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## Twenty-second Session

Rome, 5-24 November 1983

### APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Eighty-third 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 2 September 1983.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received the following two nominations: Mr. Amir Abdalla Khalil and Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. A copy of the letter of nomination of Mr. Amir Abdalla Khalil and circular Note G/CF-4/3 of 30 May 1983 are in Appendix A. A copy of the letter of nomination of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan and the circular note G/CF-4/3 of 6 June 1983 are in Appendix B.

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30 May 1983

Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council

The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-second Session of the Conference, which will be considered by the Eighty-third Session of the Council in June 1983, 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 12 April 1983 has been received from the Embassy of Sudan in Rome, conveying the decision of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, to submit the candidature of Mr Amir Abdalla Khalil for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council. A copy of this communication is attached. *ASL*

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EMBASSY OF SUDAN

ROME

Date 12th April 1983

Ref. SER/12/100

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour to inform that the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan has circulated to all Arab League and OAU member states its decision to nominate Mr Amir Abdalla Khalil, Permanent Representative of the Sudan to FAO, as candidate for the post of Independent Chairman of the Council of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the elections to be held on the 22nd Session of the FAO Conference in November 1983, and requests the Director-General, in conformity with the rules of the Organization, to inform Member Nations of FAO of the candidature of Mr Amir Abdalla Khalil whose Curriculum Vitae is attached.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the assurances of its highest consideration.

(signed)

CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:** AMIR ABDALLA KHALIL

**Place and date of birth:** OMDURMAN (Sudan) 25th November 1940

**Education:** B.SC., Agricultural Economics,  
Faculty of Economics,  
Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, 1965

Master of Science (Economics)  
Faculty of Economics,  
Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, 1967

Diploma in Business Management  
Faculty of Economics,  
Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, 1967

Diploma: Agro-Industrial Development and Planning,  
African Institute for Economics, Development and Planning  
Dakar, 1969

**Languages:** Arabic, English, Slovak, Italian

**Service Records:** December 1967:  
Served as Assistant Agricultural Economist,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Khartoum

1968:  
Team Leader crop-cutting experiments, Blue Nile Province.  
Prepared studies on costing and production of sorghum  
and sesame in Three Provinces - Blue Nile, White Nile  
and Kassala

1969:  
Secretary-General for National Campaign for increasing  
summer sorghum production in the Sudan

1970:  
Secretary-General for National Campaign for increasing  
wheat production in the Sudan

1971:  
Assistant Director-General, Farm Mechanized Corporation  
for Economics, Statistics and follow-up

October 1971: Up to present.  
Appointed Permanent Representative of Sudan to Food and  
Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other international  
related agencies

**Activities with  
International Organizations:** 1971: Up to present.  
Alternate Chief Delegate to all FAO Conferences

1972 - 1973:  
Initiated with other representatives from Africa and the  
Near East, the formation of African Group and Near East  
and subsequently the Group of 77

Twice Chairman of the Near East Group

1974:

Participated in two Preparatory Committees in IFAD

1974:

General Coordinator to the First National Agricultural Conference

Alternate Chief Delegate to World Food Conference and Council. Also attended all the Technical Committees, FAO Regional Conferences for Africa and the Near East

1977 - 1980:

Director of the Executive Board of IFAD

1977 - 1978:

Chairman of the Group of 77.

Elected Alternate Member, FAO Staff Pension Committee

1979:

Elected Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to determine the Permanent Seat of IFAD

1980:

Participated in FAO's 11th Regional Conference for Africa held in Sierra Leone

1981:

Re-elected Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to determine the Permanent Seat of IFAD

Vice-Chairman FAO Regional Conference in Lomé, Togo

Re-elected Alternate Member, FAO Staff Pension Committee

Rapporteur to the 15th Regional Conference for the Near East

Member of the Programme Committee, FAO

Alternate Head of Delegation to WFC Ministerial meeting in Novi Sad - Yugoslavia

1982:

Alternate Head of Delegation to WFC Ministerial meeting in Acapulco - Mexico

Rapporteur to the Near East Regional Conference, Cyprus

Member of the First National Economic Conference, Khartoum - Sudan

Since October 1971:

Chaired many FAO meetings and Ad Hoc Committees and participated in all FAO-WFP-IFAD and WFC activities



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6 June 1983

Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council

The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-second Session of the Conference, which will be considered by the Eighty-third Session of the Council in June 1983, 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 26 April 1983 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 re-election to the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period November 1983 to November 1985. A copy of this communication is attached.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA  
ROME

No.ROM/AGR/2412/3/83

April 26, 1983

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Conference and the 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 propose the candidature of Dr M.S. Swaminathan, presently Independent Chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for re-election for a second two-year term commencing December 1983. 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 the 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,  
Rome

DR MONKOMBU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHANB I O - D A T A

1. Born on 7 August 1925 in Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, India
2. Education
  - (a) B.Sc. from Travancore University in 1944.
  - (b) B.Sc. Agriculture from the Coimbatore Agricultural College, Madras University, 1947.
  - (c) Associateship of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, in Genetics and Plant Breeding in 1949.
  - (d) Ph.D. from the School of Agriculture, University of Cambridge, U.K. in 1952.
  - (e) Unesco Fellow in Genetics at the Agriculture University at Wageningen, The Netherlands, during 1949-50 and Research Associate in Genetics at the University of Wisconsin, United States, during 1952-53.
3. Honorary Degrees:
 

