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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee

1. Under Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Finance 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 XXVII.2 of the GRO).
2. 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.
3. 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 nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Finance Committee:

Mr Médi MOUNGUI (Cameroon)

Mr Khalid Mehboob (Pakistan)

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

BURKINA FASO (Mr Laurent Diandioua Couliati)	AFRICA
MOROCCO (Mr Amal Belcaïd)	
INDIA (Mr Shobhana K. Pattanayak)	ASIA
JAPAN (Mr Hideya Yamada)	
NETHERLANDS (Mr Ronald Elkhuisen)	EUROPE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)	
BRAZIL (Mr Olyntho Vieira)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
MEXICO (Mr Jorge Eduardo Chen Charpentier)	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (Mr Javad S. Tavakolian)	NEAR EAST
KUWAIT (Ms Manar Sabah Mohammad Al-Sabah)	
SUDAN (Mr Mohamed Eltayeb Elfaki Elnor)	
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (Mr Ammar Awad)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Ms Karen E. Johnson)	NORTH AMERICA
AUSTRALIA (Mr Travis Power)	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

AUSTRALIA

Name: **Mr TRAVIS POWER**

Present functions: Minister Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy to Italy
Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to FAO
Australian Representation, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
Co-Vice-Chair of the South-West Pacific Region in FAO

Main previous functions: General Manager, Policy Development, Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Manager, Bilateral Trade, Trade and Market Access Division, Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Manager, Water Policy and Reform, Natural Resource Management Division, Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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

2011	Head of Delegation to the Fourth Governing Body Session, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Delegation Member to the FAO Committee on Fisheries
2010	Rapporteur of the Roundtable on Managing Vulnerability and Risk to Promote Better Food Security and Nutrition, 36 th Session of the Committee on World Food Security Head of Delegation, FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
2009 - 2011	Member of the FAO Programme Committee Bureau Member of the Committee on World Food Security Bureau Member of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Bureau Member, Commission on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
2009 - 2010	Vice-Chair, FAO Committee on Agriculture Delegation Member to the Committee on World Food Security Delegation Member to the FAO Committee on Forestry Delegation Member to the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems
2009	Delegation Member to the FAO World Summit on Food Security

BRAZIL

Name: **Mr OLYNTHO VIEIRA**

Present functions: Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions: Deputy Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency, Office of External Relations
Counsellor, Brazilian Embassy in Mexico
Counsellor, Brazilian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva

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

Head of delegation, Technical Working Group of the Basel Convention on Trans Boarder Transportation of Toxic Waste and its Deposits (from 1st to 20th Sessions)

Head of delegation, 5th Session of the United Nations Conference for Fighting Desertification, Geneva

7th Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally-Binding Instrument to Implement International Actions on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm Convention), Geneva

BURKINA FASO

Name: **Mr LAURENT DIANDIOUA COULIDIATI**

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

Main previous functions:

Permanent Secretary to WFP Food Aid, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
2000 - 2006 Responsible of the WFP Sub-Office in Chad

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

Member of the Executive Board of the WFP
Alternate Representative, Governing Council of IFAD
Alternate Representative, FAO Council

CAMEROON

Name: **Mr MÉDI MOUNGUI**

Present functions: Second Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions:

Director of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Senior Agricultural Economist, Service Head, Department of Studies and Projects, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Junior Agricultural Economist, Department of Studies and Projects, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Lecturer of Agricultural Economics (Project Evaluation and Monitoring), Agricultural Training School, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon and Pan African Institute for International Development, West Africa (PAID-WA)

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

2002 - present	Delegate to FAO Conference and Council Sessions Delegate to FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and various Technical Committees Delegate to all FAO Technical Committees
2008 - 2009	Member of the FAO Finance Committee
2002 - 2003	Member of the FAO Programme Committee Member of IFAD Executive Board, Evaluation Committee and Audit Committee Delegate to IFAD Governing Councils since 2002 Delegate to IFAD7, IFAD8 and IFAD9 Replenishments Member of the WFP Executive Board

INDIA

Name: **Mr SHOBHANA K. PATTANAYAK**

Present functions: Minister (Agriculture), Embassy of India, Rome and Alternate Permanent Representative of India to UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome

Main previous functions:

Nov. 2005 – Oct. 2009	Mission Director of National Horticulture Mission, Ministry of Agriculture, India
Sept. 2004 – Oct. 2005	Chairman, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Bangalore, India
March 2000 – Sept. 2004	Excise Commissioner, State Government of Karnataka, India
May 1998 – March 2000	Secretary to Government of Karnataka, India in the Department of Ecology and Environment
May 1997 – May 1998	Director of Watershed Development and Director of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, India
May 1994 – May 1997	Deputy Commissioner, Uttar Kannada, Karnataka State
March 1993 – April 1994	Registrar of University of Mysore, India
March 1991 – March 1993	Deputy Commissioner and Administrator of Local Self-Government in the District of Coorg, Karnataka, India
Sept. 1988 – Feb. 1991	Secretary of Paradip Port Trust
Aug. 1987 – Sept. 1988	Director of Fisheries, Karnataka State, India
Sept. 1986 – Aug. 1987	Project Director, Rural Development Society, District Raichur, Karnataka, India
Sept. 1984 – 1986	Assistant Commissioner, Kundapur Sub-division, Karnataka, India
1982 – 1984	Indian Administrative Service

