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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION

EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PROCEDURE AND VOTING

INTRODUCTION

1. The following notes on this subject should not be taken to be more than an explanatory guide, and reference should be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the General Rules of FAO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2000 edition). The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Thirteenth Edition of the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

2. Each Member of the Commission has one vote¹. Members of the Commission are those Member Nations of FAO or WHO which have notified either the Director-General of FAO or of WHO of their wish to be Members of the Commission.

3. The relevant Rules of the Commission are as follows:

¹ Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission provides as follows: "A Member Organization may exercise on matters within its competence, in any meetings of the Commission or any subsidiary body of the Commission in which it is entitled to participate in accordance with paragraph 2, a number of votes equal to the number of its Member States which are entitled to vote in such meetings and present at the time the vote is taken. Whenever a Member Organization exercises its right to vote, its Member States shall not exercise theirs, and conversely". Rule II.4 of the Rules of Procedure provides that a "Member Organization shall not be eligible for election or designation, nor to hold office in the Commission or any subsidiary body. A Member Organization shall not participate in voting for any elective places in the Commission and its subsidiary bodies".

Rule VII.1

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this rule, each Member of the Commission shall have one vote. An alternate or adviser shall not have the right to vote except where substituting for the representative.

Rule I.2

Membership shall comprise such eligible nations as have notified the Director-General of FAO or of WHO of their desire to be considered Members of the Commission.

QUORUM FOR VOTING

4. The quorum for the conduct of elections in the Commission is the majority of the Members of the Commission attending the session, provided that such a majority is not less than 20% of the total membership of the Commission, nor less than 25 Members. It is likely in view of the membership of the Commission that the quorum for the conduct of elections during the Twenty-seventh Session of the Commission will be 34 Members.²

5. The relevant Rule of the Commission is as follows:

Rule V.6

The majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of making recommendations for amendments to the Statutes of the Commission and of adopting amendments of, or additions to, the present Rules in accordance with Rule XIV.1. For all other purposes the majority of the Members of the Commission attending the session shall constitute a quorum, provided that such a majority shall be not less than 20 percent of the total membership of the Commission, nor less than 25 Members. In addition, in the case of amendment or adoption of a proposed standard for a given region or group of countries, the quorum of the Commission shall include one third of the Members belonging to the region or group of countries concerned.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

6. No formal procedure for the nomination of candidates to hold office in the Commission has been laid down in the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. In accordance with Rule VII.7 of the Commission the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of FAO apply *mutatis mutandis*. However, in accordance with Rule XII.5 of the General Rules of FAO, the appointing body shall determine the nomination procedure. The Commission has previously agreed that nomination forms should not be distributed in advance of the Commission's sessions but should be available to Members of the Commission on request at the commencement of the session from the Election Officer appointed by the Director-General of FAO. Only nomination forms returned to the Election Officer will be regarded as valid.

ELECTION BY GENERAL CONSENT OR SECRET BALLOT

7. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission prescribe that elections shall be decided by secret ballot except where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies. In this latter case, the Commission may decide to proceed by means of clear general consent.

8. The relevant Rule of the Commission is as follows:

Rule VII.5

Elections shall be decided by secret ballot, except that, where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, the Chairperson may submit to the Commission that the election be decided by clear general consent. Any other matter shall be decided by secret ballot if the Commission so determines.

ELECTIONS TO FILL ONE ELECTIVE PLACE

9. The election for the appointment of the Chairperson of the Commission is conducted under the provisions of Rule XII.11 of the General Rules of FAO, which reads as follows:

² One fifth (20 per cent) of 170 = 34 Members.

Rule XII.11

In any election for one elective place, other than that of the Director-General, if a candidate fails on the first ballot to obtain a majority of the votes cast, successive ballots shall be taken at such time or times as the Conference or Council shall decide, until a candidate obtains such a majority.

ELECTIONS TO FILL MORE THAN ONE ELECTIVE PLACE

10. In the case of the elections of the three vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, Rule XII.12 of the General Rules of FAO applies, except in respect of the quorum provisions which are those contained in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, as explained in paragraph 4 above. The relevant Rule is as follows:

Rule XII.12

In any election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the following shall apply:

