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Item 40 of the
Provisional Agenda

Fifteenth Session

Rome, 8-27 November 1969

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General
of the Conference

1. The Secretary-General of the FAO Conference has the honour to recall that at its Fifty-Second Session the Council decided, in accordance with Rule XXIII-1(a) of the General Rules of the Organization, that nominations for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council should be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by 1 September 1969.
2. The Secretary-General of the Conference has pleasure in circulating herewith copy of his communication to Member Governments forwarding the nomination received by that date.

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Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council

The Provisional Agenda for the Fifteenth Session of the Conference, which was considered by the Fifty-Second Session of the Council, includes an item "Appointment of Independent Chairman of Council".

In compliance with Rule XXIII-1(a) of the General Rules of the Organization, the Secretary-General of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to inform Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that he has received from the Embassy of Lebanon a note verbale dated 9 June 1969 and from the Embassy of France a note verbale dated 12 June 1969, both nominating on behalf of their Governments Mr. Michel Cépède for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council. Copies of these communications and of the curriculum vitae of the nominee are attached.

Translation

EMBASSY OF LEBANON
in Italy
No. 461/FAO

Rome, 9 June 1969

Sir,
As you are no doubt aware, Mr. Maurice Gemayel, the incumbent Chairman of the Council, has stated that he does not intend to seek an extension of his term of office from the next session of the FAO Conference in Rome in 1969.

Accordingly, the Embassy has been instructed to inform the Secretary-General of the Conference that the Lebanese Government proposes Mr. Michel Cépède for the post of Independent Chairman of the Council.

Please, find attached Mr. Cépède's curriculum vitae.

In pursuance of Rule XXIII-1 (a) of the General Rules, I should be very grateful if you would inform Member Nations and Associate Members of this proposal and place it on the agenda of the next session of the Conference.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Joseph Harfouche
Ambassador of Lebanon

Mr. A. C. Janssen,
Secretary-General of the Conference

EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN ITALY
No. 118

Rome, 31.7.1969

NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representative of France to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to inform him that the French Government has decided to propose Professor Michel CEPEDE for the post of Chairman of the FAO Council with a view to making provision, at the elections to be held during the Fifteenth Session of the FAO Conference, for the replacement of the present Chairman, Mr. Maurice Gemayel, who has stated his intention of not seeking an extension of his term of office. Professor Cépède's curriculum vitae is appended to this note.

The Permanent Representative would be grateful if the Secretary-General would inform all Member Nations and Associate Members of this proposal.

The Permanent Representative of France to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew his compliments to the Secretary-General.

Rome, 12 June 1969

Mr. A. C. Janssen,
Director,
Conference, Council and Protocol
Affairs Division
Secretary-General of the FAO Conference,
Rome, Italy.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Michel CEPEDE, born on 20 October 1908 at WIMEREUX (France).

Professor at the Institut National Agronomique, Paris.

Chairman of the Comité Interministériel de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation (Agriculture and Food Interministerial Committee) and of the Comité Interministériel pour la Campagne Mondiale contre la Faim (Interministerial Committee for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign).

Vice-Chairman of the Comité Français pour la Campagne Mondiale contre la Faim (French Committee for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign).

Ingénieur agronome and Doctor of Law (Economic and Political Science, University of Paris).

Doctor honoris causa of the Faculté des Sciences agronomiques, Gembloux.

Corresponding member of the Académie d'Agriculture of France.

Foreign Member of the Georgofili Academy, Florence, Italy.

Chairman of the Société française d'économie rurale.

Principal Honours and Awards

French: Officier de la Légion d'Honneur (1956)
 Commandeur du Mérite agricole (1959)

Foreign: Médaille agricole de 1ère Classe (Belgium)
 Commander of the Order of Oranje Nassau (Netherlands)
 Great Gold Medal of Honour (cravate) of the Republic
 of Austria
 Commander of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great
 (Holy See)

Chief international posts held

FAO

A member of the French delegation to the sessions of the Conference and of the Council since the first session (Quebec, 1945) and of several regional conferences for Europe, Africa, the Near East and Latin America.