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

As Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP have been actively involved in the activities of all the three organizations based in Rome (since 2009)

Member of the FAO Council and the Finance Committee

Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)

Member of the IFAD Executive Board and Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee

Member of the WFP Executive Board and Alternate Member of its Bureau

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Name: **Mr JAVAD SHAKHS TAVAKOLIAN**

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

Main previous positions: 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

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:

Spokesperson for IEE WGI and the Near East

Member of the Bureau of COAG

Vice-Chair of COFI

Vice-Chair Commission I, FAO Conference in November 2009

JAPAN

Name: **Mr HIDEYA YAMADA**

Present position: Embassy of Japan in Italy

Main previous positions:

Jan.2011-June 2011	Director, FTA and Bilateral Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, MAFF
May 2009 - Jan. 2011	Director, International Affairs Office, Food Safety and Consumer Policy Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF
Aug. 2008 - May 2009	Director, FTA and Bilateral Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, MAFF
Sept. 2006 - Aug. 2008	Director, Information and Liaison Office, International Policy Division, International Affairs Department, MAFF
July 2003 - Sept. 2006	Deputy Director, International Affairs Office, Food Safety and Consumer Policy Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, MAFF
Sept. 2001 - July 2003	Deputy Director, Policy Planning and Evaluation Division, Secretariat of the Minister, MAFF
Sept. 1998 - Sept. 2001	First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of Japan to FAO and WFP, Japanese Embassy in Italy

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

July 2010	33 rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
March 2010	5 th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
June 2009	32 nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
November 2005	14 th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems
1998 - 2001	Various FAO and WFP meetings

KUWAIT

Name: Ms MANAR SABAH MOHAMMAD AL-SABAH

Present position: Alternate Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations Organizations in Rome

Main previous positions:

2007 - present	Member of the Kuwaiti Representation to the United Nations Agencies in Rome
2006 - 2007	Special Projects Manager (Publishing, Promotional Items, Marketing and Distribution), Kuwait
2005 - 2006	Various academic teaching positions

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

2010 - 2011	Member of the FAO Finance Committee
2008 - present	Representing Kuwait and contributing to the discussions in the IEE working groups of the FAO Reform; participated in all discussions within G77 to form a unified position as well as contributing in monitoring the implementation of the IEE recommendations
2007 - 2010	<p>Representing Kuwait at the WFP Executive Board</p> <p>Participating in List B discussions of the WFP Executive Board documents, preparing and presenting statements on behalf of Asia</p> <p>Attending FAO technical meetings on nutrition, including Workshop on strengthening the potato value chain in developing countries, and the technical group of animal genetic resources</p> <p>Contributing to the debates of the FAO Near East Regional Group</p> <p>Coordinating and managing the Five-year plan of Kuwait prepared by FAO</p> <p>Coordinating and facilitating a donation from the State of Kuwait for a new structure at FAO Headquarters in Rome</p> <p>Elected Rapporteur, 36th Session of the Committee on World Food Security on National Initiatives for Food Security and Nutrition</p> <p>Member of the Drafting Committee, 133rd and 134th Sessions of the FAO Council</p> <p>Representing the Near East region in the Drafting Committee of the Committee on World Food Security in 2008</p> <p>Elected Rapporteur, 1st Session of the WFP Executive Board 2009</p> <p>Participating in the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti. Was appointed Rapporteur for Group 1</p>
2004	Participated in the 6 th International Scientific Meeting of the Cassava Biotechnology Network in Cali, Colombia

MEXICO

Name: **Mr JORGE EDUARDO CHEN CHARPENTIER**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to FAO

Main previous functions:

2005 – 2006	Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004 – 2005	Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.
2001 – 2004	Alternate Representative to the European Institutions in Brussels
1998 – 2001	Ambassador of Mexico to Hungary
1995 – 1997	Director-General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993 – 1995	Director-General for Asia and Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992 – 1993	Director- General of the Diplomatic Archives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990	Chargé d'affaires at the Embassy of Mexico in Chile
1985 – 1992	Adviser to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1979 – 1985	Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

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

2007 – 2009	Member of the Finance Committee
2001 - 2004	Alternate Representative to the European Institutions in Brussels

MOROCCO

Name: **Mr AMAL BELCAÏD**

Present functions: Minister Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative of Morocco to FAO

Main previous functions:

	Service Chief of Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation, General Direction of Bilateral Relations
2002 - 2007	Alternate, Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Brussels
2000 - 2002	Service Chief, Multilateral Cooperation, ECOSOC
1994 - 2000	First Secretary, then Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, in charge of the Fourth Commission (Decolonization and special political matters) and of the African Group at the Ambassador's level; in charge of the Sixth Commission (Legal) of the Arab Group at the Ambassador's level as well as the Sanctions Committee of the Security Council concerning Iraq
1987 - 1989	Secretary, Foreign Affairs, Direction of International Organizations
1992 - 1994	

