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INTRODUCTION - PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION

1. The Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council was held in Rome from 14 to 16 November 2007 under the Chairpersonship of Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini, Independent Chairperson of the Council. The Director-General made an introductory statement.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE ¹

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Community and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session after adding an item under Any Other Matters on the Reports of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources (Interlaken, Switzerland, 3-7 September 2007) and of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 11-15 June 2007) as proposed by France. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

ELECTION OF THREE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS, AND DESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ²

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mohamed Ashraf Gamal Eldin Rashed (Egypt), Yohannes Tensue (Eritrea) and Ms Agnes van Ardenne van der Hoeven (Netherlands).

4. The Council elected Vic Heard (United Kingdom) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Japan, Netherlands, Oman, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

¹ CL 133/1; CL 133/1-Add.1; CL 133/INF/1; CL 133/INF/6; CL 133/INF/8; CL 133/INF/9; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

² CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

ACTIVITIES OF FAO

PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE) ³

Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference, and of the Chairpersons of the Commissions of the Conference

5. In accordance with Rule VII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

Chairperson of the Conference: Carlos Vallejo López (Ecuador)
Chairperson of Commission I: Christer Wretborn (Sweden)
Chairperson of Commission II: Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic)

Nomination of three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference

6. In accordance with Rule VII GRO the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

Kaman Nainggolan (Indonesia)
Abubaker Al-Mansori (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Vladimir Iosifov (Russian Federation)

Nomination of seven Members of the General Committee

7. In accordance with Rule VII GRO the Council agreed to put the following nominations, provided for by Rule X-1 GRO, before the Conference:

China	Kuwait
Denmark	New Zealand
Gabon	United States of America
Guatemala	

³ C 2007/12-Rev.1; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET (PWB) 2008-09 ⁴

8. The Council considered the Programme of Work and Budget proposals for the 2008-09 biennium, together with the relevant advice in the Reports of the Programme and Finance Committees.

9. The Council observed that the contents of the document complied with the guidance it had provided at its previous session of June 2007. Hence, the proposed maintenance budget presented in the Summary had been further developed in the full PWB; the latter included more phased proposals for the funding of reserves and long-term liabilities to restore the financial health of the Organization.

10. The Council further noted that the full PWB met the expectation of no major reprioritisation, pending the outcome of the IEE. The maintenance budget, therefore, continued the substantive priorities agreed by the membership and reflected the organizational changes recently approved by the Governing Bodies. Nevertheless, the Council welcomed the increased multidisciplinary focus placed on climate change and bioenergy, as well as work in support of knowledge management and capacity-building.

11. The Council also appreciated the preliminary efforts made to present Regular Programme and extra-budgetary resources in a more integrated manner. It looked forward to further progress in this direction while respecting the multilateral character of the Organization, as this would facilitate a more coherent resource mobilisation strategy and enhance flexibility in meeting requirements of Members, as well as eventual IEE follow-up.

Links with the IEE

12. The Council recognised that the proposals in the PWB could not address follow-up to the IEE while, as anticipated, the two tracks of intergovernmental consideration of the PWB and of the IEE documentation would need to converge at the Conference in the following week.

Views on the Budget Level

13. As different views were expressed on the budget level for the next biennium, the Council was not in a position to reach a consensus ahead of the further discussions expected in Commission II of the Conference.

14. A majority of Members supported the proposals for a maintenance budget which in their view constituted a bare minimum, bearing in mind the challenges FAO was expected to address, including the implementation of MDG1, and the need to put an end to the cumulative budgetary stringency experienced in recent biennia. They felt that this would also be consistent with the call for reform with growth made by the IEE.

15. Many other Members stated that they could support in principle the maintenance budget. They reiterated the need for continued attention to efficiency savings which could assist in lowering absolute resource requirements under the Regular Budget.

16. Some Members stressed their expectation that increases in assessments for the next biennium should remain within realistic levels.

⁴ C 2007/3; CL 133/PV/2; CL 133/PV/4.