D.Sc. from: -

  - (a) The Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (1970).
  - (b) The Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar (1973).
  - (c) The Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad (1973).
  - (d) The Andhra University, Waltair (1972).
  - (e) G. B. Pant University, Pantnagar (1974).
  - (f) Jodhpur University, Jodhpur (1975).
  - (g) Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani (1975).
  - (h) Kumaon University, Nainital (1975).
  - (i) Burdwan University, Burdwan (1976).
  - (j) Agra University, Agra (1978).
  - (k) Kerala Agricultural University, Trichur (1978).
  - (l) Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (1979).
  - (m) University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (1980).
  - (n) Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (1981).
  - (o) Technical University of Berlin, Berlin (West) (1981).
  - (p) Mahatma Phule Agricultural University, Rahuri (1982).
  - (q) Chandrasekhara Azad Agricultural University, Kanpur (1982).
  - (r) University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, United States of America (1983).
4. Professional Profile:
  - (a) Teacher, researcher and research administrator at the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack and at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1954-72).
  - (b) Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (1972-79).
  - (c) Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (1979-80).
  - (d) Member, Planning Commission, Government of India (1980-82).



- (e) Vice Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) (1971-77).
- (f) Vice Chairman, Protein-Calorie Advisory Group of United Nations (1972-77).
- (g) Chairman, U.N. Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development (1980-83).
- (h) Independent Chairman, FAO Council (1981-)
- (i) President, International Federation of Agricultural Systems for Development (IFARD) (1976-)
- (j) Director General, The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Baños, Philippines (April 1982 onwards).

## 5. Recognition by

## Scientific Academies:

- (a) Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy (FNA), (1962).
- (b) Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences (F.A.Sc.), (1957).
- (c) Honorary Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (1976).
- (d) General President, Indian Science Congress, Waltair, (1976).
- (e) Honorary Fellow of the Swedish Seed Association, Sweden (1971).
- (f) Fellow of the Royal Society of London (FRS), (1973).
- (g) Foreign Associate, National Academy of Sciences of the United States, (1977).
- (h) Foreign Member, All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences, U.S.S.R. (1978).
- (i) President, XV International Congress of Genetics, New Delhi (1983).

## 6. Scientific Awards:

- (a) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for contributions to Biological Sciences (1961).
- (b) Mendel 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 genetical and agricultural research (1973).
- (e) Barclay Medal of the Asiatic Society for contributions to genetics (1978).
- (f) K. L. Moudgill Prize for contributions to standardization (1978).
- (g) Borlaug Award (1979).
- (h) Meghnad Saha Medal of the Indian National Science Academy (1981).
- (i) Rathindranath Tagore Prize of Visva Bharati University (1981).
- (j) R. D. Misra Medal of the Indian Environmental Society (1982).

## 7. Awards by the

## President of India:

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

## 8. 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".

9. Some Major Contributions:

Has worked in collaboration with colleagues and students on a wide range of problems in basic and applied plant genetics and agricultural research and development over a period of 30 years. Among the more important contributions are: -

- (a) elucidation of the origin and differentiation of potato species;
- (b) understanding the genetic relationships among wheat species;
- (c) accomplishment of difficult crosses in potato and jute species;
- (d) standardization of techniques for the induction of polyploidy (i.e. doubling the number of chromosomes) in several economic plants;
- (e) elucidation of the factors influencing the induction and recovery of mutations in wheat and rice;
- (f) identification of the barriers to high yields in wheat and the initiation of the wheat breeding programme, involving the "Norin" dwarfing genes obtained from Mexico;
- (g) development of the concept of "crop cafeterias", "mid-season corrections in crop scheduling", risk-distribution agronomy and alternative cropping strategies for different weather conditions;
- (h) purposeful manipulation of genes in improving the yield, quality and stability of performance of wheat, rice and potato;
- (i) development of whole village or watershed operational research projects based on principles of ecology and economics;
- (j) development of disaster management strategies based on relief and rehabilitation measures in the most seriously affected (MSA) areas and improved crop productivity in the most favourable (MFA) areas;
- (k) management of the disastrous drought of 1979 as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (l) collection and conservation of plant genetic resources, particularly of rice and wheat.

The results of the above research studies have been published in about 200 scientific papers in international journals.

10. Contribution to Education:

Over 50 students have done their Ph.D. thesis work under the guidance of Dr Swaminathan. In 1972, he introduced the "Techniracy" concept of imparting training in the latest technical skills entirely through work experience, in order to bypass the problems created by illiteracy.

11. General contributions  
to national develop-  
ment:

During 1980-82, Dr Swaminathan chaired the following national committees set up by the Government of India:

- (a) Expert Group on Programmes for alleviation of poverty.
- (b) Task Force for the study of eco-development in the Himalayan Region.
- (c) Task Force for developing an eco-development plan for Goa.
- (d) Committee for the development of the water resources of Western Ghats.
- (e) Expert Group on perishable agricultural commodities.
- (f) Study Group on fuel-wood requirements.
- (g) Working Group on control of blindness.
- (h) Working Group on control of leprosy.
- (i) Chairman, Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet of India.
- (j) Chairman, National Biotechnology Board.
- (k) Member, National Commission on Agriculture (1971-77).

12. Dr Borlaug's Tribute: On the occasion of his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970, Dr N. E. Borlaug wrote:

"The green revolution has been a team effort and much of the credit for its spectacular development must go to Indian officials, organizations, scientists and farmers. However, to you, Dr Swaminathan, a great deal of the credit must go for first recognizing the potential value of the Mexican dwarfs. Had this not occurred, it is quite possible that there would not have been a green revolution in Asia".