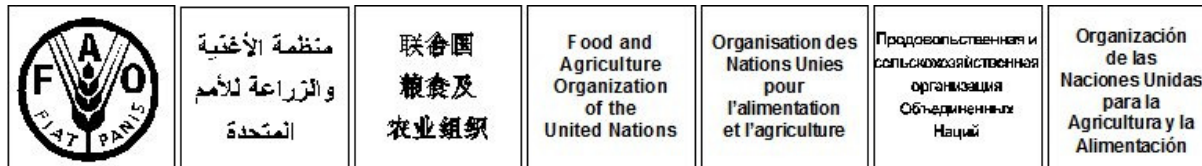


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First Report of the Resolutions Committee

Report of the Resolutions Committee

1. During the meeting held on 28 June 2011, the Resolutions Committee nominated Mr Mark King (Australia) as Chairperson of the Committee.
2. The Chairperson introduced the attached draft Resolutions on:
 - Amendments to the Constitution (Increase in the number of Council Seats);
 - Amendments to the General Rules of the Organization (Increase in the number of Council Seats and allocation of those additional seats);
 - The International Year of the Quinoa submitted by Bolivia; and
 - The International Year of Family Farming submitted by the Philippines
3. The Committee noted that the first two above draft Resolutions were submitted by Morocco on its behalf and on behalf of the G-77; that the third Resolution was submitted by Bolivia; and that the fourth Resolution was submitted by the Philippines.
4. The Committee proceeded with the review of the above draft Resolutions and was of the opinion that the subject matters would fall under (1) provision a) of the Criteria for the formulation of Resolutions, Appendix C of document C 2011/12 Rev.1, for the first two above draft Resolutions relating to the increase in the number of Council seats; and (2) provisions f) and g) of such Criteria for the draft Resolution on the International Year of the Quinoa and the draft Resolution on the International Year of Family Farming.
5. The Committee considered the draft report as translated into the FAO languages, and adopted it.
6. The Committee concluded that the four draft Resolutions reviewed during the meeting were acceptable and recommended that they be transmitted to the Secretariat of the Conference for appropriate action.

Resolution____/2011
Increase in the number of Council seats

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the proposal made to amend Article V, paragraph 1 of the FAO Constitution so that the Council of the Organization consist of sixty-one Member Nations;

Recalling further that the Director-General gave notice of the proposed amendment to FAO Members in accordance with Article XX, paragraph 4 of the Constitution;

Having considered the proposed amendment to Article V, paragraph 1 of the Constitution;

Decides to adopt the following amendment to Article V, paragraph 1 of the Constitution:

“Article V

Council of the Organization

1. A Council of the Organization consisting of sixty-one Member Nations shall be elected by the Conference. Each Member Nation on the Council shall have one representative and shall have only one vote. Each Member of the Council may appoint alternates, associates and advisers to its representative. The Council may determine the conditions for the participation of alternates, associates and advisers in its proceedings, but any such participation shall be without the right to vote, except in the case of an alternate, associate or adviser participating in the place of a representative. No representative may represent more than one Member of the Council. The tenure and other conditions of office of the Members of the Council shall be subject to rules made by the Conference”.

(Adopted on 2011)

Resolution ____/2011**Increase in the number of Council seats and allocation of those additional seats****THE CONFERENCE,**

Recalling the proposal made to amend Article V, paragraph 1 of the FAO Constitution so that the Council of the Organization consist of sixty-one Member Nations;

Recalling further that it is necessary to amend Rule XXII, paragraph 1 of the General Rules of the Organization to reflect the increased membership of the Council;

1. **Decides** to adopt the following amendments to Rule XXII, paragraph 1 of the General Rules of the Organization:

“Rule XXII“**Election of the Council**

1. (a) Except as provided in paragraph 9 of this Rule, the Council shall be elected for a term of three years.
(b) The Conference shall make such provisions as will ensure that the terms of office of twenty Members of the Council shall expire in each of two successive calendar years and twenty-one in the third calendar year.
(c) The terms of office of all members in any one group shall expire simultaneously either on the termination of the regular session of the Conference in a year in which such a session is held, or on 30 June in other years.”

2. **Decides** that one additional seat shall be allocated to the Region of Southwest Pacific, two additional seats each to the Regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Near East, and three additional seats to the Region of Europe.

(Adopted on 2011)

Draft Resolution... /2011
on
The International Year of Quinoa

Submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that quinoa is a natural food high in nutritional value;

Recognizing that Andean indigenous peoples, through their traditional knowledge and practices of living well in harmony with mother earth and nature, have maintained, controlled, protected and preserved quinoa in its natural state, including its many varieties and landraces, as food for present and future generations;

Affirming the need to focus world attention on the role that quinoa biodiversity plays, owing to the nutritional value of quinoa, in providing food security and nutrition, the eradication of poverty in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the outcome document of the High-Level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals;

Recalling the Rome Declaration on World Food Security and the World Food Summit Plan of Action (13-17 November 1996), the Declaration of the World Food Summit: five years later (10-13 June 2002), and the Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security (16-18 November 2009),

Affirming the need to heighten public awareness of the nutritional, economic, environmental, and cultural properties of quinoa:

- 1) **Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations declare at its next session the Year 2013 as the International Year of Quinoa;
- 2) **Further requests** the Director-General to inform future sessions of the FAO Council, as appropriate, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of arrangements made in securing funding for the International Year of Quinoa and, subsequently, of the results of the Year once concluded.

(Adopted on... 2011)

Draft Resolution ____/2011
on
The International Year of Family Farming

Submitted by the Philippines

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that family farming is the basis of sustainable food production aimed towards food security,

Recalling that more than 3 billion people live in the countryside and that 2.5 billion of these women and men are farmers,

Desiring to focus world attention on the role that family farming could play in providing food security and poverty alleviation of the population,

Believing that family farming is much more than an agrarian economic model: it is the nuclear unit for the environmental management of land and its biodiversity, the fountain of important cultural dimensions of each people and, all things considered, a fundamental pillar of the integral development of all nations.

Recognizing that the progressive deterioration in farming income and its effects on rural economies is causing the disappearance of many family farms due to the migrations to the cities.

Believing also that such a celebration would create a unique opportunity to develop means, which would assure in the medium and long term, a prosperous and sustainable family agriculture development in the rural and fishing areas on all the continents, especially, in the developing countries.

Affirming the need to heighten public awareness on the interrelationship between family farming, poverty, food security, and nutrition,

- 1) **Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the United Nations declare the Year 2014 as The International Year of Family Farming.

(Adopted on June 2011)