17. One Member underlined that the level of the budget proposed in the PWB could not be supported, as it was not in line with the financial discipline his country expected in international organizations and bearing in mind the expectation of significant gains in efficiency from implementation of the IEE recommendations.

18. One Member proposed that the Conference in the following week could adopt a one-year budget (i.e. for the year 2008), pending the expected consideration by a special session of the Conference in the second half of 2008 of the Immediate Action Plan (IAP) recommended by the IEE. Hence, the latter session of the Conference would be able to address budgetary requirements for the second year of the biennium in full cognizance of the reform package embodied in the IAP. Many Members opposed this idea, as it would generate a damaging climate of uncertainty in the Organization and would be disruptive to the orderly delivery of essential services.

19. Other Members did not specifically express their respective Government's views at this stage.

Other Matters

20. The delegate of the United Arab Emirates reported that since the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council, consultations had taken place and all Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Yemen had supported the proposal to establish a FAO Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen in the United Arab Emirates. He confirmed the commitment of his Government to cover the full costs of the new Office and requested the Council to approve the establishment of this Sub-regional Office in 2008. The Secretariat recalled that the establishment of this Sub-regional Office had been foreseen since 2005 as part of the worldwide implementation of reform, and clarified that in light of the principle of full-cost reimbursement by the Host Country, the Sub-regional Office would be established within the current budgetary appropriation without any net transfer of resources from Headquarters to the field. A majority of Members expressed their support, with no country expressing reservations. In view of the above, the Council approved the proposal to establish a new FAO Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen in the United Arab Emirates and applauded the generosity of the United Arab Emirates to cover the full implementation and running costs.

REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE 98TH SESSION OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE AND THE 119TH SESSION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (ROME, SEPTEMBER 2007) ⁵

REPORT OF THE 98TH SESSION OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (ROME, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) ⁶

21. While agreeing to reflect its substantive discussion of the Committee's deliberations on the Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09⁷ under agenda Item 4, the Council endorsed the Report and conclusions of the Programme Committee.

22. In its discussion, the Council attached priority to FAO's role in climate change and bioenergy, capacity-building, knowledge management, and the management of transboundary plant pests and livestock diseases including Avian Influenza. Members drew attention to the usefulness to countries of national medium-term priority frameworks that enabled them to make better use of FAO's potential. With respect to the Rome-based Agencies, the Council requested that the Secretariat continue to report progress in the development of cooperation, including on

⁵ The content of the Report was discussed under "Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09".

⁶ CL 133/3; CL 133/PV/2; CL 133/PV/4.

⁷ C 2007/3.

cost-savings. The progress being made in developing an integrated approach to Regular Programme and extra-budgetary resources was appreciated, in particular concerning the Programme of Work and Budget presentation.

23. The Council welcomed the evaluation report of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) that had been discussed in the Programme Committee. The Council particularly stressed the importance it attached to FAO's functions in international standard-setting and the roles of the IPPC and the Codex Alimentarius Commission and that they should receive increased Regular Programme funding. The Council shared the emphasis placed by the Programme Committee and the IPPC evaluation on capacity-building to enable developing country Members to maximise the potential benefits from FAO standard-setting bodies. In this regard, the important role of extra-budgetary resources was stressed. A number of Members also considered that the standard-setting bodies needed to be more inclusive and transparent in their institutional arrangements if they were to adequately meet the needs of developing countries.

24. The Council noted the Chairperson's view that the Programme Committee should take a more strategic role in providing advice to the Council on FAO's overall priorities and directions and, in this context, welcomed the development of a new Strategic Framework for the Organization as part of the follow-up to the IEE.

REPORTS OF THE 119TH SESSION (ROME, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) AND 120TH SESSION (ROME, 8 AND 9 OCTOBER 2007) OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ⁸

25. The Council expressed grave concern with the deterioration in the financial situation of the Organization as evidenced by various factors, in particular:

- a) the high level of late payments and arrears which resulted in frequent recourse to external borrowing to cover operating expenses and ensure delivery of the approved programme;
- b) the large accumulated General Fund deficit and the emergence in 2006-07 of significant under-budgeted costs;
- c) the slowdown in the rate of TCP expenditure during 2006-07 in the face of severe liquidity problems;
- d) the depletion of the Organization's reserves.

