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EXECUTIVE ORGANS OF CERTAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. At the third session of the Working Group on Constitutional Reform (the Working Group) in March 2001, the Secretariat provided the Working Group with a document that summarized information received from the organizations of the United Nations system and the World Trade Organization on their executive bodies (see document WO/GA/WG-CR/3/INF/2).
2. At the said session, the Secretariat was requested to revise the document to include the functions of the executive bodies in the various organizations (see document WO/GA/WG-CR/3/6, paragraph 51). The functions of those executive bodies now appear in the last column of the table entitled "Executive Organs of Certain Intergovernmental Organizations," which appears as an annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

EXECUTIVE ORGANS OF CERTAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

(STATUS ON APRIL 30, 2001)

Organization (Number of Members)	Executive Organ	Number of Members	Periodicity of Meetings	Method of Selection/Election of Members	Functions
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (181)	FAO Council	49	Three sessions every two years	The Members of the FAO Council are elected for a three-year term by the FAO Conference, which is the FAO's fully representative body. Guiding principles in selection: (i) balanced geographical representation; (ii) participation of States with large contribution to the success of the Organization; (iii) rotation of membership to give an opportunity to the greatest number of States.	- Acts as the executive organ of the Conference and exercises powers delegated to it by the Conference.
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (130)	Board of Governors	35 (1999 Amendment will increase to 43 upon entry into force of the Amendment)	Generally five times a year	Ten Members (most advanced in the technology of atomic energy) are designated by the outgoing Board of Governors. The others are elected by the General Conference, which is the IAEA's fully representative body: 25 Members with due regard to equitable representation, of which <u>at least</u> : five from Latin America, four Western Europe, three Eastern Europe, four Africa, two Middle East and South	- Examines and makes recommendations to the General Conference on the IAEA's accounts, program and budget and considers applications for membership; - approves safeguards agreements and the publication of the IAEA's safety standards; - appoints, with the approval of

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				Asia, one South East Asia and the Pacific, one from the Far East.	the General Conference, the Director General of the IAEA.
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (185)	Council	33	Three annual ordinary sessions	The Council is elected by the Assembly (the ICAO's fully representative body) every three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carries out the directions of the Assembly and administers the finances of the Organization; - appoints and defines the duties of an Air Transport Committee and an Air Navigation Commission; - appoints the Executive Head of the Organization and makes provision for the appointment of other personnel as may be necessary; - adopts international standards and recommended practices; and - reports to the Assembly and to contracting States any infractions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
International Finance Corporation (IFC) (174)	Board of Directors	24	Frequent (e.g. twice a week)	Six Members are appointed by a single State, and 18 Members represent multi-member constituencies. <i>Ex Officio</i> Members are the Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsible for the conduct of the general operations of the Corporation; - approves project financing

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				<p>Directors of the World Bank.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Board of Directors of IFC is also the President of the IFC and the World Bank.</p>	operations.
<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (161)</p>	<p>Executive Board</p>	<p>18 Members and 18 Alternate Members</p>	<p>Three annual ordinary sessions</p>	<p>Members of the Executive Board are appointed for a three-year term and they are selected from three lists. List A (comprising 22 OECD States) selects eight Members and eight Alternate Members; List B (comprising 12 OPEC States) selects four Members and four Alternate Members; List C (comprising 127 States) is subdivided into three sub-lists (C1 Africa, C2 Europe, Asia and the Pacific, C3 Latin America and the Caribbean), each sub-list selects two Members and two Alternate Members (giving precedence to the largest contributor). All appointments are ratified by the Governing Council, which is IFAD's fully representative body.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Executive Board is normally the President of IFAD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decides on the program of work, approval of projects, programs and grants and applications for membership and staffing within the Organization; - adopts or recommends action, pending final approval of the Governing Council, on matters related to the annual administrative budget.

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International Labor Organisation (ILO) (175)	Governing Body	56 Members and 66 Deputy Members	Three annual sessions	<p>Members of the Governing Body are appointed for a three-year term and they are selected from Government, Employer and Worker Groups. The Government Group selects 18 Members and 10 Members of chief industrial importance. Employer and Worker Groups select 14 Members each.</p> <p>The Government Group selects 28 Deputy Members, and the Employer and Worker Groups select 19 Members each.</p>	<p>- Takes decisions on ILO policy, decides the agenda of the International Labor Conference, adopts the draft Program and Budget of the Organization for submission to the Conference, and elects the Director General.</p>
International Maritime Organization (IMO) (158)	Council	32 (1993 Amendment will increase to 40 upon entry into force of the Amendment)	Every six months	<p>Members are elected every two years by the Assembly, which is the IMO's fully representative body.</p> <p>The Assembly must be guided by the following criteria: eight Members from States with the largest interests in providing international shipping services; eight Members from States with the largest interests in international sea borne trade; 16 Members from States with interest in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election will ensure geographical representation.</p>	<p>- Considers the draft work program and budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General, and establishes and submits to the Assembly the work program and budget of the Organization;</p> <p>-receives reports, proposals and recommendations of various Committees and transmits them to the Assembly, together with comments and recommendations of the Council;</p> <p>- with the approval of the Assembly, appoints the Secretary General and</p>

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					<p>determines the terms and conditions of service of the Secretary General and other personnel;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reports to the Assembly and submits to it financial statements of the Organization, together with the Council's comments and recommendations; - enters into agreements or arrangements (which are subject to approval by the Assembly) covering the relationship of the Organization with other organizations; - performs all the functions of the Organization between sessions of the Assembly.
<p>International Monetary Fund (IMF) (183)</p>	<p>Executive Board</p>	<p>24 Executive Directors</p> <p>Each Executive Director appoints an Alternate</p>	<p>Frequent, generally three days a week</p>	<p>The Executive Directors of the Executive Board are appointed as follows: five are appointed (and may be replaced at any time) by the Members having the largest quotas in the IMF. The other Directors are elected by the other Groups of Members (for a two year term).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervises the implementation of policies set by member governments through the Board of Governors.

