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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-eighth Session

Rome, 15-22 June 2013

### Election of Council Members

#### Executive Summary

Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) sets out the provisions for the nomination and election of Member Nations to the FAO Council. The term of office for Council Membership is three years.

The Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.

The seats to be filled at the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference comprise 17 which fall vacant at the end of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2013) and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2014.

The 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (3-7 December 2012) recommended that 12.00 hours on Monday 17 June 2013 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Friday 21 June 2013 be set as the date for the election.

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1. In line with the reformed sequence of Governing Body meetings approved by the Conference at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session under Resolution 10/2009, the Conference meets in June of the second year of the biennium. Transitional measures have been implemented since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference to preserve the integrity of the term of office of Council Members elected for a three year term of office at previous sessions of the Conference. The phasing in of the new terms of office is illustrated in *Appendix C*.

2. The present composition of the Council is given below. The seats listed in the first two columns will come up for election as indicated in columns (a) and (b).

<u>17 seats falling vacant at the end of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2013)</u>	<u>16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2014</u>	<u>16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2015)</u>
Argentina	Afghanistan	Bangladesh
Brazil	Algeria	Chile
Canada	Australia	China
Cape Verde	Cameroon	Congo
Côte d'Ivoire	Denmark	El Salvador
Cuba	Ecuador	Eritrea
Equatorial Guinea	Egypt	Gabon
Greece	France	Germany
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Guinea	Japan
Ireland	India	Jordan
Mexico	Indonesia	Philippines
Russian Federation	Italy	Portugal
Syrian Arab Republic	Pakistan	Republic of Korea
Trinidad and Tobago	Poland	Thailand
Tunisia	Saudi Arabia	United Kingdom
Uganda	Togo	Venezuela
United States of America		

- a) From the end of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2013) to 30 June 2016, the distribution of the 17 seats to be filled by region is given below, along with the Member Nations which are currently occupying those seats:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Country occupying seat</b>
Africa (5)	Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Tunisia, Uganda
Asia (0)	
Europe (3)	Greece, Ireland, Russian Federation
Latin America and the Caribbean (5)	Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago
Near East (2)	Iran (Islamic Republic of), Syrian Arab Republic
North America (2)	Canada, United States of America
Southwest Pacific (0)	

- b) For the period 1 July 2014 to the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2017) the distribution of the 16 seats to be filled by region is given below along with the Member Nations which are currently occupying those seats:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Country occupying seat</b>
Africa (4)	Algeria, Cameroon, Guinea, Togo
Asia (3)	India, Indonesia, Pakistan
Europe (4)	Denmark, France, Italy, Poland
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	Ecuador
Near East (3)	Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (1)	Australia

3. Under the terms of Rule XXII.10 of the GRO, each nomination for election to a seat on the Council must be made in writing and supported by the delegates of two Member Nations other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated, and the nomination must be for a specific region. Rule XXII.10(a) specifies that, as soon as possible after the opening of its session and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference shall, on the recommendation of its General Committee, “*decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted*”. The procedure to be followed in submitting these nominations is outlined in Rule XXII.10(b) and (c). Rule XXII.10(d) further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election.
4. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in *Appendix A*.
5. A nomination form is given in *Appendix B*.

**Appendix A****FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES****I. AFRICA**

(Member Nations: 48 - Council seats: 12)

Algeria	Ethiopia	Niger
Angola	Gabon	Nigeria
Benin	Gambia	Rwanda
Botswana	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Lesotho	South Africa
Central African Republic	Liberia	Swaziland
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Tunisia
Congo	Mali	Uganda
Côte D'ivoire	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
	Namibia	

**II. ASIA**

(Member Nations: 23 - Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Philippines
Bhutan	Lao People's	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka
China	Malaysia	Thailand
Democratic People's	Maldives	Timor-Leste
Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Uzbekistan
India	Myanmar	Viet Nam
Indonesia	Nepal	
Japan	Pakistan	

### III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 - Council seats: 10)

Albania	Georgia	Poland
Andorra	Germany	Portugal
Armenia	Greece	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Russian Federation
Belarus	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Israel	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czech Republic	Malta	Switzerland
Denmark	Monaco	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Estonia	Montenegro	Turkey
Finland	Netherlands	Ukraine
France	Norway	United Kingdom

*Member Organization: European Union*

*Associate Member: Faroe Islands*

### IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Member Nations: 33 - Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad And Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica	Mexico	
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

**V. NEAR EAST**

(Member Nations: 21 - Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan	Kuwait	Somalia
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Djibouti	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt	Libya	Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Turkmenistan
Iraq	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Yemen

**VI. NORTH AMERICA**

(Member Nations: 2 - Council seats: 2)

Canada  
United States of America

**VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC**

(Member Nations: 16 - Council seats: 1)

Australia  
Cook Islands  
Fiji  
Kiribati  
Marshall Islands  
Micronesia (Federated States of)  
Nauru  
New Zealand  
Niue  
Palau  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands  
Tonga  
Tuvalu  
Vanuatu

*Associate Member: Tokelau*

**Appendix B**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS**  
(To be submitted by 12.00 hours on Monday, 17 June 2013)

Date: .....