26. The Council urged the membership to make a concerted effort to address these problems, both in the short term by settling in a timely way all outstanding contributions and in the longer term by pursuing strategies to ensure that significant obligations such as after-service liabilities become fully funded and by considering ways to replenish reserves. The Council again stressed that the TCP was a vital component of FAO's work and should not be used as a source of funding to address liquidity problems, nor its delivery delayed.

Status of Contributions and Arrears ⁹

27. The Council considered the status of contributions and arrears of the Organization as at 12 November 2007, and noted with concern that over 24 percent of the membership of the Organization had made no payment towards their US\$ portion of 2007 assessments, and 27 percent of the membership had not made any payment towards their Euro portion of 2007 assessments.

28. The Council expressed concern over the high level of arrears outstanding, noting that forty-seven Member Nations still had arrears outstanding from 2006 and previous years and twenty-four owed arrears in such amounts as would prejudice their right to vote in accordance

⁸ CL 133/4; CL 133/11; CL 133/PV/2; CL 133/PV4.

⁹ CL 133/LIM/1; CL 133/PV/2/ CL 133/PV/4.

with Article III.4 of the Constitution. While appreciating the often-difficult financial situations of some countries, emphasis was placed on the importance for all Member Nations, irrespective of their size, to honour their financial obligations towards the Organization. The Council, therefore, urged all Member Nations to pay their contributions in full and on time, in order to enable the Organization to continue to fulfil its mandate.

*Adoption of Russian as a Language of FAO - Funding Modalities*¹⁰

29. The Council examined the two alternative scenarios for funding the adoption of Russian as a language of the Organization put forward in document CL 133/6, which the Secretariat had been requested to develop. The first modality involved full funding of the introduction of the Russian language through Regular Programme resources up to an amount of US\$5.2 million per biennium. The second option considered a phased implementation of such introduction, to be funded at a level of US\$1.7 million per biennium from the Regular Programme budget, complemented by extra-budgetary resources. While reiterating its support to the adoption of Russian as a language of the Organization, the Council noted the recommendation made by the Finance Committee at its Hundred and Nineteenth Session that such introduction be funded only through extra-budgetary contributions in the next two biennia.

30. The Council approved the proposed gradual introduction of Russian as a language of the Organization. Many Members supported funding through the Regular Programme, as set out in the proposed Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09. Several Members felt that such phased implementation should be funded through voluntary contributions only, given the difficult financial situation of the Organization.

*Other Matters Arising out of the Reports*¹¹

Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2006-07 Biennium

31. The Council noted that in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5(b), the Finance Committee had reviewed the proposed Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2006-07 biennium. The Council also noted that the forecasted 2006-07 performance was mainly impacted by under-budgeted costs as previously reported, in particular a significant forecasted unfavourable staff cost variance and redeployment cost for incumbents of abolished posts.

32. The Finance Committee had noted that the 2006-07 budgetary appropriation was foreseen to be fully spent, with the exception of a surplus of approximately US\$1.5 million under Chapter 9: *Security Expenditure*. The Committee, recalling the endorsement by Council in November 2006 to maintain internal controls, had requested an amount up to US\$500 000 of the expected surplus under Chapter 9 to be provided to the Finance Division to renew contracts under the Local Audit Programme.

33. Taking into account this adjustment, the Committee had authorized transfers from budgetary Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 9 in favour of Chapters 1 (US\$1.7 million), 5 (US\$3.3 million), and 8 (US\$2.0 million). The Council noted that the Director-General would report the precise amounts transferred to the first session of the Finance Committee in 2008.

