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COUNCIL

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

1. Under the provisions of Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization, the Programme Committee consists of representatives of eleven Member Nations elected by the Council: eight from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean; three from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
2. Under the provisions of the same Rule, Member Nations seeking election to the Committee communicate to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected and details of his or her qualifications and experience. This information is in turn circulated in writing to Members of the Council.
3. The procedures for election of Members of the Committee require that Member Nations stand for election for a specific region as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee. After electing the Chairperson, the Council elects the other ten Members of the Committee in two stages, making the necessary adjustment to take into account the Member Nation of which the Chairperson is a national and the region to which that Member Nation belongs.
4. The two stages are (a) the election of eight (or seven) Members from the regions of Africa, Asia, Near East, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and (b) the election of three (or two) Members from the regions of Europe, North America, and Southwest Pacific.
5. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee is given in [Appendix A](#) for stage (a) and [Appendix B](#) for stage (b).

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6. The following nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

FRANCE (Jean-Jacques Soula)	EUROPE
UNITED KINGDOM (Matthew Wyatt)	

7. The following eight nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee from the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Near East:

NIGERIA (Ganyir Lombin)	AFRICA
SOUTH AFRICA (Ms Vangile Brenda Titi)	

INDIA (Govindan Nair)	ASIA
THE PHILIPPINES (Romeo Soon Recide)	

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (Mario Arvelo Caamaño)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE
JAMAICA (Frederick B. Zenny)	CARIBBEAN

AFGHANISTAN (Abdul Razak Ayazi)	NEAR EAST
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA (Abdallah Abdulrahman Zaied)	

8. The following three nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee from the regions of Europe, North America and Southwest Pacific.

NORWAY (Daniel F. Van Gilst)	EUROPE
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CANADA (James Melanson)	NORTH AMERICA
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AUSTRALIA (Judy Barfield)	SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
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9. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization. It should be noted that in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Rule, the Chairman may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than vacancies.

APPENDIX A

AFGHANISTAN

Name: **ABDUL RAZAK AYZAZI**

Present functions: Agriculture Attaché and Alternate Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

Employment with FAO from 1959 – 1989 :

- Agricultural Economist
 - Evaluation Officer
 - Investment Project Analyst
 - Senior Evaluation Officer
 - Senior Adviser, Field Development and Investment Centre
 - Chief of Evaluation Service
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Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Member of FAO Programme Committee

Council and Conference of FAO

Technical Committees of the FAO Council

Executive Board of WFP

Participation in meetings of other UN organizations

Familiarity with FAO Field Programme

Extensive travel in developing countries

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Name: **MARIO ARVELO CAAMAÑO**

Present functions: Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to FAO, WFP and IFAD

Main previous functions:

1997-1998	First Secretary, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the Organization of American States (OAS), Washington.
1999-2000	Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Japan.
2001-2002	Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Chile.
2002-2004	Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

World Food Summit: *five years later 2002* (Delegate)
 FAO Conference, 32nd Session (Delegate)
 FAO Council Sessions from 2002 (Observer)
 IFAD Governors' Councils from 2002 (Governor)
 WFP Executive Board meetings from 2002 (Observer)
 President of the Group of Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)
 FAO Programme Committee 2003-2005 (Member and Vice-Chairperson)
 United Nations Millennium Summit of 2005 (Adviser)
 United Nations General Assembly, 60th Session (Adviser)

INDIA

Name: **GOVINDAN NAIR**

Present functions: Minister, Embassy of India, Rome
Alternate Permanent Representative of India to FAO, IFAD and WFP (since January 2002)

Main previous functions:

1978-1989	Various positions relating to development administration in the Indian Administrative Service
1989-1994	Executive Director, Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India
1994-1997	State Project Director, Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Project
1998	Secretary to State Government of Uttar Pradesh, Department of Small-scale Industries and Export Promotion and Department of Externally-aided Projects
1998-2001	Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

1978-1989	Member, Delegation of India to 30 th , 31 st and 32 nd Sessions of FAO Conference
	Member, Delegation of India to 117 th , 121 st , 123 rd to 128 th Sessions of FAO Council
	Member, Delegation of India to Sessions of Committee on Agriculture (COAG), Committee on Fisheries (COFI), Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and the World Food Summit: <i>five years later</i>
	Member, Delegation of India at negotiations on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
	Represented India in Executive Board of IFAD since January 2002 and in Consultation for Sixth and Seventh Replenishments of IFAD's Resources
	Chairman, IFAD Evaluation Committee
	Represented India on WFP Executive Board since January 2002 and as Member of WFP Bureau
	Member, WFP Steering Group on Governance
	Participated in several Working Groups and ad hoc Committees on various subjects in FAO/IFAD/WFP
	Supervised and monitored implementation of UN-supported Projects

