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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Seventy-ninth Council Session decided, in accordance with Rule XXIII-1(b) 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 and Council by 17.00 hours on Friday 4 September 1981.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received one nomination, that of Dr M.S. Swaminathan. A copy of the Note Verbale nominating Dr Swaminathan and the circular note G/CF-4/3 of 23 June 1980 is given in Appendix A.

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Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council

The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-first Session of the Conference, which will be considered by the Seventy-ninth Session of the Council in June 1981, will include an item "Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council".

In compliance with Rule XXIII-1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to inform Member Nations of the Organization that a Note Verbale dated 24 April 1980 has been received from the Embassy of India in Rome, conveying the decision of the Government of the Republic of India, to submit the candidature of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council. A copy of this communication is attached. *MS*

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EMBASSY OF INDIA

ROME

No. ROM/AGR/2412/3/80

24 April 1980

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to announce the decision of the Government of India to submit the candidature of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan (Member and Acting Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India (holding the rank of Minister), for election to the post of Independent Chairman of the Council of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for the period December 1981 to November 1983, and requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with the rules of the Organization, to inform member nations of FAO of this candidature. ... The curriculum vitae of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan is attached.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

(Signed)

The Secretary-General of the Conference
and Council of Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations.

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Dr. MONKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN

CANDIDATURE FOR INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF FAO COUNCIL

CURRICULUM VITAE

Present position Member and Acting Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission,
Government of India (holding the rank of Minister)

Nationality Indian

Date of birth 7 August 1925

Age 55 years

Education (a) B.Sc. from Travancore University (1944)
(b) B.Sc. Agriculture, Coimbatore Agricultural
College, Madras University (1947)
(c) Associateship of the Indian Agricultural
Research Institute, New Delhi, in Genetics
and Plant Breeding (1949)
(d) Ph.D. from the School of Agriculture,
University of Cambridge, United
Kingdom (1952)
(e) UNESCO Fellow in Genetics at the
Agriculture University at Wageningen, the
Netherlands (during 1949-50)
(f) Research Associate in Genetics at the
University of Wisconsin, United States
of America (during 1952-53)
(g) Awarded Honorary Degrees of D.Sc. (Doctor
of Science) from 13 Universities

Professional positions (a) Assistant Botanist at the Central Rice
Research Institute, Cuttack (1954)
(b) Assistant Cytogeneticist (1954-56),
Cytogeneticist (1956-61) and
Director (1966-1972) at Indian Agricultural
Research Institute, New Delhi
(c) Director General, Indian Council of
Agricultural Research and Secretary to
the Government of India, Department of
Agricultural Research and Education
(1972 - March 1979)
(d) Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture (Department of
Agriculture & Cooperation), New Delhi
(April 1979 to April 1980)
(e) Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission,
and its Acting Deputy Chairman since
3 April 1980 (holding the rank of Minister)

Positions held in
scientific/professional
committees/academies

National

- (a) Secretary, Indian National Science Academy, (1969-72)
- (b) President, Indian Society of Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture and Biology (ISNA) - (1971-77)
- (c) President, Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (1972-80)
- (d) President, the Nutrition Society of India (1973-77)
- (e) President, Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding (1965 & 1975)
- (f) President, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (1977)
- (g) President, Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (1975-76 and 1976-77)
- (h) Chairman, Planning Commission Panel on Irrigated Farming (1967-68)
- (i) Chairman, Planning Commission Panel on Dry Farming (1967-68)
- (j) Member, CSIR Inquiry Committee
- (k) Member, National Commission on Agriculture (1970-75)
- (l) Chairman, High Level Committee to Review the Functioning of the Central Water and Power Research Station and Central Soils and Materials Research Station (1975-77)
- (m) Chairman, Committee of Scientists for examining the Data relating to the Wholesomeness of Irradiated Potato, Onion, Wheat
- (n) Chairman, Committee on Cooperative Training and Management
- (o) Chairman, Committee on International Collaboration

International

- (a) Vice-Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee to the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development & UN Development Programme (1971-1976)
- (b) Vice-Chairman, Protein-Calorie Advisory Group to the United Nations System (1972-1976)
- (c) Chairman, Board of Trustees, International Council for Research on Agro-Forestry (1979 onwards)
- (d) Member, Board of Trustees, International Maize and Wheat Research Centre, Mexico (1972-80)
- (e) Member, Board of Trustees, International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (1972-80)
- (f) Vice-President, Society for the Advancement of Breeding Research in Asia and Oceania (1977-1981)
- (g) Chairman, International Scientific Committee constituted to review the research contributions of the International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines (1975)

- (h) Vice-President, International Congress of Genetics, The Hague (1963) and Moscow (1978)
- (i) Chairman, Committee of the Whole, UN Conference on Desertification, Nairobi (1977)
- (j) Chairman, International Wheat Genetics Committee (1978-83)
- (k) Member, Coordinating Advisory Committee, Rubber Research and Development Board, Malaysia (1978 onwards)
- (l) Member of the Committee on the Application of Science to Agriculture, Forestry and Agriculture (CASAF) of the International Council of Scientific Unions
- (m) President, International Bee Research Association
- (n) President, International Federation of Agricultural Research Systems for Development (IFARD), since 1978

Research publications Over 200 research papers in national and international journals

Recognition by scientific academies

- (a) Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy (1962)
- (b) Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences (1957)
- (c) Honorary Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (1976)
- (d) Honorary Fellow of the Swedish Seed Association, Sweden (1971)
- (e) Fellow of the Royal Society of London (1973)
- (f) Foreign Associate, National Academy of Sciences of the United States (1977)
- (g) General President, Indian Science Congress, Waltair (1976)
- (h) Foreign Member, All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences, USSR (1978)

Scientific awards

- (a) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for contributions to Biological Sciences (1961)
- (b) Mendal Memorial Award of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences for contributions to Plant Genetics (1965)
- (c) Birbal Sahni Medal of the Indian Botanical Society for contributions to Applied Botany (1966)
- (d) Silver Jubilee Commemoration Medal of the Indian National Science Academy for contributions to genetic and agricultural research (1973)
- (e) Barclay Medal of the Asiatic Society for contributions to genetics (1974)
- (f) K.L. Moudgill Prize for contributions to standardization (1978)

Awards by President of India

- (a) Padma Shri (1967)
- (b) Padma Bhushan (1972)

Award for community leadership

Awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1971, in recognition of contributions as "scientist, educator of both students and farmers and administrator towards generating a new confidence in India's agricultural capabilities"

Borlaug Award for 1978

"For profound appreciation of his catalytic role in providing deep insights and inspiring fellow scientists of set goals, share experience in the process of social change and transformation to a society which treats of Man at the centre; for evolving a strategy for agriculture rooted in science, but tempered by concern for ecology and human values and for the amplitude of his perceptions which has encouraged community effort directed to a synthesis in the movement of agriculture "

Participation in FAO activities

- (a) Has been participating in expert consultations and technical meetings organized by FAO for over 20 years
- (b) Led the Indian Delegation to the FAO Council Session in June 1979
- (c) Chaired Commission II of the Twentieth Session of the FAO Conference held, in November 1979