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European Commission on Agriculture (ECA)

35/4 Meeting of the Executive Committee

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14.00 – 17.00 hours

Agenda item 5

Update on the status of the Executive Committee Membership

Background

With the separation of the ECA from the ERC and holding the two sessions in alternating years, the next, 39th Session of the ECA will be held in 2015, rather than back-to-back with the ERC in 2016. In this regard, the mandate of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the ECA, as well as the Members of the Executive Committee may expire and elections may be required at the 39th Session of the ECA. The purpose of this document is to outline the election process within the ECA and its Executive Committee, based on the last approved Rules of Procedures of the ECA, as well as to provide an overview of the current mandate and eligibility for re-election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Members.

Election process

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission as ex officio members and (five) six other members elected by the Commission from among the representatives.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected for a term of office of four years and shall not be eligible for re-election thereafter, provided that the Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for election as Chairman. Elections shall take place at the end of a regular session.

The term of office of the elected members shall be for a period of two years and they shall be eligible for re-election for up to two additional two year terms. Elections shall take place at the end of a regular session. In order to ensure both rotation of members and continuity of service, when electing members of the Executive Committee, due consideration shall be given to the desirability of replacing no more than (three) four members at the same time, and avoiding that the overall term of office of an individual, irrespective of the nature of his/her mandate, should exceed eight years.

Overview of the election date and eligibility for re-election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Members

Name	Date of election	Eligible for re-election
Ms Natalie Feistritz, Chair	Newly elected in April 2014, for a term of four years	Mandate until 2018
Ms Alina Popescu, Vice Chair	Newly elected in April 2012, for a term of four years	Mandate until 2016, election of a new Vice-Chair may be required during the 39th ECA session in 2015
Mr Vasily Lavrovskiy, Member	Re-elected in April 2014, for a third term of two years	Non eligible
Mr Siim Tiedemann, Member	Newly elected in April 2014	Eligible for two more terms of two years
Mr Damien Kelly, Member	Newly elected in April 2014	Eligible for two more terms of two years
Mr Mirosław Drygas, Member	Newly elected in April 2014	Eligible for two more terms of two years
Mr Hilmi Ergin Dedeoğlu, Member	Newly elected in April 2014	Eligible for two more terms of two years
Ms Marietta Okenkova, Member	Newly elected in April 2014	Eligible for two more terms of two years