- (a) Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.*
- (b) Any candidate who receives the required majority of the votes cast as defined in paragraph 3(b) of this Rule shall be declared elected³.*
- (c) If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot.*
- (d) This procedure shall continue until all the elective places have been filled.*
- (e) If in any ballot no candidate received the required majority, the candidate having received the smallest number of votes in that ballot shall be eliminated and a further ballot held, in accordance with (c) above, between the remaining candidates.*
- (f) If in any ballot no candidate receives the required majority and more than one candidate receives the smallest number of votes, a separate ballot between these candidates shall be held and the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.*
- (g) If in the separate ballot provided for in (f) of this paragraph more than one candidate again receives the smallest number of votes, the above operation shall be repeated with respect to those candidates until one candidate is eliminated, provided that if all the same candidates receive the smallest number of votes in two successive separate ballots, such candidates as will have been designated by lot shall be eliminated.*
- (h) If at any stage in an election other than a separate ballot all remaining candidates receive the same number of votes, the Chairman of the Conference shall formally announce that if in the two following ballots the votes are equally divided he will suspend balloting for a period which he shall determine and then hold two further ballots. If after applying this procedure the final ballot again results in an equally divided vote, such candidate as will have been designated by lot shall be declared elected³.*

DEFINITION OF VOTES CAST

11. Under the General Rules of FAO only affirmative or negative votes count as “votes cast” for calculating the majority required. Abstentions and defective ballots are not counted in the calculation of the majority. Rules XII.4(a) and (b) of the General Rules of FAO apply and read as follows:

Rule XII.4

- (a) For the purpose of the Constitution and these Rules the phrase “votes cast” shall mean affirmative and negative votes, and shall not include abstentions or defective ballots.*

³ Rule XII.3(b) reads as follows: “Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, in the case of an election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the required majority shall be the smallest number of whole votes necessary to elect no more candidates than there are seats to be filled. This majority shall be obtained by the following formula:

$$\text{Required majority} = \frac{\text{number of votes cast}}{\text{number of seats} + 1} + 1$$

(disregarding any resultant fraction)”.

- (b) *In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the phrase “votes cast” shall mean the total number of votes cast by the electors for all elective places.*

DEFINITION OF ABSTENTIONS

12. Abstentions are recorded only for those who specifically indicate that they are abstaining. In the case of a secret ballot, a blank ballot paper or one marked “Abstention” by the voter is an abstention. Failure to vote does not count as a formal abstention.

13. Rule XII.4(c) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.4(c)

Abstentions shall be recorded:

- (i) *in a vote by show of hands, only for those delegates or representatives who raise their hands in response to the Chairman’s request for abstentions;*
- (ii) *in a roll call vote, only for those delegates or representatives who reply “Abstention”;*
- (iii) *in a secret ballot, only for such ballot papers deposited in the ballot box as are either blank or marked “Abstention”.*

DEFINITION OF DEFECTIVE BALLOT

14. In the case of a secret ballot, a defective ballot paper is one:

- with votes for more candidates than vacancies;
- with votes for persons or places not validly nominated;
- in multiple elections, with less votes than places to be filled;
- with any notation or mark not necessary to indicate the vote.

15. However, subject to the above any ballot paper shall be considered valid if the intention of the voter is clear. Rule XII.4 (d)(i)-(iv) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII. 4(d)

- (i) *Any ballot paper carrying votes for more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, or carrying a vote for an individual, nation or locality not validly nominated, shall be considered defective.*
- (ii) *In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place any ballot paper carrying votes for less candidates than there are vacancies to be filled shall also be considered defective.*
- (iii) *The ballot paper shall carry no other notation or mark than those required for the purpose of indicating the vote.*
- (iv) *Subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a ballot paper shall be considered valid when there is no doubt as to the intention of the elector.*

METHOD OF CONDUCTING A SECRET BALLOT

Appointment of tellers

16. Rule XII.10(c)(i)-(iii) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.10(c)

- (i) *For the purpose of a secret ballot the Chairman of the Conference or Council shall appoint two tellers from among the delegates or representatives, or their alternates. In the case of a secret ballot for an election, the tellers shall be delegates or representatives, or their alternates, who are not parties directly interested in the election.*
- (ii) *The duties of the tellers shall be to supervise the balloting procedure, count the ballot papers, decide on the validity of a ballot paper in any case of doubt, and certify the result of each ballot;*

(iii) *The same tellers may be appointed for successive ballots or elections.*

Ballot papers

17. Rule XII.10(d) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII. 10(d)

Ballot papers shall be duly initialled by an authorized officer of the secretariat of the Conference or Council. The elections officer shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement. For each ballot only one blank ballot paper shall be given to each delegation entitled to vote.

Voting booths

18. Rule XII.10(e) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII. 10(e)

For a vote by secret ballot, one or more voting booths shall be set up, supervised in such a manner as to ensure complete secrecy of the ballot.

Replacement of invalidated ballot papers

19. Rule XII.10(f) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.10(f)

Should any delegate invalidate his ballot paper, he may, before leaving the precinct of the polling booths, request a new blank ballot paper, which shall be delivered to him by the elections officer on the surrender of the invalidated ballot paper. The invalidated ballot paper shall remain in the custody of the elections officer.