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council  
Room A139E  
Via delle Terme di Caracalla  
00153 Rome

The Delegate of ..... and the Delegate of .....

(Signature)..... (Signature).....

wish to nominate .....

for election to a seat on the Council for the Region of .....  
for the following term of office:

- a) From the end of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2013) to 30 June 2016\*
- b) From 1 July 2014 to the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2017)

The Delegate of ..... accepts this nomination.

\* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.

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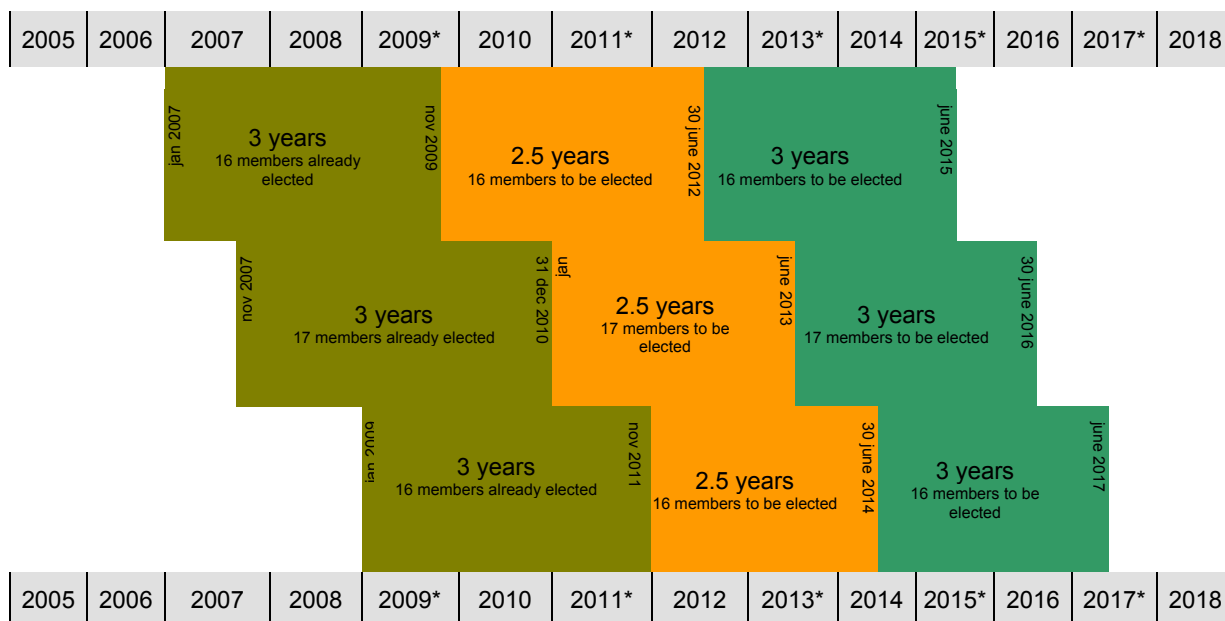
**RULE XXII.10 OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

10. (a) As soon as possible after the opening of the Conference session, and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference, on the recommendation of its General Committee, shall decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted, in accordance with subparagraph (c) below.
- (b) Each nomination shall be made for a specific region as determined by the Conference, indicating the term of office to which it applies, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g) of this paragraph. No nomination shall be made for a term that includes a period for which the Member Nation concerned is already in office.
- (c) Each nomination shall be supported, in writing, by the delegates of two Member Nations to the Conference other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated and shall be accompanied by a formal written acceptance of the nomination by the delegate of the Member Nation nominated. Any nomination reaching the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council after the date and time determined by the Conference for the submission of nominations shall not be valid.
- ....
- (g) The election of Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9(b) and 12 of Rule XII, one election being held to fill simultaneously all the vacancies occurring in each region in each of the calendar years referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. Should the number of Member Nations standing for election in a particular region be equal to the total number of vacancies occurring in both calendar years, one election may be held to fill simultaneously all these vacancies, and the allocation of candidates to the vacancies occurring in each year may be settled, where necessary, by mutual agreement or by the Conference by such methods as it may decide to adopt. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.



Appendix C

Membership Phases <sup>1</sup>



\* denotes Conference year:2009 – November  
 2011 – June  
 2013 – June  
 2015 – June  
 2017 – June

<sup>1</sup> Extracted from document CCLM 87/3.