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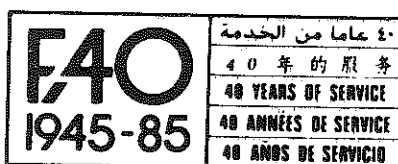
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Twenty-third Session

Rome, 9-28 November 1985

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Eighty-seventh 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 6 September 1985.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received the nomination of Mr. Lassaad Ben Osman. A circular Note G/CF-4/3, including the letter of nomination of Mr. Ben Osman of 18 April 1985, had been sent to all Member Nations on 16 May 1985 and is reproduced in Appendix A.





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APPENDIX A

منظمة
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16 May 1985

Appointment of Independent Chairman of the Council

The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-third Session of the Conference, which will be considered by the Eighty-seventh Session of the Council in June 1985, 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 communication dated 18 April 1985 has been received from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to FAO conveying the decision of the Government of the Republic of Tunisia to submit the candidature of Mr Lassaad Ben Osman, Minister of Agriculture, for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period November 1985 to ... November 1987. A copy of this communication is attached.

COPY

Embassy of Tunisia
Rome

Permanent Representation
of Tunisia to FAO

Rome, 18 April 1985

The Secretary-General of the
Conference and Council of
the Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations
00100 ROME

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to inform you of the decision of the Government of Tunisia to submit the candidature of Mr Lassaad BEN OSMAN, Minister of Agriculture, for election to the post of Independent Chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be held during the Twenty-third Session of the FAO Conference in November 1985.

I should like to draw to your attention the fact that the candidature submitted by Tunisia on behalf of the Near East Region received the support of the Council of the League of Arab States at its most recent session. In this connection, kindly see the attached copy of resolution 32 to that effect adopted at the said session.

I am also attaching herewith the curriculum vitae of Mr BEN OSMAN who at the beginning of his career worked at the Ministry of Agriculture as Ingénieur Directeur (Chief Engineer) with many responsibilities in the field of hydraulics and rural equipment. Subsequently he occupied high positions in the Tunisian Government where for the past 20 years he successively held the posts of Secretary of State for Agriculture (1967), Minister of Public Works and Housing, Minister of Equipment and currently Minister of Agriculture.

During his career Mr BEN OSMAN also fulfilled outstanding responsibilities at international and regional level as well as in the African and Arab world. In the course of his duties he represented Tunisia at many congresses and conferences including, among others, several sessions of the FAO Conference since 1967. He was also elected Vice-Chairman of the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development held in Rome in July 1984.

I should therefore be obliged if you would kindly take note of Mr BEN OSMAN's candidature for the post of Independent Chairman of the Council of FAO and make the necessary arrangements.

Accept, Mr Secretary-General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Mohamed ABDELHEDI
Permanent Representative
of Tunisia to FAO

League of Arab States

In the field of International Affairs

Resolution No. 32

Re: Nominations for leading posts in the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having reviewed;

- the memorandum prepared by the League Secretariat on Arab nominations for leading posts in the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies,
- and as recommended by the Committee on Political Affairs;

decides

First

- to support the following un-contested Arab nominations:
 - 1 - Candidature of H.E. Mr Lassaad Ben Osman,
Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tunisia, to the post of
Independent Chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations (November 1985)

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Mr LASSAAD BEN OSMAN

CURRICULUM VITAE

- NATIONALITY Tunisian
- DATE OF BIRTH 16 February 1926
- DIPLOMA Degree in Civil Engineering from the Ecole Supérieure des Mines, Paris
- PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS
- District engineer, Sondages Hydrauliques (Hydraulics Prospecting Operations), Ministry of Agriculture (December 1949-November 1952)
 - District chief, Sondage de Pétrole (Petroleum Prospecting) (November 1952-November 1955)
 - Assistant Director, Hydraulique et des Equipements Ruraux (Hydraulics and Rural Equipment) (November 1955-March 1959)
 - Director-General, Hydraulique et des Equipements Ruraux (Hydraulics and Rural Equipment) (March 1959-July 1967)
 - Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture (July 1967-September 1969)
 - Secretary of State for Agriculture (September 1969-November 1970)
 - Minister of Public Works and Housing (November 1970-November 1971)
 - Chief Engineer, Ministry of Agriculture (November 1971-January 1973)
 - Chairman, Board of Directors of the Tunisian Aviation Company (Tunis-Air) (January 1973-November 1973)
 - Minister of Transport and Communications (November 1973-September 1974)
 - Minister of Equipment and Housing (September 1974-November 1979)
 - Minister of Agriculture (November 1979 to present)
- PARTICIPATION IN FAO ACTIVITIES
- In the high posts he has occupied Mr BEN OSMAN has had close contacts with the Organization since 1957. During this period of nearly 30 years he has participated in many of the Organization's activities including:
- participation in different general bodies of FAO as Chief of the Hydraulics and Rural Equipment Sector (1957-1959; 1961-1963; 1965-1967)
 - heading the Tunisian delegation at sessions of the FAO Conference held in 1967, 1969, 1979, 1981 and 1983
 - heading the Tunisian delegation to the World Fisheries Conference in 1984
 - election as Vice-Chairman of the World Fisheries Conference
- OTHER ACTIVITIES
- Has several times headed the Tunisian delegation to meetings of the Council of Arab Ministers of Agriculture
 - has headed the Tunisian delegation to FAO Regional Conferences for the Near East and Africa and other specialized bodies of FAO
 - has been a member of the FAO/Unesco/WMO Inter-Agency Agro-climatology Projects in Arid Zones from 1953 to 1963

- represented Tunisia as Head of Delegation at many international and regional conferences and congresses in the context of his responsibilities as Minister of Public Works and Housing, Equipment, Transports, etc. and has held posts at very high level during these meetings including, among others, Chairmanship of the Conference of Arab Ministers of Housing and Urban Development held in Tunis in 1978
- has participated in numerous negotiations concerning his activities with international and regional institutions and in the context of Tunisia's bilateral relations with many countries
- it should also be noted that Mr BEN OSMAN has always participated actively in political activities in the Parti Socialiste Destourien (PSD [Destour Socialist Party]) of which he is now a member of the Central Committee.

DECORATIONS

Mr BEN OSMAN holds the Grand Cordon de la République (highest decoration of the Republic) and the Ordre de l'Indépendance (Order of Independence) awarded to him by President Habib Bourguiba, President of the Republic of Tunisia in recognition of his outstanding services to his country. He also holds a number of decorations from many foreign countries.