Attendance at counting of votes

20. Rule XII.10(g) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.10(g)

Should the tellers withdraw from the presence of the delegates or representatives in order to carry out the count of the votes, only the candidates or scrutineers appointed by the candidates may attend the count, but they shall not take part in the count.

Protection of secrecy of ballot

21. Rule XII.10(h) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.10(h)

Members of delegations and of the secretariat of the Conference or Council who are responsible for the supervision of any vote by secret ballot shall not disclose to any unauthorized person any information which might tend, or be presumed to tend, toward destroying the secrecy of the ballot.

Custody of ballot papers

22. Rules XII.10(i) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.10(i)

The Director-General shall be responsible for the safe custody of all ballot papers until the elected candidates take of office or for three months after the date of the ballot, whichever is the longer period.

Postponement of balloting in an election

23. In an election the Conference may postpone second or subsequent ballots. Rule XII.14(b) of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.14(b)

At any stage in an election after the first ballot has been held, further balloting may be postponed by the Chairperson with the concurrence of the Conference or Council.

RAISING OF POINTS OF ORDER DURING A VOTE

24. A vote may be interrupted only on a point of order which is in connection with the voting. Rule XII.15 of the General Rules of FAO applies and reads as follows:

Rule XII.15

Once voting has commenced, no delegate or representative may interrupt the voting except to rise to a point of order in connection with the voting.

CHALLENGING THE RESULT OF A VOTE OR ELECTION (SECRET BALLOT)

25. Procedure and time limit for challenging the results of a vote or elections. Rule XII.16(d) and (e) of the General Rules of FAO apply and read as follows:

Rule XII.16

- (d) A secret ballot may be challenged at any time within three months of the date upon which it took place or until the elected candidate takes office, whichever is the longer period.*
- (e) Should a vote or election by secret ballot be challenged, the Director-General shall cause the ballot papers and all relevant record sheets to be re-examined and shall circulate the result of the investigation, together with the original complaint, to all Member Nations of the Organization or of the Council, as appropriate.*

OFFICERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

26. During its Twenty-seventh session the Commission will have to elect a Chairperson and three Vice Chairpersons to serve from the end of the Twenty-seventh session to the end of the next regular session of the Commission.

Chairperson

27. In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, it is necessary for the Commission to elect a Chairperson to hold office from the end of the Twenty-seventh session until the end of the next regular session. The present Chairperson, Dr **Stuart Slorach** (Sweden) is eligible for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having held this office for one term.

Vice-Chairpersons

28. The same provisions of Rule III.1 apply to the election of Vice-Chairpersons as apply to that of Chairperson. The current Vice-Chairpersons, Dr **Claude J.S. Mosha** (United Republic of Tanzania), Dr **Hiroshi Yoshikura** (Japan) and Dr **Paul Mayers** (Canada) are eligible for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having held this office for one term.

29. Rule III.1 of the Commission reads as follows:

Rule III.1

The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives, alternates and advisers (hereinafter referred to as "delegates") of the Members of the Commission; it being understood that no delegate shall be eligible without the concurrence of the head of his delegation. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold office from the end of the session at which they were elected until the end of the following regular session. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall remain in office only with the continuing endorsement of the respective Member of which they were a delegate at the time of election. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO shall declare a position vacant when advised by the Member of the Commission that such endorsement has ceased. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for re-election but after having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

30. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are respectively the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In addition to the foregoing officers, the Executive Committee has seven further members elected by the Commission from among members of the Commission, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, South-West Pacific. The term of office of these Members is equal to two (regular) sessions of the Commission, and at its Twenty-sixth session the Commission elected **Cameroon, Philippines, Mexico, Belgium, Egypt, United States of America and Australia**, respectively to serve until the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission (now the Twenty-eighth session).

31. Rule IV. 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission further prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. No action is required on the part of the Twenty-seventh session of the Commission in regard to these positions, while care should be taken so that the provisions of the Rule IV.1 of the Rules of Procedure are adhered to.

OFFICERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

32. Please see Appendix I which shows the officers of the Commission and members of the Executive Committee from 1962 to the present.

MEMBERS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AS AT 13 APRIL 2004

33. Please see Appendix II which contains a list of the Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as at 13 April 2004. An up-to-date list of the Members of the Commission will be distributed at the commencement of the Twenty-seventh Session of the Commission as a Conference Room Document, if additional notifications of membership are received.

