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## Inaugural FAO Treaty Ceremony

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), acting in his capacity as depositary of seventeen (17) multilateral treaties approved by the Conference or the Council under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution, communicates the following:

An inaugural Treaty Ceremony will be held at FAO's headquarters during the 44th Session of the Conference to be convened in Rome from 28 June to 4 July 2025. At the Treaty Ceremony, Members may deposit instruments of ratification, accession, acceptance, approval or adherence with the Director-General, in person, in relation to Article XIV Treaties.

Members will recall that the Article XIV Treaties – all of which are in force and which are listed below – are multilateral agreements adopted by the Members concerning questions relating to food and agriculture. The Treaty Ceremony presents an opportunity for Members to reaffirm – on the 80th Anniversary of the Organization's establishment – their commitment to FAO's mandate and normative work, and their efforts to support achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the organizing principle of the *four betters*. Ministers and other Heads of Delegation participating in the Conference are encouraged to participate in the Treaty Ceremony.

The date and time of the Treaty Ceremony will be communicated to all Members in due course. In preparation for the Treaty Ceremony, Members that may consider depositing an instrument in respect of any of the Article XIV Treaties to which they are not already a Contracting Party are invited to contact the FAO Legal Office at [treaties@fao.org](mailto:treaties@fao.org) as soon as possible for additional information and guidance.

Information on the Article XIV Treaties, along with model instruments and certified true copies are available at: <https://www.fao.org/treaties/en/>.

### List of Article XIV Treaties:

- Agreement for the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission, Washington D.C., 1 November 1948
- Constitution of the International Rice Commission, Rome, 1 November 1948
- Agreement for the Establishment of a General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, Washington D.C., 1 November 1949
- International Plant Protection Convention, Rome, 6 December 1951
- Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease, Rome, 1 December 1953
- Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region, Rome, 26 November 1955
- Convention Placing the International Poplar Commission within the Framework of FAO, Rome, 19 November 1959
- Agreement for the Establishment of an FAO Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in South-West Asia, Rome, 3 December 1963

- Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region, Rome, 1 July 1965
  - Agreement for the Establishment of a Regional Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Rome, 1 June 1973
  - Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas, Rome, 24 November 1993
  - Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, Rome, 25 November 1993
  - Agreement for the Establishment of the Regional Commission for Fisheries, Rome, 11 November 1999
  - Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region, Rome, 22 November 2000
  - International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome, 3 November 2001
  - Agreement on the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission, Rome, 30 September 2009
  - Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Rome, 22 November 2009
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