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				The Managing Director of the IMF is the Chairman of the Executive Board.	
International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (189)	Council	46 (it shall not exceed 25% of the total number of Member States)	Annual ordinary sessions	The Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the ITU's fully representative body, elects the Members of the Council, with due regard to the need for equitable distribution of seats among all five world administrative regions of the ITU (Region A (Americas), Region B (Western Europe), Region C (Eastern Europe), Region D (Africa), Region E (Asia & Australia)). The Secretary-General of the ITU acts as the Secretary of the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acts as governing body of the union in the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences; - takes steps to facilitate the implementation by the Members of the provisions of the Constitution, of the Convention, of the Administrative Regulations, of the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and of the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union; - considers broad telecommunication policy issues in keeping with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference; - ensures the efficient coordination of the work of the Union and exercises effective financial control over the General Secretariat and the three Sectors of the Union;

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contributes to the development of telecommunications in the developing countries by every means at its disposal.
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (188 + 5 Associate)	Executive Board	58	Five times per biennium in regular sessions	The Members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Conference, which is UNESCO's fully representative body.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends admission of States not members of the United Nations and summons NGO conferences on education, the sciences and humanities or the dissemination of knowledge; - recommends a candidate for the post of Director-General with a view to his appointment by the General Conference; - makes recommendations concerning invitations to NGOs to sessions of the General Conference and approves consultative arrangements for NGOs and formal arrangements with specialized intergovernmental organizations; - prepares the agenda of the General Conference, examines the program of work for the Organization and corresponding budget estimates submitted by the Director-General, and

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					prepares recommendations thereon to the General Conference.
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (169)	Industrial Development Board	53	At least one regular session each year	<p>The Members of the Board are elected by the General Conference (the fully representative body of UNIDO), with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In general, 33 must be from "Group A" and "Group C," 15 from "Group B" and five from "Group D," as those Groups are designated by the UN General Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the authority of the Conference, reviews the implementation of the approved program of work and of the corresponding regular budget and operational budget, as well as of other decisions of the Conference; - recommends to the Conference a scale of assessments for regular budget expenditures and reports to the Conference at each regular session on the activities of the Board; - requests Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization; - in accordance with the decisions of the Conference and having regard to circumstances arising between sessions of the Board or the Conference, authorizes the Director-General

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					<p>to take such measures as the Board deems necessary to meet unforeseen events;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if the office of the Director-General becomes vacant between sessions of the Conference, appoints an Acting Director-General to serve until the next regular or special session of the Conference; and - prepares the provisional agenda for the Conference.
<p>Universal Postal Union (UPU) (189)</p>	<p>Council of Administration</p>	<p>40</p>	<p>Annual sessions</p>	<p>Members are elected on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution. At least half of the membership is renewed at each Congress, and no member may be chosen by three successive Congresses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervises the activities of the Union between Congresses; - promotes, coordinates and supervises all forms of postal technical assistance; - considers and approves the annual budget and accounts of the Union and lays down the Financial Regulations of the Union; and - appoints or promotes officials to the grade of Assistant Director-General.

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World Bank (182)	Executive Directors	12 Each Executive Director appoints an Alternate	As often as required. Generally function in continuous session.	Five of the Executive Directors are appointed, one by each of the five members having the largest number of shares. Seven of the Executive Directors are elected by all the other Member States. The President of the World Bank is the Chairman of the Executive Directors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider and decide on loan and credit proposals made by the President, and on policies that guide the general operations of the Bank; - present to the Board of Governors at the Annual Meetings an audit of accounts, an administrative budget and an Annual Report on the Bank's operations and policies; - serve on one or more of five standing committees which help the Board discharge its oversight responsibilities through in-depth examinations of policies and practices.
World Health Organization (WHO) (191)	Executive Board	32 (1998 Amendment will increase to 34 upon entry into force of the Amendment)	Twice a year	Members are elected by the WHO Assembly for a three year term. Elections take place every year and are staggered to ensure appropriate rotation. Membership in the board follows a criterion of geographical representation, based on a consistent albeit unwritten practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advises on, and implements decisions and policies of the Assembly; - prepares the agenda of meetings of the Assembly; - submits to the Assembly for consideration and approval a general work program and takes any emergency measures to deal with events requiring immediate

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					action, e.g. authorizing the Director General to take the necessary steps to combat epidemics.
World Trade Organization (WTO) (140)	None (all the WTO main and subsidiary bodies are composed of representatives of all Members)	-	-	-	- There is no Executive Organ

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