34. As requested by the Council, the Committee had considered the viability of alternative proposals for funding excess terminal payments from within the Regular Programme appropriation while protecting the TCP programme. The Committee had again acknowledged that very few programme activities could be cut at this stage of the biennium without incurring even greater increased costs. To cover to the extent possible the excess terminal payments in 2006-07, the Committee had requested that the Secretariat re-apportion any overall budgetary surplus, including that arising under Chapter 5. The Council recalled that excess terminal payments had

¹⁰ CL 133/6; CL 133/PV/2; CL 133/PV/4.

¹¹ CL 133/4; CL 133/11; CL 133/PV/2; CL 133/PV/4.

been charged to the General Fund in past biennia, and stressed that any under-budgeted costs should only be charged to the General Fund as a last recourse.

Incentive Scheme to Encourage Prompt Payment of Contributions

35. The Council was informed of the Finance Committee's discussions in several past sessions concerning the efficacy and appropriateness of the Incentive Scheme in the face of rising levels of unpaid current assessments and arrears. The Committee had agreed, at its Hundred and Nineteenth Session, to maintain the discount rate at zero for 2008 contributions, in line with its previous recommendations, and as endorsed by the Council at a previous session.

Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2007-2008

36. The Council noted that the Finance Committee, at its Hundred and Nineteenth Session, had observed that better coordination was required on the timing of Finance Committee sessions dealing exclusively with World Food Programme (WFP) items. It had recommended that the Council include the timing of such WFP sessions in the overall Calendar of the Governing Bodies. The matter would be discussed under Item 12 of the present Council session.

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION'S CASH SHORTAGE SITUATION ¹²

37. The Council noted that discussions were ongoing among concerned Members on two draft resolutions for the Conference on Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation, but additional time was required in order to arrive at a consensus. The Council recommended that discussions should continue with a view to reaching agreement on the issue during the forthcoming session of the Conference.

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO ¹³

38. The Council unanimously welcomed the Report of the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (IEE). The Council expressed its appreciation to all those who had played key roles in the process, in particular the Chair of the Council Committee for the IEE, Ambassador Perri, the IEE team leader and core team who had undertaken work of high quality, and its own Independent Chairperson who had led the Friends of the Chair process. The support of the FAO Director-General and Secretariat, in particular Mr John Markie, Chief of the Evaluation Service, had also been invaluable.

39. The Council shared the assessment of the Council Committee for the IEE that the evaluation was the most in-depth, comprehensive, wide-ranging and forward-looking evaluation conducted of a UN organization. It also agreed with the assessment that the IEE fully met the terms of reference prescribed in the Inception Report, and:

- a) followed a sound methodology, which was consultative of the views of the main stakeholders;
- b) was comprehensive and evidence-based; and
- c) provided findings and recommendations for the future of FAO which were well-documented and grounded in analysis.

40. The Council welcomed the Management Response "In Principle", especially the positive position conveyed by management illustrated also by its determination to immediately initiate many of those reforms and improvements, in line with the recommendations of the IEE, which lay

¹² CL 133/LIM/2; CL 133/PV/4.

¹³ C 2007/7 A.1-Rev.1; C 2007/7 A.1-Corr.1; C 2007/7 A.2; C 2007/7 B; CL 133/12; CL 133/13; CL 133/PV/3; CL 133/PV/4.

within the effective authority of the Director-General and which did not have incremental cost implications.

41. The Council commended the report of the IEE and the Management Response “In Principle” to the Conference for its consideration. In doing so, on behalf of all Members of their regional groups, Members of the Council expressed their determination to work together to build on the findings and recommendations of the IEE and the Management Response to move forward in time for a special Conference in 2008 in achieving FAO reform with growth.

42. The Friends of the Chair proposed text on the Main Elements for a Conference Resolution on Follow-up to the IEE. It provided a draft of the sections of the Resolution which all Members of the Friends of the Chair adopted with consensus, including a time-bound Committee of the Conference and the need for a special session of the Conference in the latter part of 2008. Many Members supported the inclusion of an additional paragraph in the Resolution on milestones and benchmarks for the work of the proposed Committee of the Conference. As there had not been adequate time to discuss this in the Friends of the Chair, the Council suggested to the Conference that it give this further consideration. The Council also drew attention to the Conference that the draft text of the proposed Conference Resolution provided for the Conference to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference Committee.

