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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS ELECTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS¹

1. Background

1. The following notes on this subject are 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 (2017 edition)². The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission³.

2. Elections

2.1 Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

2. In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 42nd Session of the Commission (CAC42) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC42 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (normally CAC43 (2020)).

Chairperson

3. The present Chairperson, **Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa (Brazil)** is **eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC40 and having served for two terms.

Vice-Chairpersons

4. The present Vice-Chairpersons, Ms Mariam Eid (Lebanon), Mr Purwiyatno Hariyadi (Indonesia), and Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom), are **eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC40 Session and having served for two terms. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, eligible for the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.2 Members Elected on a Geographical Basis of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

5. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are, respectively, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Executive Committee has, in addition to the foregoing Officers and the Coordinators appointed on the basis of Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure, 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 they are eligible for re-election if they have not served for more than two years in their current term, but after having served two consecutive terms, they shall be ineligible for the next succeeding term.

¹ Due to the postponement of the 2018/2019 Regional Coordinating Committees, the appointment of Regional Coordinators will take place at CAC43 (2020).

² Available at http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2

³ Available at www.codexalimentarius.org/publications/en/

6. CAC40⁴ re-elected **Nigeria, Malaysia, Norway and Mexico** and elected **Egypt, United States of America and Australia** and, therefore:

- **Nigeria, Malaysia, Norway and Mexico** are **no longer eligible** having served two consecutive terms;
- **Egypt, United States of America and Australia** are **eligible** for re-election, having served one term.

2.3 Nomination Periods and Order of Elections

7. The nomination periods for the election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Members elected on a geographical basis are only open at the Commission session in accordance with the following table. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate per elective position.

Table 1 . Nomination periods

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	8 July 2019, 11:00h	8 July 2019, 12:30h	9 July 2019, 19:00h
Vice-Chairpersons	8 July 2019; 14:00h	8 July 2019, 17:00h	9 July 2019, 20:00h
Member of the Executive Committee on a geographical basis	9 July 2019; 9:00h	9 July 2019, 12:00h	9 July 2019, 20:30h

Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The sequence of elections outlined above is established in order to give effect to Rule V.1.

3. Note on procedure and voting

8. The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under Elections and Appointments⁵.

⁴ REP17/CAC

⁵ <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/committees/executive-committee/ccexec-elections/en/>