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## A. APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. The General Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the following resolution:

### **APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

#### **THE CONFERENCE**

Acting in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot as laid down in Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization,

1. Declares that Jacques Diouf is appointed to the office of Director-General, for a period of six years, from 1 January 2006, the term of office expiring on 31 December 2011; and

Having considered the recommendations regarding the conditions of appointment of the Director-General submitted by the General Committee in accordance with Rules X-2(j) and XXXVI-1(c) of the General Rules of the Organization,

2. Resolves that the Director-General shall receive a gross annual salary of US\$233 006 corresponding to a net base annual salary of US\$154 664 at the dependency rate, or US\$137 543 at the single rate and an annual post adjustment corresponding to US\$1 547 for each multiplier point at the dependency rate, or US\$1 375 at the single rate, payable in accordance with the provisions of the Organization governing the salary to staff members; that he shall receive a representation allowance at the rate of US\$50 000 net per annum; that in addition the Organization will directly rent appropriate housing accommodation to be assigned as the official residence of the Director-General and pay related expenses; and that he shall be entitled to all other allowances and benefits accruing to staff members of the Organization in the Professional and higher categories; and,

3. Further resolves that the Director-General shall not be a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and that, in lieu thereof, he shall be entitled to receive, in monthly instalments, the equivalent of the Organization's contribution to the Fund that would have been payable had he been a participant, as a supplement to his monthly remuneration; and

4. Further resolves that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations subject, however, to the provisions of the contract to be signed by the Chairman of the Conference on behalf of the Organization and by the Director-General elect, in accordance with Rule XXXVI-1(c).

(Adopted .. November 2005)

**B. PAYMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO COVER  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF ITS  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION**

2. Article XVIII, paragraph 6 of the Constitution provides that:

*“A Member Organization shall not be required to contribute to the budget as specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, but shall pay to the Organization a sum to be determined by the Conference to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its membership in the Organization (...).”*

3. At its Twenty-sixth Session, in 1991, the Conference fixed the sum to be paid by the European Community for the 1992-93 biennium at US\$ 500 000. At its Twenty-seventh Session, in 1993, the Conference again set the amount of the payment due by the European Community for the 1994-95 biennium at US\$ 500 000. This sum was arrived at by taking the lump-sum payment set by the Conference in 1991, increasing it in line with the standard cost increase coefficient adopted for the 1994-95 budget and adjusting it in line with the comparative movement of the US and Italian currencies. The Conference further decided that the sums paid by the EC in respect of administrative and other expenses should be paid into a trust or special fund to be established by the Director-General under Regulation 6.7 of the Financial Regulations.

4. At the request of the Conference, the Finance Committee, at its Seventy-eighth Session in April 1994, considered further the methodology for the calculation of the sum to be paid by Member Organizations to cover administrative and other expenses arising out their membership in the Organization. The Committee:

*“(...) recommended that, in future, the Conference should continue to set the payment due for administrative and other expenses arising out of the membership in the Organization at a lump-sum, calculated on the basis of the lump-sum set for the preceding biennium, adjusted to take into account cost increases in line with the rest of the budget, and the setting of the US Dollar/Italian Lire “budget rate”. This would of course be without prejudice to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in respect of services not normally granted to FAO Members without special payment”.*

5. Since then, on the basis of the methodology recommended by the Finance Committee, the various sessions of the Conference have established the level of payment for the respective biennia. The Conference, at its Thirty-second Session, in 2003, fixed the sum to be paid for the 2004-05 biennium in Euro (Euros 577 835).

6. At its Hundred-and-eighth Session, in September 2004, and at its Hundred-ninth Session, in April 2005, the Finance Committee examined a proposal to revise the methodology to take due account of the present number of FAO Members and insofar as cost increases were concerned. Under this proposal, the biennial adjustment to the European Community’s contribution would reflect the official cost of living increases in the Euro area or in the host country. The Committee was informed that the revised methodology would bring the adjustment formula in line with the system of split assessment and would not have a material impact on the biennial adjustment to the contribution of the European Community to the Organization. The Committee agreed with the proposed revision to the methodology, providing that the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country would be used to adjust the European

Community's contribution for any given biennium. The report of the Finance Committee was endorsed by the Council.

7. In view of the above, the lump-sum has been adjusted to take due account of the increase in FAO Members from 160 in 1991, to 187 in 2005, and on the basis of the higher rate of cost of living increases, being 4.6% for the biennium to date in the host country, using the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs). The lump sum payment due by the EC to cover administrative and other expenses, should therefore be set at €17 145 for the biennium 2006-07.

8. In view of the above, the General Committee recommends to the Conference that it should set the lump-sum payment due by the European Community to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its membership in the Organization at €17 145 for the 2006-07 biennium.

9. As for previous biennia, it is proposed that the sums paid by the European Community in respect of administrative and other expenses should be paid into a trust or special fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

#### **C. STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF FAO STAFF BODIES**

10. The General Committee recommends that, following past practice, the Conference permit a representative of the FAO Staff Bodies to make a statement under item 19 "Other Administrative and Financial Matters", and that this be limited to five minutes.