senior management, and Central Agencies with the necessary information for decision-making on the investment in and stewardship of departmental resources.</p>
2005 – 2007	<p>Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister (EX01).</p> <p>Advised the Deputy Minister on numerous sensitive and evolving policy, programme and operational matters. Imparted context, background, and linkages on specific files in order to effectively manage Departmental issues. Assessed, challenged and assisted senior Departmental managers in the development of cohesive and integrated responses to policy and programme issues.</p>
2003 – 2005	<p>Deputy Director - Europe, Africa, Middle East and Russia, Markets and Trade Team (CO03).</p> <p>Directed, led and coordinated the development and implementation of government strategies, action plans, and initiatives in Europe, Africa, Middle East and Russia with regard to growth, trade development and investment in the Canadian agri-food sector.</p>
2002 – 2003	<p>Senior Programme Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) (AS07), Farm Financial Programs Branch.</p> <p>Provided strategic advice to the ADM and, senior management on departmental strategic programmes and policies while managing complex and contentious issues and initiatives relating to farm financial programmes.</p>

2001 – 2002

A/Director, Evaluation Division (ES06), Audit and Evaluation Branch.

Developed and implemented a risk-based internal evaluation strategy and multi-year plan for the conduct of multiple, concurrent evaluations of effectiveness and impacts of policies and programmes.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2008 - 2011 Member of the FAO Programme Committee

2009 - 2011 ITPGRFA Bureau Member

Since September 2008 - Canadian Delegation to CCP, COAG, COFI, COFO, Commission on Plant Genetics Resources, ITPGRFA

CHINA

Name: **Mr LI ZHENG DONG**

Present functions: Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome

Main previous functions:

2004 - 2009	Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1998 - 2004	Deputy Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
2002 - 2003	Member of the FAO's Planning Committee, Ministry of Agriculture
1994 - 1998	Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to FAO
1992 - 1994	Director, International Organizations Division II, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1988 - 1992	Deputy Director, International Organizations Division I, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture
1982 - 1988	Project Officer, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies:

2010 - 2011	Member of the Finance Committee
2007 - 2009	Member of the Finance Committee
2002 - 2004	Member of the Programme Committee

EGYPT

Name: **Mr ESSAM OSMAN FAYED**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome
Executive Board Director of Egypt in IFAD

Main previous functions:
Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee in IFAD

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

All meetings and activities involving the three UN Agencies based in Rome

All Codex Committee meetings in Europe

ETHIOPIA

Name: **Mr ABREHA G. ASEFFA**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

1995 - 2005 Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in charge of nation-wide, demand-driven, community-owned rehabilitation and development fund known as Ethiopian Social Rehabilitation and Development Fund (ESRDF)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2007 - 2010 Head of Delegation, 36th Session of the Committee on World Food Security
 Member of the delegation, 22nd Session of the Committee on Agriculture
 Member of the FAO Council
 Member of the WFP Executive Board
 Head of delegation to the High-Level Conference on World Food Security: The Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, Rome, 3-5 June 2008

December 2009 Head of Delegation, AFSI (G-8, 2009), Rome

November 2009 Head of Delegation, World Summit on Food Security, Rome

February 2009 Head of Delegation, IFAD Governing Council
 Member of the CoC-IEE Working Group 3, representing the Africa Region Group
 Open-ended Working Group on preparations for the World Summit on Food Security, Rome, 2009
 Moderated International Panel on Ecosystem Conservation and Development, COP 15, Copenhagen, 2009
 Head of Delegation, Committee on World Food Security

GERMANY

Name: **Ms SWANTJE NILSSON**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to FAO and other International Organizations

Main previous functions:

2005 – 2008	Head of Division “International Food and Agriculture Organizations, World Food Security and Sustainable Development”, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany
2002 – 2005	Head of Division “Strategic Communication”, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
2001 - 2002	Private Secretary to the Minister of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection
1998 – 2001	Research Assistant for “Youth, Employment, Education” and “Enquete-Commission for Civil Society Engagement”, German Federal Parliament

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2010	FAO European Regional Conference, Yerevan, Armenia
2009 - 2011	Member of the FAO Programme Committee
2008 - 2011	Friends of the Chair meetings/information meetings/seminars, FAO, CoC-IEE
2008 - 2009	CoC-IEE (Spokesperson for European Regional Group in Working Group I)
2006 – 2008	SCN-meetings Geneva, Rome, Hanoi
2006	FAO European Regional Conference, Riga, Latvia
2005 – 2011	All FAO Conferences, Meetings of FAO Council, COAG, CFS
2001	FAO Conference

