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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-eighth Session

Rome, 15-22 June 2013

### Amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization (Draft Resolution)

*Extract from the Report of the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (22-26 April 2013)*

28. The Council approved the Draft Resolution for the Conference on Proposed Amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization concerning the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) [*below*], and resolved to submit the Draft Resolution to the Conference for approval.

#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Recalling** that the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), at its Thirty-fifth session, held in Rome from 14 to 17 October 2009, reviewed and adopted the proposals set out in document CFS 2009/2 Rev. 2 “*Reform of the Committee on World Food Security*”, which was inserted in Volume II of the Basic Texts of the Organization;

**Recalling** also that the Conference, at its Thirty-sixth session held in Rome from 18 to 23 November 2009, adopted Resolution No. 14/2009 “*Reform of the Committee on World Food Security, Amendments to the General Rules of the Organization*”;

**Recalling** further that the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), at its Thirty-seventh session, held in Rome from 17 to 22 October 2011, adopted revised Rules of Procedure and mandated the Bureau to recommend an update of Rule XXXIII of the GRO so that they would “*conform with the CFS Reform Document as well as with the revised Rules of Procedure*”;

**Noting** that the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at its Thirty-ninth Session (Rome, 15-20 October 2012) reviewed and endorsed proposed amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization for the implementation of the reform of the Committee on World Food Security;

**Having taken note** of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), at its Ninety-sixth Session (Rome, 4-6 March 2013) on the amendments endorsed by the CFS to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization;

**Considering** that the Council, at its Hundred and Forty-sixth Session (Rome, 22-26 April 2013), endorsed the proposed amendments and agreed to transmit them to the Conference for approval;

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**Decides** to amend Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**“Rule XXXIII**

**Committee on World Food Security**

*A. Composition and participation*

(...)

6. The Committee shall normally hold two sessions during each biennium. Sessions shall be convened by the Director-General, ~~in consultation with~~ and the Chairperson ~~and the Bureau of the Committee~~, taking into account any ~~proposals~~ decision made by the Committee. ~~If required, the Committee may hold additional sessions on the call of the Director-General in consultation with the Chairperson and the Bureau, or on request submitted in writing to the Director-General by the majority of Members of the Committee.~~

[new] 7. The Committee may meet in extraordinary (or special) session:

(a) if at any regular session the Committee so decides; or

(b) if the Bureau so requests.

(following paragraphs to be re-numbered)

*D. High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition*

12 ~~11~~. The Committee shall be assisted by a High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition which shall exercise the following functions; ~~hereinafter referred to as the High Level Panel. The functions of the High Level Panel shall be:~~

- a) to assess and analyze the current state of food security and nutrition and its underlying causes;
- b) to provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice on policy-relevant issues, utilizing existing high-quality research data and technical studies;
- c) to identify emerging issues and assist the Committee and its Members to prioritize future actions and attention on key focal areas.

13 ~~12~~. The High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition shall consist of a Steering Committee and ~~a subsidiary of ad-hoc Project Teams acting on a project-specific basis and constituting a~~ network of food security and nutrition experts. The High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition shall operate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

~~13. The Steering Committee shall consist of between ten and fifteen highly reputable, internationally-recognized experts on food security and nutrition related fields, appointed in their personal capacity for a term of office of two years, renewable only once. The members of the Steering Committee shall be appointed by the Bureau of the Committee on the basis of a recommendation of an ad hoc selection committee consisting of representatives of FAO, the World Food Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Bioversity International and a representative of civil society organizations. The Steering Committee shall normally hold two sessions every year, unless otherwise decided by the Committee itself in extraordinary circumstances. The functions of the Steering Committee shall be:~~

- ~~a) to ensure and follow the preparation of state-of-the-art studies and analysis for consideration by the Committee on a variety of food security and nutrition issues;~~
- ~~b) to assemble expert project teams to prepare studies and analysis in support of decisions of the Committee;~~

<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated using ~~strikethrough text~~ and insertions are indicated using underlined italics.

~~e) to establish and keep under review working methodologies, plans of work and terms of reference for project teams and, in general, manage their work;~~

~~d) to review work methodologies and to propose work plans;~~

~~e) to perform such related functions as may be required.~~

~~14. There shall be a database of experts on all relevant fields related to food security and nutrition who may be nominated by Members of the Committee or any other interested party participating in the proceedings of the Committee. Drawing from this database, the Steering Committee shall constitute ad hoc project teams to analyse and report on such issues as may be referred by the Steering Committee to the team. The project teams shall be constituted for pre-determined periods of time and shall be responsible for drafting studies and analysis under the general direction and oversight of the Steering Committee.~~

(following paragraphs to be re-numbered)

#### *G. Miscellaneous provisions*

(...)

~~22~~ 23. The Committee may decide to establish subsidiary or *ad hoc* bodies where it considers that such action would expedite its own work, without duplicating the work of existing bodies. A decision to this effect may be taken only after the Committee has examined a report by the Secretary, after consultation with the Organization, the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development ~~Director-General~~ on the administrative and financial implications.

(following paragraph to be re-numbered)”

(Adopted ... June 2013)