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Programme Implementation Report 2020-21 (Extract)

Extract from the Report of the 170th Session of Council (13-17 June 2022)

Programme Implementation Report 2020-21¹

10. The Council welcomed document C 2023/8, *Programme Implementation Report 2020-21*, concurred with the findings of the Joint Meeting of the 133rd Session of the Programme Committee and the 191st Session of the Finance Committee, and in particular:

- a) commended the Organization for the results achieved in implementing the Programme of Work 2020-21 within the exceptionally challenging context of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) stressed the pivotal importance of assessed contributions in the implementation of the agreed programme of work;
- c) highlighted the value to the Organization of unearmarked and lightly earmarked voluntary funding and requested an analysis of the role and effects of earmarked contributions in delivering the Strategic Framework 2022-31;
- d) welcomed FAO's enhanced attention to multilingualism and looked forward to continuing its efforts in the current biennium and to receiving further information on the implementation of the strategic policy framework for multilingualism at a future session;
- e) encouraged FAO to continue strengthening its policies to promote a gender-sensitive approach to boost equal opportunities and participation, including at senior management level, given that women are the most vulnerable staff assets according to FAO relevant statistics and are underrepresented at senior levels;
- f) welcomed the information provided on the FAO flagship publications and other initiatives and highlighted the importance of timely information and communication with Members on all FAO flagship and other initiatives, such as One Country One Priority Product;

¹ C 2023/8; C 2023/8 Web Annexes 1-9; CL 170/10 paras.9-10; CL 170/PV/1; CL 170/PV/2; CL 170/PV/10

- g) commended the remarkable level of USD 2.7 billion in resources mobilized in the biennium and encouraged FAO to continue exploring different funding modalities to attract more flexible voluntary contributions; and
 - h) welcomed the Report and encouraged Management to continue working on the ongoing reform process, providing enhanced transparency, further information and enhanced accountability with all Members.
11. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2020-21 and recommended that it be submitted to the 43rd Session of the Conference for its approval.