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

2001 - 2002	Member of the Preparatory Committee of the Monterrey Conference on the Development Financing, New York
May 1998	Member of the Drafting Committee, Statute of the International Criminal Court, Rome Summit
October 1989	Member of the Moroccan Delegation to the 44 th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York
September 1989	Member of the Moroccan Delegation to the 9 th Non-Aligned Summit in Belgrade

NETHERLANDS

Name: **Mr RONALD ELKHUIZEN**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture, Rome

Main previous functions:

2009 - 2011	Member and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee
2007 – 2009	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Inter-ministerial Coordinator for International Functions. Responsible for identifying Dutch candidates for managerial positions in International Organizations.
2005 – 2007	United Nations, Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).
2001 – 2005	Counsellor, Netherlands Mission to the UN, Netherlands Representative to the Fifth Committee; Vice-Chairperson, Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly
1999 – 2001	Directorate General for International Relations, European Commission, responsible for Human Rights in UN framework. Project manager ICTY/ICTR subsidies.
1994 – 1999	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Head UN-Section Co-ordination and Special Organisations. Member of the Netherlands delegation to the Fifth Committee, the WHO Assembly and the FAO Council. Responsible for EU-coordination on those issues.
1992 – 1994	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Financial Department. Dealing, among other things, with the preparation of weekly Council of Ministers meetings and responsible for contacts with the Court of Auditors.
1989 – 1992	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Council of Europe Section. Facilitator of the Netherlands delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly.
1989	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Secretary to the Advisory Council on Human Rights. Responsible for draft reports/advise on human rights issues to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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

2006	Member of the ACABQ mission to the DRC to review the military, development and humanitarian activities of the MONUC mission on site.
2005	Participated in several seminars organized by the Netherlands on UN-Reform for Permanent Representatives on top management on the UN Secretariat. Greentree Estate Long Island, New York, United States of America
2004	Organized and participated in a Seminar on Results-Based Budgeting for UN-Staff and Permanent Missions. Princeton University, New Jersey, United States of America
1995	Member of the UN Committee for Programme and Coordination

PAKISTAN

Name: **Mr KHALID MEHBOOB**

Present functions: Advisor and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions:

2008 - 2009	Senior Consultant, FAO
1991 - 2007	Assistant Director-General, Administration and Finance Department, FAO
1978 - 1991	Director, Internal Audit Inspection and Management Control, FAO

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

Member of the Pakistan delegation to the 139th, 140th and 141st Sessions of the FAO Council

Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Member of the Pakistan delegation to the 33rd and 34th Session of the Governing Council of IFAD

Member of the Pakistan delegation to the 99th, 100th and 101st Sessions of the Executive Board of IFAD

Member of the Pakistan delegation to the 9th Replenishment meeting of IFAD

Chairman of the Sub-list C-2 Member Nations of IFAD

Attending various FAO meetings as Member of the Pakistan delegation on the Reform of FAO (CoC/IEE, OWEG)

Attending various seminars and meetings in FAO, IFAD and WFP

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Name: **Mr VLADIMIR V. KUZNETSOV**

Present functions: Chief Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps

Main previous functions:

1996 - 2009	Head of Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (deals with financial, budgetary, management and personnel issues of international organizations)
1992 - 1996	First Secretary, Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
1990 - 1991	Second Secretary, USSR Permanent Mission to the UN (delegate to the Fifth Committee)
1984 - 1989	Attaché, Third, Second Secretary, Division of Administrative and Budgetary Matters and UN Secretariat Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980 - 1984	UN Secretariat, New York

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

2004 --2005	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1999 - 2003	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1998 - 2000	Alternate Member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe
1996 - 1998	Member of the Russian delegation to the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Committee of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC)
1995 - 2000	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1994	Member of the <i>ad hoc</i> Intergovernmental Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 48/218
1986 - 1997	Member of the USSR, Russian Federation delegation to the 42 nd - 53 rd sessions of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Issues of the General Assembly); member of the delegation to the 31 st - 38 th sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; member of the delegation to the sessions of the Committee on Conferences of the United Nations

SUDAN

Name: **Mr MOHAMED ELTAYEB ELFAKI ELNOR**

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

Main previous functions:
State Minister for Agriculture and Animal Resources

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

Participant in all Meetings and Conferences of the three Rome-based Agencies (FAO Conference, Council, Technical Committees, Finance Committee; WFP Executive Board; IFAD Governing Council)

Member of the FAO Council and of the WFP Executive Board for two consecutive years

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Name: **Mr AMMAR AWAD**

Present functions: Counsellor, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic to FAO
Alternate Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to FAO, WFP
and IFAD

Main previous functions:
Posted to the Syrian Arab Republic Embassy in Buenos Aires
(Argentina) and Canberra (Australia)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Syria, Department of International
Organizations, OIC, UN

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **MS KAREN E. JOHNSON**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America to
FAO

Main previous functions:
Consul General, US Consulate in Hamburg, Germany

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

37th Session of the FAO Conference