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Invitation to the 42nd Session of the European Commission
for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD)

Rome, Italy, 20-21 April 2017

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to extend an invitation to attend the 42nd Session of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) which will be held at FAO headquarters in Rome on 20 and 21 April 2017. The opening meeting will take place at 9:00 hours on Thursday 20 April 2017.

The Session is being convened under the provisions of the EuFMD Constitution and is open to all members of the Commission and to observers.

... The Provisional Agenda is attached and further documents may be downloaded as they become available from the following website:

<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/commissions/eufmd/commissions/eufmd-home/detail/en/c/285531/>

The Session will be conducted in English.

The Director-General would appreciate being informed as soon as possible of the representatives designated to attend the Session. Online registration will be accessible through the password-protected area of the FAO Members Gateway at <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/home/en/>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the website. Please note that online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph.

Participants requiring visas must obtain these from the Italian Consulate or competent Diplomatic Mission in their country before leaving for Rome. Visa applications must be submitted well in advance of departure, as three weeks or more may be required for an Italian visa to be issued. Exclusively those participants traveling from a country where there is no Italian Consulate or other competent Diplomatic Mission may obtain a visa on arrival in Rome, provided that they advise the Secretariat of the meeting of their full name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, issue and expiry dates, flight number, date and hour of arrival and their full travel itinerary, which must not include any other Schengen country. This information must reach FAO at least three weeks before the arrival of participants to permit FAO to request that a visa be issued at Rome airport. Participants failing to comply with the above will not be allowed to enter Italy by the Italian authorities. L.G.

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