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Name: Mr JAVAD SHAKHS TAVAKOLIAN

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to FAO

Main previous functions:

Project Manager of two national projects regarding Improvement of Iranian One-humped Camels Reproduction and molecular study of PIT-1 gene in two important Iranian native cattle species

Head of Horse Riding Board of the Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi

Head of Special Animal Affairs Study Group of Environment and Sustainable Agriculture Development Department, Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture

Member of Executive Board of a large state farm

Representative of Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi and member of the Steering Committee of the First National Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Advisor to Minister Jihad-e-Agriculture

Head of Animal Sciences Research Institute of Iran

Secretary of Supreme Council of Research Committee (Ministry of Jihad)

Director General of Planning and Research Affairs Department, Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Vice-Chair, FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG)

Vice-Chair, Near East Group

Member of the Bureau, WFP

Member of the Executive Board, WFP

Spokesperson of the Near East Group, CoC-IEE

Vice-Chair, 141st Session of the FAO Council

NEW ZEALAND

Name: **Mr NEIL FRASER**

Present functions: Manager, International Support, Policy, Science and Economics Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Main previous functions:

1989 - 1993	First Secretary (Agriculture), New Zealand Embassy and Permanent Delegation to OECD in Paris
1981 - 1989	Agricultural Economist, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
1975 - 1978	Lecturer in Animal Production, University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland in Swaziland
1967 - 1975	Farm Adviser, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2009 - 2010	Chair of Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)
1989 - 2009	Delegate to numerous FAO meetings, including Conferences (General Committee, Commission I, Commission II), Council, Regional Conferences, Sub-regional Ministers Meetings, and the Technical Committees (COAG, CCP, CFS). Served on various committees and working groups
2009	Delegation to the FAO World Summit on Food Security in Rome High-level Expert Forum "How to Feed the World in 2050", Rome
2008	FAO High-Level Conference on World Food Security: The Challenges of Climate Change and Bio-energy, Rome
2002	World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg World Food Summit: Five years later, Rome

PANAMA

Name: **Mr GERARDO E. VEGA BERRIO**

Present functions: Minister Counsellor, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP
Substitute Member, FAO Finance Committee

Main previous functions:

2004 - 2008	Minister Counsellor in Bogota, Colombia
1999 - 2004	Director, European Department, Ministry of External Affairs Director in charge of the Diplomatic Academy
1997 - 1999	Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary Ambassador in Asunción, Paraguay
1995 - 1997	Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary Ambassador in La Paz, Bolivia
1983 - 1990	Second and First Secretary, Embassy of Panama in Quito, Ecuador Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of Panama in Quito, Ecuador In charge of Consular Affairs, Embassy of Panama in Quito, Ecuador
1983 - 1984	Third Secretary, Embassy of Panama in Puerto Principe, Haiti

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

SWEDEN

Name: **Ms CECILIA NORDIN VAN GANSBERGHE**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to FAO

Main previous functions:

2006 - 2009	Minister, Swedish Embassy, responsible for EU Affairs, Ljubljana, Slovenia
2003 - 2005	Senior Specialist, World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C., USA, responsible for the "Public Expenditure and Fiscal Accountability Program for Africa"
1998 - 2003	Deputy Director, Government Offices, Stockholm, Sweden, responsible for co-ordination of all FAO matters (including under the first Swedish EU Presidency)
1991 - 1997	Programme Officer, United Nations Development Programme in Vientiane, Laos; Assistant Resident Representative in Freetown, Liberia; and Consultant in Vientiane, Laos
1985 - 1991	Various posts in Swedish banking: Manager of Foreign Guarantees (Gotabanken); Assistant Representative of Swedbank in New York (USA); Corporate Credits Area Manager in Luxembourg (Banque Nordeurope/Swedbank); and Venture Capital Officer in Santiago, Chile (Banchile Asesoría Financiera)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2009 - Present	All major FAO meetings, including: FAO World Summit on Food Security, Rome 27 th FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Yerevan, Armenia (rapporteur jointly with Estonia)
1998 - 2002	All major FAO meetings including: 21 st FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Tallinn, Estonia 22 nd FAO Regional Conference for Europe, Porto, Portugal Non-FAO major meetings, including: Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Bratislava, Slovakia 4 th Session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, New York (rapporteur jointly with Estonia)

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Name: **Mr AMMAR AWAD**

Present functions: Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to FAO

Main previous functions:

Posted in the Syrian Embassies in Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Canberra (Australia)

Lawyer, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Syria

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Various meetings in FAO, WFP, IFAD, the United Nations, OCI