APPENDIX 1

**CHAIRPERSONS, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED ON
A REGIONAL BASIS⁴**

SESSION	CHAIRPERSON	VICE-CHAIRPERSONS	REGIONAL MEMBERS
1 st (1962)	J.L. Harvey (USA)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands) H. Doyle (New Zealand) Z. Zaczekiewicz (Poland)	Argentina, Australia, Canada, India, Senegal, United Kingdom
2 nd (1964)	J.L. Harvey (USA)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands) H. Doyle (New Zealand) Z. Zaczekiewicz (Poland)	
3 rd (1965)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands)	H.V. Dempsey (Canada) G. Weill (France) J.H.V. Davies (UK)	Ghana, India, Poland, USA, Cuba, Australia
4 th (1966)	M.J.L. Dols (Netherlands)	H.V. Dempsey (Canada) G. Weill (France) J.H.V. Davies (UK)	
5 th (1968)	J.H.V. Davies (UK)	I.H. Smith (Australia) E. Mortensen (Denmark) O. Högl (Switzerland)	Ghana, Japan, Poland, Argentina, USA, New Zealand
6 th (1969)	J.H.V. Davies (UK)	I.H. Smith (Australia) E. Mortensen (Denmark) O. Högl (Switzerland)	
7 th (1970)	G. Weill (France)	N.A. de Heer (Ghana) A. Miklovicz (Hungary) G.R. Grange (USA)	Tunisia, Japan, Fed. Rep. Germany, Argentina, Canada, Australia
8 th (1971)	G. Weill (France)	N.A. de Heer (Ghana) A. Miklovicz (Hungary) G.R. Grange (USA)	
9 th (1972)	A. Miklovicz (Hungary)	D.G. Chapman (Canada) E. Matthey (Switzerland) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Tunisia, Thailand, Fed. Rep. Germany, Brazil, USA, Australia
10 th (1974)	D.G. Chapman (Canada)	E. Matthey (Switzerland) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico) T. N'Doye (Senegal)	
11 th (1976)	E. Matthey (Switzerland)	T. N'Doye (Senegal) D. Eckert (F.R. Germany) W.C.K. Hammer (Australia)	Kenya, Thailand, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, USA, New Zealand

⁴ Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are elected for a period of one regular Commission Session and may be re-elected once. Members of the Executive Committee elected on a regional basis, are elected for a period of two regular Commission Sessions and may be re-elected once. The Session Number and the dates given in this table refer to the Session in which the Officers of the Commission were elected. Except for the 1st Session, the Officers of the Commission hold office from the end of the session in which they are elected to the end of the following regular session. Regional Members hold office from the end of the session in which they are elected to the end of the second succeeding regular session.

SESSION	CHAIRPERSON	VICE-CHAIRPERSONS	REGIONAL MEMBERS
12 th (1978)	E. Matthey (Switzerland)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany) D.A. Akoh (Nigeria) S. Al Shakir (Iraq)	
13 th (1979)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany)	D.A. Akoh (Nigeria) E.F. Kimbrell (USA) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Kenya, Republic of Korea, USSR, Argentina, Canada, New Zealand
14 th (1981)	D. Eckert (F.R. Germany)	A.A.M. Hasan (Iraq) A.H. Ibrahim (Sudan) E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	
15 th (1983)	E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	A. Brinkner (Denmark) A.A.M. Hasan (Iraq) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	Cameroon, Republic of Korea, USSR, Argentina, Canada, Australia
16 th (1985)	E.F. Kimbrell (USA)	A. Brinkner (Denmark) E.R. Mendéz (Mexico) L. Twum-Danso (Ghana)	
17 th (1987)	E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	J.K. Misoi (Kenya) N. Tape (Canada) F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	Cameroon, Thailand, Netherlands, Cuba, USA, Australia
18 th (1989)	E.R. Mendéz (Mexico)	C. Kane (Senegal) N. Tape (Canada) F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	
19 th (1991)	F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	L. Crawford (USA) Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand) J. Race (Norway)	Tunisia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Cuba, Canada, New Zealand
20 th (1993)	F.G. Winarno (Indonesia)	D. Gascoine (Australia) Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand) J. Race (Norway)	
21 st (1995)	Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand)	J.A. Abalaka (Nigeria) D. Gascoine (Australia) S. Van Hoogstraten (Netherlands)	Tunisia, Malaysia, France, Brazil, United States of America, New Zealand
22 nd (1997)	Pakdee Pothisiri (Thailand)	T. Billy (USA) M.-E. Chacón (Costa Rica) S. Van Hoogstraten (Netherlands)	Canada ⁵
23 rd (1999)	T. Billy (USA)	G. Ríos (Chile) S. Slorach (Sweden) D. Nhari (Zimbabwe)	Tanzania, Philippines, France, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Australia ⁶
24 th (2001)	T. Billy (USA)	G. Ríos (Chile) S. Slorach (Sweden) D. Nhari (Zimbabwe)	
26 th (2003)	S. Slorach (Sweden)	C.J.S. Mosha (Tanzania) H. Yoshikura (Japan) P. Mayers (Canada)	Cameroon, Philippines, Mexico, Belgium, Egypt, United States of America, Australia

