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Agenda item 16

I. Introduction

1. There are two nominations for the position of CPM Chairperson, one from Asia (Republic of Korea) and the other from Europe (United Kingdom). This paper is produced to share the position of Asia as well as the meaning of this election in terms of inclusiveness and diversity of IPPC.

II. Background

2. It is noted that:
- CPM has had Chairpersons from all FAO regions except Asia to date.
 - CPM runs its subsidiary bodies and associated meetings based on regional representation.
3. In this background, Asia region has nominated the current Vice-Chairperson from Republic of Korea as the next Chairperson of CPM.

III. Discussion

4. At present, the CPM does not have transparent rules governing the election of its Chairperson. The paper CPM 2012/INF/04 on the short and long term issues regarding Bureau election addresses this matter. It is suggested that a new procedure for CPM be developed. This paper is also suggesting

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that, before such a process is developed and then adopted, the rotation of Chairperson through all seven regions be completed – with a Chairperson from Asia selected at CPM 7.

5. It would be inappropriate if a certain region has the opportunity to serve as CPM chairperson twice while Asia remains without having this opportunity at all. This is even more evident if we consider that Asia is home to two thirds of world population as well as the fastest growing economic region with major importers and exporters of agricultural products.

IV. Conclusion

6. We believe this election will influence the future of CPM in terms of fair opportunity for all regions. Therefore, the candidate from Asia would be the most appropriate for next CPM Chairperson.

Annex 1**List of previous CPM Chairpersons to date**

Chairperson	Country	FAO Region	Category
J. Hedley	New Zealand	Southwest Pacific	OECD
F. Canale	Uruguay	Latin America & Caribbean	G77
R. Lopian	Finland	Europe	OECD
J.C. Kadera	Kenya	Africa	G77
R. Baste-Tjeerde	Canada	North America	OECD
M. Katbeh-Bader	Jordan	Near East	G77