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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-seventh Session

Rome, 25 June - 2 July 2011

### Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

1. At its Hundred and Fortieth Session, the Council decided that, in accordance with Rule XXIII.1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, nominations for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council should be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council by 12.00 hours on Monday 11 April 2011.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council received one nomination, that of Mr Luc Guyau (France). The *Curriculum Vitae* of the nominee and the transmittal communication is given in *Appendix A*.

**APPENDIX A**

Permanent Representation of France  
to the United Nations Agencies for  
Food and Agriculture in Rome (FAO/WFP/IFAD)

N° 10

The Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit a letter from Ms Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, to Mr Ali MEKOUAR, Secretary-General of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

*[Stamp of the Representation]*

Rome, 21 January 2011

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FRENCH REPUBLIC  
PARIS, 14 January 2011

The Minister of State

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Mr Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of the French Republic to put forward Mr Luc Guyau for re-election to the position of Independent Chairperson of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Mr Guyau was elected Independent Chairperson of the Council on 22 November 2009. During the following months he has been able to foster high-calibre dialogue among the Regional Groups and between the Secretariat and the members of the Council, notably at the 139<sup>th</sup> and 140<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Council over which he presided.

As Chairperson of the Conference Committee on follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation and of the Open-Ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, Mr Guyau is fully engaged in reform of the Council for more effective governance of FAO.

His experience in the field of food and agriculture in France, in Europe and in the world (see attached curriculum vitae) has allowed him to carry out his mandate as Independent Chairperson of the Council with a strong capacity to listen, adapt and negotiate. Such skills are essential if the Council is to function successfully. They will also be crucial in addressing key events scheduled for 2011 (especially the election of the new Director-General and the adoption of the next Programme of Work and Budget), which will serve to consolidate the process of reform in the 2011-13 biennium.

Please accept, Mr Secretary-General, the assurance of my highest and warmest consideration.

*(Signed)*

Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE

Mr Ali MEKOUAR  
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of the Food and Agriculture Organization  
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## CURRICULUM VITAE

Luc Guyau

### Independent Chairperson of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Luc GUYAU was born on 21 June 1948 in Thorigny (Vendée). He has been a farmer in this municipality since 1970, collectively working 160 hectares of land with his brother and a nephew. Production is mainly dairy. He is married and has three children.

#### 1. Present functions

- **Independent Chairperson of the Council** of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), elected by the Conference on 22 November 2009.
- **Chairperson** of the Conference Committee on Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE).
- **Chairperson** of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation (OEWG)

#### 2. Previous functions

- **President of the Permanent Assembly of Chambers of Agriculture (APCA)** (2001 - 2010), President of the Chamber of Agriculture of Vendée (1995-2010) and, in this capacity, Vice-President of the Chamber of Agriculture of the Territories of the Loire
- **Vice-President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE)** (2001-2010)
  - **Member** of the Agriculture Group and the General Economic Issues and Current Situation Branch since 1992, presenting two reports: “*The economic and social situation in 2005*”, and “*The primary commodities market: recent price trends and consequences for the economic and social situation (2008)*”;
  - **President of the Committee on the Global Food Challenge:** Press Conference on the document: “*Outcome of the Committee on the Global Food Challenge*”. Paris, 15 September 2010. Organizer, with the European Economic and Social Committee, of an international conference on Food Security under the French Presidency of the European Union, on 13 November 2008. Production of a widely circulated brochure for World Food Day (16 October 2007);
  - **Delegate** of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council at the Interministerial Council for Agriculture and Food (SGAE – CIAA). In this capacity and in that of representative of **AICESIS** (International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions), **delegate to the FAO Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**.
- **Representative of French organizations on the Executive Committee of IFAP** (International Federation of Agricultural producers) 1997 – 2010 and on **COPA** (Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Union), 1986 - 2010.

- **Vice-President of the Permanent Conference of African and French-Speaking Consular Chambers (CPCCAF)**, representing the French Chambers of Agriculture.
- **President of COPA**, 1997 - 1999.
- **President of the National Federation of Agricultural Producers (FNSEA)**, 1992 - 2001.
- **Member** of the European Economic and Social Committee, 1990 - 1992.
- **President** of the National Centre of Young Farmers (CNJA), 1982 - 1984.
- **Member** of the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA), 1978 - 1984.

### 3. Commitments

- **President-Cofounder in 2006 of the literary prize Terra, now “TerrEthique”**, to promote works on agriculture, food supply and natural resource management for the general public.
- **Founding member in 2004 of the ‘Alliés’ association** (Member of the International Alliance Against Hunger), a network of institutional and private entities supported by FAO, established to help fight hunger and poverty in France and the world.

### 4. Awards

- Commander of the Order of Agricultural Merit
- Officer of the Legion of Honour
- Knight of the National Order of Merit
- *Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse*

### 5. Publications

- *La Terre, les paysans et notre alimentation*, le Cherche Midi, 1998
- *Le Défi paysan*, Le Cherche Midi, 2000
- *A quoi sert une Chambre d’agriculture?*, Editions de l’Archipel, 2004