JAMAICA

Name: **FREDERICK BANCROFT ZENNY**

Present functions: Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to FAO
(since 11 March 2000)

Main previous functions:

1961-1962	Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, London
1962-1963	ILO, Associate Member of International Labour Standards Division, Geneva
1964-1966	ITU, Administrative Officer and Head of Technical Assistance Section, Administration Department (P-2), Geneva
1966-1969	FAO, Legal Officer (P-3), Rome
1969-1975	FAO, Chief, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Legislation Section (P-4), Rome
1975-1977	Special Adviser to the Minister of Public Utilities and Transportation and Director of the Advisory and Monitoring Unit, Jamaica – on leave without pay from FAO
1977-1980	Special Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture, and Director of the Production and Extension Department, Jamaica – on leave without pay from FAO
1981-1983	Special Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture and Director of Marketing and Credit Division, FAO/OPAS (D-1), Jamaica
1984-1988	FAO Representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean (D-1)
1989-1992	FAO Directeur de Cabinet (D-2), Office of the Director-General of FAO, Rome
December 1992 – December 1994	FAO, Assistant to the ADG, Economic and Social Policy Department (D-2)
January 1995-December 1999	Secretary-General of the FAO Council and Conference, Assistant Director-General (ADG), General Affairs and Information Department (GID)

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

2000-2001 / 2004-2005	Member of the FAO Programme Committee
1981-1983	Member of the Prime Minister's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Private Sector Investments, Jamaica
1981-1983	Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Private Sector Projects Evaluation Committee, Jamaica
1981-1982	Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture) on the Stabilization Fund, Jamaica

1980-1982	Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Marketing Task Force, Jamaica
1979-1983	Member of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Food Corporation representing Jamaica
1979-1983	Member of the Board of Directors of Jamaica Frozen Foods Ltd. Member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Marketing Corporation, Jamaica
1978-1980	Chairman of the Land Utilization and Development Commission, Jamaica Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Project Staffing Committee, Jamaica Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Organizational and Training Committee, Jamaica Chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture's Disciplinary Committee, Jamaica
1977-1983	Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Integrated Rural Development, Jamaica Member of the Ministry of Agriculture's Board of Management, Jamaica
1972-1973	Member of the FAO Task Force on Management-Staff Relations
1971-1973	Chairman of the FAO Staff Council
	Member of or Head of Government of Jamaica's Delegations to several international conferences and meetings including: FAO Council (1978-1979), FAO Conferences (1979, 2001), Sixteenth FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, Havana, Cuba (1980), the World Food Council Fifth Ministerial Session, Ottawa, Canada (1979), Standing Committee of Ministers of Agriculture of CARICOM (SCMA) (1978-1982)

LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

Name: **ABDALLA ABDULRAHMAN ZAIED**

Present functions: Permanent Representative of Libya to FAO (since February 2005)

1979-2005 Professor of Animal Production, University of Omar Al-Mukhtar, El-Beida, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Main previous functions:

2002-2005 Director, Committee for Evaluation of Natural Vegetation Cover of Jabal – Akhdar, Libya. (National Pilot Research Project)

1999-2005 Member, General Planning Council, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

1993-1995 Head, Section of Applied Research and Technology, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Khartoum, Sudan

1989-1991 Director General, Agricultural Research Center, Libya

1979-1982 Director, Department of Agricultural Research and Consultations, Omar Al-Mukhtar University, Libya

1985-1989 and 1996-February 2005 President, Omar Al-Mukhtar University, El Beida, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Published more than 60 scientific papers and technical reports and translated from English into Arabic four textbooks in the field of Animal Science.

Organized regional and international conventions.

Represented Libya in many delegations.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

NIGERIA

Name: **GANYIR LOMBIN**

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Rome (since 2000)

Main previous functions:

1975-1988 Lecturer and Research Fellow at Ahmadu Bello University, rising from Lecturer II/Research Fellow II in 1975 to Professor of Soil Science in 1984

Publications: has authored or co-authored over 50 scientific journal papers as well as 15 commissioned reports for the private and public sectors, as well as FAO, in the area of soil fertility evaluation, management and maintenance under small-scale farming systems in a tropical environment.

