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## Amendments

to the Constitution of the Food and  
Agriculture Organization of the United  
Nations, signed at Quebec on  
16 October 1945,

adopted by the Nineteenth Session of the  
Conference of the Organization,  
Rome 12 November—1 December 1977

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**AMENDMENTS  
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SIGNED AT  
QUEBEC ON 16 OCTOBER 1945<sup>(1)</sup>**

The following amended texts should be substituted for the texts of Article V.1, Article VII.1 and 3 and Article XXII. The amendments took effect on 22 November, 29 November and 28 November 1977 respectively.

**ARTICLE V**

**Council of the Organization**

1. A Council of the Organization consisting of forty-nine Member Nations shall be elected by the Conference. Each Member Nation on the Council shall have one representative and shall have only one vote. Each Member of the Council may appoint alternates, associates and advisers to its representative. The Council may determine the conditions for the participation of alternates, associates and advisers in its proceedings, but any such participation shall be without the right to vote, except in the case of an alternate, associate or adviser participating in the place of a representative. No representative may represent more than one Member of the Council. The tenure and other conditions of office of the Members of the Council shall be subject to rules made by the Conference.

**ARTICLE VII**

**The Director-General**

1. There shall be a Director-General of the Organization who shall be appointed by the Conference for a term of six years. He shall be eligible for re-appointment.

3. Should the office of Director-General become vacant prior to the expiry of his term of office, the Conference shall, either at the next regular session or at a special session convened in accordance with Article III, paragraph 6 of this Constitution, appoint a Director-General in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. However, the duration of the term of office of the Director-General appointed at a special session shall expire at the end of the year of the third regular session of the Conference following the date of his appointment.

**ARTICLE XXII**

The Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish texts of this Constitution shall be equally authoritative.

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