43. The Council thus endorsed for the consideration of the Conference the Report of the Independent Chairperson of the Council on the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair on IEE follow-up. The Council noted that it was possible for the Conference to extend the Friends of the Chair arrangements during the Conference, so as to permit further consideration of outstanding matters pertaining to the draft Conference Resolution on the IEE.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

REPORT OF THE 82ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (ROME, 25 OCTOBER 2007) ¹⁴

44. The Council examined the Report of the Eighty-second Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters.

Review of the work of the Informal Group of Legal Experts on the Process for a Change in the Nature of a Statutory Body under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution into a Body Outside the Framework of FAO (Possible Change in Status of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission)

45. The Council noted the report of the Informal Group of Legal Experts on the process for a change in the nature of a statutory body under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution into a body outside the framework of FAO which was an annex to the CCLM Report. The Council agreed with the CCLM that while not all legal issues involved had been thoroughly examined, further analysis on the procedure to be followed for the separation of IOTC from FAO would not be productive at this stage. Fundamental decisions on issues of principle had yet to be taken by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and its Members.

46. The Council took note of statements of many Members stressing the need to address the long-standing issue of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of IOTC, as well as of the commitment of Members to deal actively with the matter. The Secretariat informed the Council that immediately after the sessions of the Conference and Council, it would initiate discussions in that connection with IOTC Members. The Council underlined the urgent need to bring this matter to a successful conclusion in order to ensure the sustainable management of tuna and tuna-like species in the Indian Ocean. The Council urged the Secretariat and all Members concerned to devise an appropriate formula for consideration by the IOTC to improve its efficiency and effectiveness at its forthcoming session in 2008.

47. The Council endorsed the view of the CCLM that the issue of the relationship between FAO and bodies established under Article XIV of the Constitution needed to be examined in future, taking into account all pertinent circumstances, including past practice of the Organization and the decisions of its Governing Bodies.

Other Matters

48. The Council noted that the issue of access by Members to reports of the Inspector General was still pending, that the matter had also been addressed in the context of the Independent External Evaluation and that guidance would need to be provided on this matter in future.

49. The Council was informed that the issue of allocating a second seat for the Near East region in the Finance Committee had not been examined as informal consultations among regional groups had not been resolved. The Council noted that the CCLM was ready to examine the matter in future once a common position had been reached.

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS ¹⁵

Applications for Membership in the Organization

50. The Council was informed of the applications for membership received from the Government of the Principality of Andorra and the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

¹⁴ CL 133/5; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

¹⁵ C 2007/10; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

and of the application for associate membership received from the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark on behalf of the Faroe Islands.

51. Pending a decision by the Conference on these applications and pursuant to Rule XXV.11 of the General Rules of the Organization and paragraphs B-1, B-2 and B-5 of the “Statement of Principles relating to the Granting of Observer Status to Nations”, the Council authorized the Director-General to invite the applicant countries to participate, in an observer capacity, in the present Council Session.

*Change in the name of the Committee for Inland Fisheries in Africa*¹⁶

52. The Council noted that, at its Fourteenth Session held in Accra, Ghana, from 22 to 24 November 2006, the Committee for Inland Fisheries in Africa, a committee established by the Council under Article VI-2 of the FAO Constitution, recommended to the Council that its name be changed in order to reflect more accurately its work and activities concerning both inland fisheries and aquaculture. The Council agreed that the name of the Committee should henceforth be Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa.

OTHER MATTERS

REVISED CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2007-2008¹⁷

53. In considering the Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2007-2008 (*Appendix D*), which was submitted to the Council for information, the Council took note that its Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session would be held in Rome on 26 November 2007.

REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES (INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) AND OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (ROME, 11-15 JUNE 2007)¹⁸

54. The Council had before it the Reports of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Interlaken, Switzerland, 3-7 September 2007), and the 11th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 11-15 June 2007). It reiterated the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture, including animal genetic resources, to achieve global food security and safeguard natural resources for present and future generations.

