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Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This document presents the updated status of outstanding recommendations made by the Committee at its previous sessions.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Committee is invited to take note of the information presented in this document..

Draft Advice

- **The Committee took note of the Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee and looked forward to receiving an updated version of the document at its next regular session.**

Recommendation	Status
MONITORING FINANCIAL POSITION	
Report of the 170th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 159/4	
The Committee (on the <i>Report on Investments 2017</i>) looked forward to receiving information on the results of the Asset and Liability (ALM) study in the 2018 Report on Investments - paragraph 10	Information will be provided with the Report on Investments 2018 to be presented to the March 2019 Session of the FC.
The Committee (on the <i>2017 Actuarial Valuation of Staff Related Liabilities</i>) requested the Secretariat to consider decreasing the frequency of performance of actuarial valuations in consultation with the External Auditor - paragraph 12	Information will be provided with the 2018 Actuarial Valuation of Staff Related Liabilities to be presented to the March 2019 Session of the FC.
BUDGETARY MATTERS	
Report of the 170th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 159/4	
The Committee (<i>on Any Other Matters</i>) requested that the Results Framework 2018-19 for functional objectives be considered at its autumn 2018 session - paragraph 40	To be considered at the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 7).
HUMAN RESOURCES	
Report of the 170th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 159/4	
<p>The Committee (on Human Resources Management):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requested that future reports provide additional information on other areas of Human Resources Management at FAO, broken down by funding source as appropriate, including on the mobility policy, use of different contractual arrangements and the balance between professional and general service staff; - requested the Secretariat to re-establish the practice of publishing on a monthly basis on the Members Gateway information relating to geographic representation of staff. <p>- paragraph 16</p>	Information to be included with the report presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 8).

Recommendation	Status
<p>The Committee (on Geographic Balance of Consultants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requested the Secretariat to provide more detailed data to the Finance Committee on geographic distribution of consultants on PWB funded positions, including on the numbers of consultant positions, funding, minimum lengths of contract, and current geographic distribution of these positions - requested the Secretariat to present a progress report to the autumn 2018 session of the Committee on ongoing efforts to better improve the geographic distribution of consultants. <p>- paragraph 18</p>	<p>Information to be provided with the report to be presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 9)</p>
OVERSIGHT	
Report of the 170th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 159/4	
<p>The Committee (<i>on the FAO Audit Committee - 2017 Annual Report to the Director-General</i>) looked forward to a comprehensive progress report from Management on the implementation of the Audit committee's recommendations at the session of the Finance Committee in autumn 2018 - paragraph 25</p>	<p>Progress report to be presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 13).</p>
<p>The Committee (<i>on the Appointment of the External Auditor for the period 2020-25</i>) requested that the Secretariat initiate the selection process by inviting proposals from eligible Auditors-General of Members of FAO and present a progress report on the Selection and Appointment Process to its next regular session – paragraph 31</p>	<p>Progress Report to be presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 16).</p>
Report of the 169th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 158/7	
<p>The Committee (on the Terms of Reference of the FAO Audit Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requested the Secretariat to review the selection process of Audit Committee members and present options at the Committee's next regular session regarding the future selection of members taking into account best practices of other UN Organizations - paragraph 31 	<p>Additional information on the selection process will be included when the Finance Committee is next presented with recommendations for appointment to FAO Audit Committee Membership in March 2019.</p>

Recommendation	Status
OTHER MATTERS	
Report of the 170th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 159/4	
<p>The Committee (on Improved Methods of the Finance Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requested that a document on the status of outstanding recommendations of the Committee be prepared for consideration at the start of each regular session; - recommended that the provisional timetable reflect, as far as possible, planned evening sessions of the Committee. - paragraph 32 	<p>Document to be presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC (item 17).</p> <p>Information to be included with the provisional timetable presented to the November 2018 Session of the FC.</p>
<p>The Committee (on the <i>Representation Allowance for Deputy Directors-General and Assistant Directors-General</i>) requested the Secretariat to submit to the March 2019 Session of the Committee a proposal on future levels and conditions for the allowance – paragraph 34</p>	<p>Proposal to be presented to the March 2019 Session of the FC.</p>
<p>The Committee (on the <i>Update on Commissary Closure and Related Matters</i>) encouraged the Secretariat to explore available business model options and inform the Committee at a future session – paragraph 36</p>	<p>Information to be presented at a future session of the FC.</p>