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Dear Sir/Madam

AN UPDATE FROM THE IOTC SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON ITS WORK RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE IOTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Small Drafting Group met with representatives of the FAO Secretariat

Following the mandate given by the Commission at its annual meeting in 2018, the Small Drafting Group met on 12 July 2018 with representatives of the FAO Secretariat in the margins of the COFI meeting to discuss a range of matters relating to the selection procedure for the selection of the Executive Secretary. [\[Click here\]](#) for the report.

The Independent Chairperson of the (FAO) Council, responded in a letter to the report of the meeting which was sent from the Small Drafting Group to the FAO Secretariat [\[click here\]](#).

The FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters has made a recommendation to the FAO Council on procedures for the appointment of secretariats under Article XIV of the constitution

In October 2018, the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters considered a paper [\[click here\]](#) from the FAO Secretariat that proposed that the procedures for the selection and appointment of Secretaries for all Article XIV Bodies would follow those for selection and appointment of FAO senior staff, with some adjustments to enable engagement in the process by the Body concerned.

The Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters noted that this was a difficult issue and recommended that the interim arrangements for the appointment of Secretaries, agreed by the FAO Council at its 155th Session and set out in Annex 1 the aforementioned paper, be followed until a lasting solution acceptable to the concerned Article XIV Bodies and the FAO Management can be found.

The FAO Council will consider this recommendation at its meeting on 3-7 December 2018.

Yours sincerely



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