55. The Council endorsed the outcomes of the International Technical Conference, the Interlaken Declaration and the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, as a major contribution of FAO to the overall international framework on agricultural biodiversity.

56. The Council endorsed the Multi-year Programme of Work, adopted by the 11th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. It noted that the Commission would oversee, assess and report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources.

57. The Council proposed that the Thirty-fourth Session of FAO Conference in November 2007 adopt a resolution endorsing the outcomes of the International Technical Conference and the

¹⁶ CL 133/7; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

¹⁷ CL 133/INF/4; CL 132/PV/3; CL 133/PV/4.

¹⁸ CL 133/INF/8; CL 133/PV/1; CL 133/PV/4.

Multi-year Programme of Work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

58. The Council thanked the Government of Switzerland for hosting the International Technical Conference, as well as the countries that contributed towards this event, and facilitated participation of delegations from developing countries.

APPENDIX A

**AGENDA FOR THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD
SESSION OF THE COUNCIL**

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CL 133/3	Report of the 98 th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 3-7 September 2007)
CL 133/4	Report of the 119 th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 3-7 September 2007)
CL 133/5	Report of the 82 nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 25 October 2007)
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C 2007/7 A.1-Corr.1	Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
C 2007/7 A.2	Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Annexes 2-4
C 2007/7 B	Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Management Response "In-Principle"
C 2007/10	Applications for Membership and Associate Membership in the Organization
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APPENDIX D

**REVISED CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS
2007-2008**

	2007		2008	
JANUARY	117 FC	24		
FEBRUARY	ECOSOC 1	6	WFP	4-8
	IFAD/GC	12-16	ECOSOC 1	5
	WFP	19-23	IFAD/GC	11-15
MARCH	27 COFI	5-9	29 NERC	1-5
	18 COFO	13-16	83 CCLM	17-18
			25 ARC	31/03-4/04
APRIL	81 CCLM	4-5	30 LARC	14-18
	IFAD/EB	16-20	IFAD/EB	21-25
	66 CCP	23-25		
	20 COAG	25-28		
MAY	33 CFS	7-10	29 APRC	19-23
	118 FC	17-25	99 PC	26-30
	97 PC	21-25	121 FC	26-30
JUNE	WFP	4 - 8	WFP	9-13
	132 CL	18-22	26 ERC	23-27
JULY	ECOSOC 2	2	ECOSOC 2	..
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	119 FC	3-7	IFAD/EB	8-12
	98 PC	3-7	UNGA	16
	IFAD/EB	10-14	84 CCLM	29-30
	UNGA	18		
OCTOBER	120 FC*	8-9	122 FC	6-10
	WFD	16 (Tuesday)	100 PC	6-10
	WFP	22-26	34 CFS	13-17
	82 CCLM*	25-26	WFD	16 (Thursday)
			WFP	27-31
NOVEMBER	133 CL	14-16	135 CL	17-21 (Tentative)
	34 C	17-24		
	134 CL	26		
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	10-14	IFAD/EB	15-19

Easter: 8 Apr 07
 Ramadan begins: 13 Sept 07
 Eid Al-Fitr: 12 Oct 07
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 Dec 07

Easter: 23 March 08
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08
 Eid al Fitr: 1st Oct 08
 Eid Al-Adha: 8 Dec 08

APRC Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
 ARC Regional Conference for Africa
 C Conference
 CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
 CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
 CFS Committee on World Food Security
 CL Council
 COAG Committee on Agriculture
 COFI Committee on Fisheries
 COFO Committee on Forestry
 ECOSOC UN Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)

ERC Regional Conference for Europe
 FC Finance Committee
 IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
 IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
 LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
 NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
 PC Programme Committee
 UNGA United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
 WFD World Food Day
 WFP World Food Programme Executive Board

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(November 2005 – November 2007)

Chairperson

United Kingdom (M. Wyatt) ¹

Members

Afghanistan (A.R. Ayazi)
Australia (Ms J. Barfield)
Canada (J. Melanson)
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India (G. Nair) ²

