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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Ninety-first 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 1987.
2. By the date prescribed, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received the nomination of Mr Lassaad Ben Osman. Copies of the curriculum vitae of the nominee and the transmittal letter are appended.

TRANSLATION

Embassy of Tunisia
Rome

Rome, 6 July 1987

Permanent Representation
of Tunisia to FAO

The Secretary-General
of the FAO Conference
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
00100 ROME

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Tunisian Government has decided to nominate Mr. Lassaad BEN OSMAN, Minister of Agriculture and currently Independent Chairman of the FAO Council, for a second term of office of two years starting December 1987.

Mr Lassaad BEN OSMAN's curriculum vitae is attached.

I should therefore be obliged if you would kindly register the nomination of Mr BEN OSMAN for re-election as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council and make the necessary arrangements in this respect.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Mohamed ABDELHEDI
Permanent Representative
of Tunisia to FAO

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR IASSAAD BEN OSMAN

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 16 February 1926, Tunis

DEGREE: Degree in Civil Engineering from the Ecole Supérieure des Mines, Paris

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- December 1949 to November 1952: Engineer in the Arrondissement des Sondages Hydrauliques (Hydraulic Drilling Division) of the Ministry of Agriculture
- November 1952 to November 1955: Chief of the Arrondissement du Sondage de Pétrole (Petroleum Prospecting Division)
- November 1955 to March 1959: Assistant Director, Hydraulique et Equipements Ruraux (Hydraulics and Rural Infrastructural Facilities)
- March 1959 to July 1967: Director-General, Hydraulique et Equipements Ruraux
- July 1967 to September 1969: Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture
- September 1969 to November 1970: Secretary of State for Agriculture
- November 1970 to November 1971: Minister of Public Works and Housing
- November 1971 to January 1973: Chief Engineer, Ministry of Agriculture
- January 1973 to November 1973: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tunisian Aviation Company (Tunis-Air)
- November 1973 to September 1974: Minister of Transport and Communications
- September 1974 to November 1975: Minister of Capital Investment and Housing
- November 1979 to date: Minister of Agriculture

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Because of the important posts he has occupied, Mr BEN OSMAN has had close contacts with the Organization ever since 1957. During this period of 30 years he has participated in a dynamic way in many of the Organization's activities. In particular, he:

- 1957 - 1959
1961 - 1963
1965 - 1967 participated in various FAO bodies as head of the hydraulics and rural infrastructure sector;
- 1967, 1969,
1979, 1981
and 1983 led the Tunisian delegation to the FAO Conference;
- 1984 led the Tunisian delegation to the World Fisheries Conference, of which he was elected Vice-Chairman;
- 1985 was elected Independent Chairman of the FAO Council by the Twenty-third Session of the FAO Conference.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- On several occasions he has led the Tunisian delegation to sessions of the Council of Arab Ministers of Agriculture
- He has led the Tunisian delegation to FAO Regional Conferences for the Near East and for Africa and to other specialized FAO bodies
- He was a member of the Advisory Committee for the World Arid Zones Project from 1953 to 1963
- He has represented Tunisia as Head of Delegation at several international and regional congresses and conferences in the context of his responsibilities as Minister of Public Works, Housing, Capital Investment, Transport, etc. and held important offices at these meetings, including Chairmanship of the Conference of Arab Ministers on Housing and Urban Development held in Tunis in 1978
- He has participated in negotiations connected with his activities with international and regional institutions and in the context of Tunisia's bilateral relations with various countries
- He has always been an active member of the Parti Socialiste Destourien (PSD) (Destour Socialist Party) and is now on the Party's Central Committee.

DECORATIONS

Mr BEN OSMAN holds the Grand Cordon de la République, the Ordre de l'Indépendance and the Ordre du Mérite de Bourguiba (May 1987), awarded him by the President of the Republic of Tunisia, Habib Bourguiba, in recognition of his important services to his country. He also holds a number of decorations from foreign countries.