

174th Session of the Council

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Item 16 – Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)

Member Name	Comments
United States of America (Tuesday, 14 November 2023 – 14.49)	<p>The United States supports FAO’s continued work and analysis documenting the global food security impacts of Russia’s war against Ukraine. We encourage FAO to continue updating its publications and analysis, following from the conclusions and decisions of the Councils 169, 170, 171 and 172.</p> <p>We also look forward to the finalization of FAO’s policy on private sector participation in governing body meetings.</p>
Japan (Wednesday, 15 November 2023 – 15.00)	<p>Japan expresses its gratitude to Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council. We submit the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan appreciates the UN-brokered Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI), which continued outstanding contribution to ensuring global food security by promoting grain export from Ukraine via the Black Sea. • For the continuation and strengthening of efforts to support the information based decision-making and the promotion of policy coordination, Japan has continued to prioritize further utilization and enhancement of neutral and objective statistical information that are provided by FAO and other international organizations in order to ensure global food security and build more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive global food systems. <p>In this regard, we would like to see more transparency in agricultural markets through platforms such as the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and more practical use of data in a timely and appropriate collection of data from each country.</p>
European Union (Wednesday, 15 November 2023 – 16.39)	<p>I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the European Union (EU) and its 27 Member States.</p> <p>We thank FAO for updating Member States on the status of implementation of the decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council.</p> <p>The European Union and its Member States note with appreciation FAO’s efforts to analyse, evaluate and report about the impact of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine on global food security and nutrition, issue already expressed in Item 6 of the Agenda.</p> <p>We reiterate the need to renew the political and technical support for the restoration of an initiative similar to the Black Sea Grain Initiative, noting its importance to ensuring availability of and access to food for countries in all regions, especially for the most vulnerable populations. The EU remains committed to supporting a multilateral UN-led solution to tackling the global food crisis and calls on FAO to play an active part in discussions designing such an initiative.</p>

	<p>We request FAO to keep the compilation and use of data as key element to improve the decision-making process to advance in the right to feed, and in the end, the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.</p> <p>Finally, we request that FAO keep up its efforts on the issues still ongoing from the mandate of the 172nd FAO Council, so that they can be evaluated in the next cycle of Governing Bodies meetings in the spring of 2024.</p>
<p>Australia (Thursday, 16 November 2023 – 13.58)</p>	<p>Australia appreciates the ongoing efforts by FAO to take stock of the global impacts of the war in Ukraine. We encourage future updates where necessary as the situation evolves.</p> <p>We note the report <i>The impact of disasters on agriculture and food security: Avoiding and reducing losses through investment in resilience</i> and its first key conclusion identifying the need for improved data and information on the impacts of disasters in agriculture. We look forward to future editions considering regional and country data from the Southwest Pacific region given the prevalence and impact of natural disasters in the region.</p>