

<b>RELEASE IN PART</b> <b>1.4(B),B1,1.4(D),B6</b>
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**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2011 12:15 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FAO update

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**From:** Cousin, Ertharin  
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**Subject:** Re: 2pm edt/8pm Rome time Call

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Moritanos just committed to insuring sustainable implementation of the IPA not just completing the program.

Moritanos also committed to a zero growth budget. Yes he used the word zero but not "nominal".

On another subject, South Africa is leading a charge in the Africa group to encourage solidarity in the later rounds for "the G-77 candidate". No agreement yet but she is pushing hard.

Also Spain has told us they sponsored 5 countries...4 from Africa and 1 other.

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**Sent:** Sat Jun 25 17:12:28 2011  
**Subject:** Re: 2pm edt/8pm Rome time Call

I will be on the call. I will dial in from Salzburg, Austria.

**From:** Cousens, Elizabeth (USUN)  
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Many thanks - will be on.

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**From:** Bunt, Matthew K  
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Counselor Mills,

Ops stands ready to assist with this call and will call out to those who send their numbers. We will also send a reminder at 1330 EDT/1930 Rome.

Best,  
Matt

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**Subject:** Re: 2pm edt/8pm Rome time Call

Ops/Matt

We are going to do a call at 2pm edt/8pm Rome time re FAO DG selection.

Folks should be advised to dial Ops (202-647-1512) or to send you a number at which you all should reach them if they can't dial in.

If you would send a reminder to the group on this chain at 130pm edt/730pm Rome time I would appreciate it.

Thx

Cdm

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8pm Rome time

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**Sent:** Sat Jun 25 16:06:01 2011

**Subject:** Re: FAO - Candidacy Information Chain

Cheryl, Ertharin, All-

I wanted to check on the time for a call that suits Cheryl and the group. I am at a conference and want break out at the right time.

Esther

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Interesting meeting with Patriota. We should convene a quick call.

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**Sent:** Sat Jun 25 13:53:25 2011

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All

Just spoke to Ertharin:

1. Brazil is trying to clarify their position w/ her.

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2. B/f we do ANYTHING PUBLIC OR OTHERWISE about who or what we will do re candidates, we need intelligence and a phone call together, which Ertharin projects the need for an hour or two b/f we can have a productive one w/ good information.

3. Keep info flowing to this group but no action until we get on a call

4. I have added Tom Shannon and Lona Stoll (USDA) to this traffic so use this email chain.

Thanks all.

Cdm

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**To:** Cousin, Ertharin; Brimmer, Esther D; Mills, Cheryl D; Shannon, Thomas A  
**Cc:** Zuniga, Ricardo F; Chapman, Todd C; Huang, Cindy Y  
**Subject:** Re: FAO Budget

I just arrived Rome and am heading to conference site to join in reconn.

Agree on need for common talking point for Brazil based on conference call. Suggestion: "The issues raised in our proposal are important to us and will guide our voting decision and our interaction with whoever becomes the next DG."

Jonathan

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Please hold talking to Brazil

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**Sent:** Sat Jun 25 12:59:51 2011  
**Subject:** Re: FAO Budget

That is decisive.

WFP is one they had mentioed before. At their meeting in Washington the FM explicitly mentioned how much could be done with a Brazilian at FAO and an American at WFP. (I sat in on the session.)

Esther

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**Subject:** Re: FAO Budget

[Redacted] The foreign minister  
has asked to speak with our head of delegation.

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**Sent:** Fri Jun 24 20:32:43 2011  
**Subject:** RE: FAO Budget

What are folks thought on how we should approach this?

**From:** Brimmer, Esther D  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** Cousin, Ertharin; Mills, Cheryl D; Shannon, Thomas A  
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**Subject:** Re: FAO Budget

This. May be a microcosm of the overall problem. Capital is positive, caandidate difficlut--but the potential for cooperation great.

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Okay I just had a pull aside with the foreign minister. He talked about the importance of Brazil and the US working together, acknowledged the importance of decentralization while protecting the Rome work and underlined his belief that the US leading the WFP with Brazil at the helm of the FAO represents a strong combination. He was not willing to commit to Brazil's support for a no growth budget. He said the leadership and membership will need to decide the budget level. He then stated that decentralization over time may require additional budget support. He recognized the need for budget restraint but would not commit to a no growth core budget.

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He suggested that I talk with the candidate. [Redacted]

I then cornered the candidate [Redacted]

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For the record this reception is the best attended of any event so far...however when talking with a group of the African reps one said "I feel like a man with two wives I must visit them equally" as they all headed out the door to the Spanish candidate's reception.

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**Sent:** Fri Jun 24 18:25:57 2011  
**Subject:** RE: FAO Budget

Not sure what this means vis-à-vis what we asked for in terms of their commitment and I am increasingly worried we are not going to get what we need by way of assurances public and otherwise given that it is now 5:30pm in Rome . . .

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**Cc:** Zuniga, Ricardo F; Chapman, Todd C  
**Subject:** FAO Budget

Vera Machado called me back regarding the Brazilian comments on budget efficiencies. She said that Brazil does want to achieve efficiencies in the budget and its implementation. She noted that Brazil is now the tenth largest contributor to the FAO budget, and that it had an interest in holding the line on spending and getting the most for its investment. While she noted that budget issues have to be handled with care, she said that increasing hunger in the world meant that the FAO had to use its money better and more wisely.

She said she was still trying to communicate with the Foreign Minister and Graziano da Silva, and would get back to me as soon as she had spoken with them.