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APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

1. Article 4(a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides that "the Fund shall be administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, a staff pension committee for each member organization, and a secretariat to the Board and to each such committee". Under Article 6(c) the staff pension committee of each member organization "shall consist of members and alternate members chosen by the body of the organization corresponding to the General Assembly, its chief administrative officer, and its participants in service ...".
2. The FAO Staff Pension Committee consists of:
 - three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Conference of FAO;
 - three members (with three alternates) appointed by the Director-General; and
 - three members (with three alternates) appointed by the FAO participants.
3. It is necessary for the Conference to appoint three members and three alternates to the Staff Pension Committee for the period from 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991.
4. The members and alternates at present are:

Members

Mrs. A. Bergquist
Permanent Representative of
Sweden to FAO

Mr. V. Isarankura
Permanent Representative of
Thailand to FAO

Mr. I. Kaba
Deputy Permanent Representative
of Guinea to FAO

Alternates

H.E. MacDonald P. Benjamin
Permanent Representative of
Dominica to FAO

Mr. S.D. Hill
Alternate Permanent Representa-
tive of the USA to FAO

H.E. Anwar M. Khaled
Permanent Representative of
the People's Democratic
Republic of Yemen to FAO

5. In view of the time factor and to avoid undue travel costs in connexion with attendance at Staff Pension Committee meetings which are held in Rome, the Conference has usually appointed representatives who are resident in Rome.

6. The responsibilities of the FAO Staff Pension Committee are to:

- (a) review the Pension Fund Regulations and Administrative Rules with respect to possible amendments thereto in order to formulate the position of the Committee's delegation to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, which in turn makes recommendations, as appropriate, to the United Nations General Assembly.
- (b) interpret and apply the Regulations and Administrative Rules of the Pension Fund in cases of contestation by FAO participants of a decision by the Secretary of the FAO Staff Pension Committee concerning participants' entitlements and/or status.
- (c) grant disability benefits to FAO participants (on average 8 to 10 cases per year) and review extension of disability

benefits in payment (approximately 25 cases per year), in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund.

7. The Committee meets in Rome as the need arises (normally six to eight times a year for meetings lasting half a day). The Committee appoints the three members (and alternates) representing the Organization in the UN Joint Staff Pension Board, the higher administrative body of the Fund, reporting directly to the UN General Assembly. With the new composition of the Board, the three FAO members represent the FAO Conference, the Director-General and FAO Participants respectively. Regular sessions of the Board are held not less frequently than once every two years. There are also meetings of the Standing Committee of the Board held yearly, attended by at least one member of the FAO Staff Pension Committee.

8. The FAO Staff Pension Committee plays an important role in the general effort to harmonize UN pensions and their administration with the requirements of Organizations of the UN common system and of their staff, who may serve and retire in all countries of the world. The characteristics of the International Civil Service of the UN system require particular care as well as in-depth treatment of the issues that are brought to the attention of the UN General Assembly.

9. In view of the above, the Conference is invited to appoint three members and three alternates to the Staff Pension Committee.