Jamaica (F.B. Zenny) ³
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A.A. Zaied) ⁴
Nigeria (G. Lombin) ⁵
Philippines (R.S. Recide)
South Africa (Ms V.B. Titi)

- ¹ Replaced by V. Heard (United Kingdom) as of the Ninety-sixth Session.
² Replaced by R. Parasuram as of the Ninety-fifth Session.
³ Replaced by Mrs Z. Budhan as of the Ninety-sixth Session.
⁴ Replaced by S.A. Essa for the Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth Sessions.
⁵ Replaced by Y. Olinaran as of the Ninety-seventh Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(November 2005 – November 2007)

Chairperson

Pakistan (A.A. Khawaja)

Members

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Peru (R. Seminario)
Qatar (A.I. Al Abdulla) ^{2,3}
United States of America (J.M. Cleverley) ^{4,5}
Zimbabwe (Ms V. Takaendes Mutiro) ⁶

- ¹ Replaced by R. Bettini for the Hundred and Eighteenth Session.
² Replaced by Sheikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al-Thani for the Hundred and Nineteenth Session.
³ Replaced by Soltan Saad S.K. Al-Moraikhi for the Hundred and Twentieth Session.
⁴ Replaced by W. Brakel for the Hundred and Thirteenth Session.
⁵ Replaced by L. Brudvig as of the Hundred and Fourteenth Session.
⁶ Replaced by Mrs M. Muchada for the Hundred and Fourteenth, Hundred and Fifteenth, Hundred and Eighteenth, Hundred and Nineteenth and Hundred and Twentieth Sessions.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS
(November 2005 – November 2007)

Belgium
Czech Republic
Gabon
Guatemala

Philippines
Syrian Arab Republic
United States of America

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2006

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2007

Canada (D)
Congo (A)
Germany (D)
Haiti (C)
Niger (A)
Kuwait (B) ¹

Australia (D)
China (B)
Cuba (C)
Ethiopia (A)
Norway (D)
Tunisia (A)

31 December 2008

Austria (D)
Colombia (C)
Slovenia (E)
Sudan (A) ²
Switzerland (D)
United Republic of Tanzania (D) ³

Indonesia (B)
Japan (D)
Mexico (C)
Ukraine (E)
United Kingdom (D)
Zimbabwe (A)

31 December 2009

Netherlands (D)
Pakistan (B)
Peru (C)
Philippines (B)
United States of America (D)
Zambia (A)

Cape Verde (A)
India (B)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
New Zealand (D)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

- ¹ Kuwait replaced Thailand on 1 January 2006.
² Sudan replaced Algeria on 1 January 2007.
³ Occupies rotating seat for the period 2006-2008.

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(at 16 November 2007)

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Albania	Germany	Palau
Algeria	Ghana	Panama
Angola	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Paraguay
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Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Poland
Austria	Guyana	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Qatar
Bahamas	Honduras	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Hungary	Romania
Bangladesh	Iceland	Russian Federation
Barbados	India	Rwanda
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Lucia
Belize	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Ireland	Samoa
Bhutan	Israel	San Marino
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Botswana	Japan	Senegal
Brazil	Jordan	Serbia
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Seychelles
Burkina Faso	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kiribati	Slovakia
Cambodia	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cameroon	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Canada	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cape Verde	Latvia	South Africa
Central African Republic	Lebanon	Spain
Chad	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Chile	Liberia	Sudan
China	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Suriname
Colombia	Lithuania	Swaziland
Comoros	Luxembourg	Sweden
Congo	Madagascar	Switzerland
Cook Islands	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Maldives	Thailand
Croatia	Mali	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Cuba	Malta	Timor-Leste
Cyprus	Marshall Islands	Togo
Czech Republic	Mauritania	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mexico	Tunisia
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Djibouti	Moldova	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Monaco	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
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Fiji	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Finland	Niger	Viet Nam
France	Nigeria	Yemen
Gabon	Niue	Zambia
Gambia	Norway	Zimbabwe
	Oman	

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