Participated actively in the formulation of several agricultural-related policies and programmes of Government while working in the University.

Membership of University governing bodies: Council, Senate, Faculty of Board of Agriculture, Council Finance and General Purpose Committee, Professional Academic Board, National Technical Committee on Fertilizer User and Policy, and the Governing Board Lower Benue River Development Authority.

1985-1991 Head of Department of Soil Science at the Ahmadu Bello University and Co-Chair Farming Systems Research Programme

1989-1990 Participated on part-time basis in the Drafting Committee and Constituent Assembly for the 1989 Nigerian Constitution while still primarily in the service of the University

1990-1991 Director-General and Chief Executive of the National Agricultural Land Development Authority. Duties as Chief Executive included providing the requisite leadership in:

- Programme conceptualization, formulation and articulation, and goal setting.
- Coordination and supervision of programme implementation.
- Budget preparation, funds deployment to programmes expenditure control and general resource management to maximize results and outputs.
- Human resources (staff) development and management to ensure staff are adequately equipped (professionally) and motivated to give

out their best in the performance in their duties.

- Cooperation and liaison with private and public organizations, institutions and enterprises as well as civil society in the actualization of the objectives of the Authority.

Overall responsibility and accountability for all funds of the Authority as its principal Accounting Officer.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies

Member of Programme Committee

Executive Board of IFAD

Evaluation Committee of IFAD

Council of FAO and Committee on Agriculture (COAG), Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) since March 2000

THE PHILIPPINES

Name: **ROMEO S. RECIDE**

Present functions: Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning
Department of Agriculture, Quezon City
(since September 2005)

Main previous functions:

February 1993 to September 2005	Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture
May 1992-February 1993	Acting Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture
August 1991-May 1992	Assistant Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture
June 1980-July 1991	Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines at Los Banos

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Delegate, various meetings of the Asia and Pacific Commission on
Agricultural Statistics

Delegate, various meetings of the Intergovernmental Group on Rice

Delegate, various meetings of the Intergovernmental Group on
Grains

Consultant, various FAO and Asian Development Bank projects.

SOUTH AFRICA

Name: **Ms VANGILE BRENDA TITI**

Present functions: Deputy Director-General, Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, National Department of Agriculture of the Government of South Africa

Main previous functions:

1985-1987	Rural Development Coordination, Association of Women's Clubs in Zimbabwe
1991-1995	Management of Participatory Research and Policy Advocacy at the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Winnipeg, Canada
1995-1997	Rural Development Planning Unit Manager at the Environment and Development Agency Trust
1997-2002	Chief Director: Agriculture and Veterinary Services Gauteng Provincial Government: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment

Consultancies:

1984	Youth Employment Opportunities in post-independence Zimbabwe
1985	Low income housing strategies in post-independence Zimbabwe
1992	The Feasibility of Farm Settlement for Refugees in Manitoba
1996	District Planning for the Land Reform Pilot Programme: Mpumalanga West, Northern Province, Eastern Cape

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

APPENDIX B

AUSTRALIA

Name: **JUDY BARFIELD**

Present functions: Counsellor (Agriculture) and Alternate Permanent Representative to
FAO (since January 2005).

Main previous functions:

1987 - Career Public Service Officer, Australian Federal Public Service
(Agricultural Trade and Technical Trade issues).

Specialist in international agricultural trade policy issues, including
multilateral, bilateral and commodity price issues, Department of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra

Specialist in meat and sugar policies, Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra

Specialist in agricultural policy and market access issues in relation
to Japan and Korea

Specialist in rural policy issues, including development and
implementation of structural adjustment, rural assistance and drought
policies and programmes.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Member of Australian Delegation, World Trade Organization (WTO)
Agriculture Negotiations, Geneva

May 2005 Member, Ninety-third Session of the Programme Committee

September 2005 Member, Ninety-fourth Session of the Programme Committee and
Joint Session with the Finance Committee

CANADA

Name: **JAMES MELANSON**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the Rome based United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies, Canadian Embassy, Rome (since 2004)

Main previous functions:

1977-1979	District Development Officer, Botswana: Placed by CUSO, on contract to the Government of Botswana, reporting to the District Commissioner, responsible for development planning and administration in one of the country's ten rural administrative districts.
1981-1982	Assistant Trade Commissioner, Industry Trade and Commerce: Several training assignments in the Latin America Bureau of ITC.
1982-1985	Assistant Trade Commissioner, Malaysia: Reporting to the Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in Malaysia.
1985-1987	Sectoral Advisory Group Officer, DFAIT: Reporting to the Senior Advisor for the International Trade Advisory Groups, helped set up the 15 "Sectoral Advisory Groups for International Trade" (SAGITS) that brought together major Canadian industry players to advise the Trade Minister on the Canada-US Free Trade Negotiations. Specific responsibility for private sector trade policy input in agriculture, apparel and textiles, footwear, telecommunications and software.
1987-1989	Senior Development Officer, Malaysia Program: Reporting to CPD, undertook both analyst and project manager functions for Malaysia, and part of ASEAN program.
1989-1993	Deputy Director, Planning and Operations, ASEAN Program: Reporting to Country Program Director. Planned and managed approximately 20 projects and project teams.
1993-1995	Director, Regional Program, Asia Branch: Reporting to Vice-President, responsible for CIDA regional programming efforts in Asia, including ASEAN, APEC, Regional Institutions and a number of multi-country programmes. Supervised both HQ and Field Staff, and directed large number of contract staff of Canada ASEAN Centre.
1995-1999	Counsellor Development, Canadian Embassy, Costa Rica; Reporting to Ambassador, field responsibility for CIDA programs in Costa Rica, Panama and Regional Program in Central America. Analysis of national and regional development situation and trends; reporting, monitoring and managing bilateral projects, counterpart funds and debt swap arrangements; preparation of draft regional programme strategy.

1999-2004

Director, International Financial Institutions, Multilateral Branch:
Responsible for oversight of Canada's relations with Regional
Development Banks, Global Environment financing mechanisms,
and thematic multidonor initiatives. Also provide input on World
Bank and IMF development policy issues.

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

FRANCE

Name: **JEAN-JACQUES SOULA**

Present functions: Scientific Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative of France to FAO

Main previous functions:

November 1979-March 1981	Algeria; Veterinary Instructor at the Institute of Agricultural Technology (ITA), Mostaganem
April 1981-September 1983	France: practicing Veterinary Surgeon: animal medicine and surgery
October 1983-August 1984	France: New Caledonia: Chief of the Eastern Veterinary Area, Poindimié
September 1984-September 1987	France: Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Veterinary Services of the Alpes Maritimes, Nice
October 1987-November 1989	Guinée: Technical Director of the National Centre for Training in Breeding, Labé
December 1989-August 1992	Burkina Faso: Adviser to the Minister responsible for breeding, Ouagadougou
September 1992-August 1996	Chad: Embassy of France, Adviser to the Mission of Cooperation and Cultural Action, N'Djaména
September 1996-August 2000	Mauritania: Embassy of France, Adviser to the Mission of Cooperation and Cultural Action, Nouakchott
September 2000-June 2003	Chief, Office for "exports to the third world", General Direction for Food (DGAL)
July 2003-July 2005	France, Paris: Chief of the International Health Coordination Mission, General Direction for Food (DGAL/Ministry of Agriculture), Assistant to Chief of French Veterinary Services

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Collaboration and frequent contacts with the Representations and Agencies of the United Nations system (FAO, WFP, IFAD, UNDP, UNICEF, HCR, WHO, UNFAP), over the course of more than 15 years of service in the Sahel region, in the field of rural development projects and responsible for French cooperation (sectors: rural, fisheries, health, rule of law)

NORWAY

Name: **DANIEL F. VAN GILST**

Present functions: Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

Main previous functions:

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation as an Agricultural Adviser

EDB Business Consulting – Division Manager

Norwegian Horticultural Growers – Production Planning Adviser

World Food Programme – Logistics Officer

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Most of the FAO Governing Board Meetings

The World Food Programme Executive Board Meetings

The International Fund for Agricultural Development Executive Board Meetings

The UNCCD COP 6 Meetings

UNITED KINGDOM

Name: **MATTHEW WYATT**

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome
UK Governor and Executive Director of IFAD
(Since 2004)

Main previous functions:

Head of Department for International Development (DFID), Kenya, based in Nairobi

Head of DFID Eastern Africa, based in Nairobi

Seconded by DFID to European Commission, based in Brussels working on Phare programme for Central and Eastern Europe

Desk Officer for Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland

Desk Officer for India

Extensive experience in working in development countries and countries in transition in agriculture, forestry and wildlife sectors

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Permanent Representative to the World Food Programme (WFP).
Member of the Board in 2004

Governor and Executive Director to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Active engagement with United Nations Agencies in Eastern Africa from 2001 to 2004, and throughout career