⁵ Canada was appointed at the 22nd Session of the Commission to fill the unexpired term of office of the United States of America in view of the requirements of Rule III.1 (currently Rule IV.1) of the Commission concerning geographical representation on the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

⁶ The Membership of the Executive Committee was enlarged by the 23rd Session of the Commission (1999) to include a Member elected from the Region of the Near East.

APPENDIX 2

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION⁷**Africa (43 Members)**

1. Angola
2. Benin
3. Botswana
4. Burkina Faso
5. Burundi
6. Cameroon
7. Cape Verde
8. Central African Republic
9. Chad
10. Congo, Republic of
11. Côte d'Ivoire
12. Democratic Republic of the Congo
13. Equatorial Guinea
14. Eritrea
15. Ethiopia
16. Gabon
17. Gambia
18. Ghana
19. Guinea
20. Guinea-Bissau
21. Kenya
22. Lesotho
23. Liberia
24. Madagascar
25. Malawi
26. Mali
27. Mauritius
28. Morocco
29. Mozambique
30. Namibia
31. Niger
32. Nigeria
33. Rwanda
34. Senegal
35. Seychelles

36. Sierra Leone
37. South Africa
38. Swaziland
39. Tanzania, United Republic of
40. Togo
41. Uganda
42. Zambia
43. Zimbabwe

Asia (21 Members)

44. Bangladesh
45. Bhutan
46. Brunei Darussalam
47. Cambodia
48. China
49. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
50. India
51. Indonesia
52. Japan
53. Korea, Republic of
54. Lao People's Democratic Republic
55. Malaysia
56. Mongolia
57. Myanmar
58. Nepal
59. Pakistan
60. Philippines
61. Singapore
62. Sri Lanka
63. Thailand
64. Viet Nam

Europe (42 Members)

65. Albania
66. Armenia
67. Austria
68. Belgium

69. Bulgaria
70. Croatia
71. Cyprus
72. Czech Republic
73. Denmark
74. Estonia
75. Finland
76. France
77. Georgia
78. Germany
79. Greece
80. Hungary
81. Iceland
82. Ireland
83. Israel
84. Italy
85. Kazakhstan
86. Kyrgyzstan
87. Latvia
88. Lithuania
89. Luxembourg
90. Malta
91. Moldova, Republic of
92. Netherlands
93. Norway
94. Poland
95. Portugal
96. Romania
97. Russian Federation
98. Serbia and Montenegro
99. Slovak Republic
100. Slovenia
101. Spain
102. Sweden
103. Switzerland
104. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
105. Turkey

⁷ The European Community, a Member Organization, is not included in the present list. Confirmation is yet to be received from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mauritania in regard to the geographic location they wish to belong to.

106. United Kingdom

Latin America and the Caribbean (33 Members)

107. Antigua and Barbuda

108. Argentina

109. Bahamas

110. Barbados

111. Belize

112. Bolivia

113. Brazil

114. Chile

115. Colombia

116. Costa Rica

117. Cuba

118. Dominica

119. Dominican Republic

120. Ecuador

121. El Salvador

122. Grenada

123. Guatemala

124. Guyana

125. Haiti

126. Honduras

127. Jamaica

128. Mexico

129. Nicaragua

130. Panama

131. Paraguay

132. Peru

133. Saint Kitts and Nevis

134. Saint Lucia

135. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

136. Suriname

137. Trinidad and Tobago

138. Uruguay

139. Venezuela

Near East (18 Members)

140. Algeria

141. Bahrain

142. Egypt

143. Iran (Islamic Republic of)

144. Iraq

145. Jordan

146. Kuwait

147. Lebanon

148. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

149. Mauritania

150. Oman

151. Qatar

152. Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of

153. Sudan

154. Syrian Arab Republic

155. Tunisia

156. United Arab Emirates

157. Yemen

North America (2 Members)

158. Canada

159. United States of America

Southwest Pacific (11 Members)

160. Australia

161. Cook Islands

162. Fiji

163. Kiribati

164. Micronesia, Federated States of

165. New Zealand

166. Papua New Guinea

167. Samoa

168. Solomon Islands

169. Tonga

170. Vanuatu