FAO Conference:

First session (Quebec, 1945) - Chairman of Panel I (Rural Welfare)

Special Meeting on Urgent Food Problems (Washington, 1946) - Chairman of Commission III

Seventh session (Rome 1953) - Chairman of Commission II

Ninth session (Rome, 1957) - Vice-Chairman of the Conference

Eleventh session (Rome, 1961) - Chairman of Commission I

Twelfth session (Rome, 1963) - Rapporteur for Commission II

Regional conferences:

First session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Rome, 1960) - Chairman

Vice-Chairman of sessions of the Regional Conferences for Europe (Rome, 1962; Salzburg, 1964; Séville, 1966), the Near East (Tell Amara, 1962) and Latin America (Viña del Mar, 1965).

Council:

Vice-Chairman (Acting Chairman) of the Forty-Fifth Session of the Council (Rome, 1965)

World Food Congress (Washington, 1963) - Chairman of the Technical Commission

Miscellaneous:

Member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Economics and Statistics
(1946-1947)

Member of several ad hoc commissions and committees (Washington,
1946-1947, Rome, 1956-1957-1966-1967-1968)

Chairman of the ECA Working Party on Rural Sociological Problems in
Europe since 1958

Chairman of the Panel of Experts on Rural Sociology (Rome, 1967)

Chairman of the Second session of the Advisory Committee on the Freedom
from Hunger Campaign (Rome, 1960)

Member (since 1959) and Chairman (since 1963) of the Programme Committee

United Nations

United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of
Resources (New York, 1949) - Rapporteur

Committee on Agricultural Problems of the Economic Commission for
Europe - Chairman of the Constitutive session

World Population Conferences (first, Rome, 1951) (second, Belgrade, 1965)
- Rapporteur

Second World Land Reform Conference (Rome, 1966) - Chairman of
Working Party on Economic and Social Aspects

FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group - Vice-Chairman since 1968

Organization for European Economic Cooperation - OEEC and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - OECD

Chairman of the Committee of Deputy Ministers of Agriculture, 1960-1965

Miscellaneous

First session of the Permanent Agricultural Committee of the International Labour Organization (Geneva, 1938) - Expert

European Conference on Rural Life - League of Nations 1939 -
Introduction to the Monography of France

International Institute of Agriculture - 1946 Assembly - delegate of France

Member of the French delegations to the International Vine and Wine Office, the International Office of Epizootics and the International Commission for Agricultural Industries

Many international conferences on agriculture, agricultural economics, rural sociology, etc.

Chief publications

Du prix de revient au produit net en Agriculture. 448 p. Centre national d'information économique (CNIE) - Presse universitaire de France (PUF) Paris, 1946 (out of print)

Economie alimentaire du globe (in collaboration with Mr. Lengellé) 656 p. Génin, Paris, 1953 (Spanish edition published by Salvat, Barcelona)

La vie rurale dans l'arc alpin (in collaboration with E.S. Abensour and P. and G. Veyret) 174 p. FAO Rome, 1960 (also published in English and German)

Agriculture et alimentation en France durant la IIe guerre mondiale 512 p. Génin, Paris, 1961

L'aide alimentaire de la CEE aux pays en voie de développement (in collaboration with A. Maugini and H. Wilbrandt). Brussels, 1963

Nourrir les hommes (in collaboration with F. Houtart and L. Grond)
400 p. (Ed. du Cop., Bruxelles) (English edition by Sheed and Ward,
New York 1964, and Spanish edition by Terra Nova, Barcelona, 1967)

L'agriculture (in collaboration with G. Weill) 520 p. l'Administration
Française - PUF, Paris, 1965

L'économie de l'alimentation (in collaboration with Mr. Lengellé)
Que sais-je? No. 639 - 14 000 copies - PUF, Paris, 1964

La faim (in collaboration with H. Gounelle) Que sais-je? No. 719
PUF, Paris, 1967.