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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Forty-eighth Session

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### Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council

#### Executive Summary

The Multi-year Programme of Work of Council requires the status of implementation of decisions taken at the preceding session to be reviewed.

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 145<sup>th</sup> and 146<sup>th</sup> Sessions (Rome, 3-7 December 2012 and 22-26 April 2013 respectively) and includes a reference to (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report and the background report/document in brackets and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

#### Suggested action by the Council

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

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<b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b>					
<b>Reviewed Strategic Framework</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
1.	Place a strong focus on the strategic and operational preparations necessary to best position the Organization for the success of the Reviewed Strategic Framework (para. 5 g)	X			See CL 148/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15. Also addressed in PWB 2014-15 Information Note 5 ( <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg727e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg727e.pdf</a> )
<b>Medium Term Plan 2014-17 and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
2.	Respond to pending requests for information on the Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15 (para. 7)	X			See PWB 2014-15 Information Notes. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/">http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/</a> )
3.	Submit to the Conference a proposal to continue with the previously approved approach of partial funding of USD 14.1 million towards the After-Service Medical Coverage (ASMC) past service liability (para. 8)	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference approved partial funding of USD 14.1 towards the After-Service Medical Coverage (ASMC) past service liability under Resolution 7/2013, para. 1c). <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mh093e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mh093e.pdf</a>
4.	Undertake close and careful monitoring and reporting of cost increase assumptions and update of estimates for submission to the Conference (para. 9 i)	X			Monitored and reported in PWB 2014-15 Information Notes 1 and 3. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/">http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/</a> )

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5.	Submit concrete proposals for further efficiencies and identify savings, particularly regarding staffing costs, to Members as soon as possible, and in any case prior to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (para. 9 j)	X			Submitted in PWB 2014-15 Information Notes 6 and 9. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/">http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/</a> )
6.	Provide further explanation on the cost and functioning of the proposed matrix management arrangements, including collaboration between Strategic Objective Coordinators and Assistant Directors-General (para. 9 k)	X			Provided in PWB 2014-15 Information Note 5. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg727e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg727e.pdf</a> )
7.	Identify clearly the organizational responsibility for Organizational Outcomes and Outputs (para. 9 l)	X			See CL 148/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15.
8.	Provide a new evaluation of the baseline calculations for the proposed budget increases in the PWB 2014-15, taking into account the budgetary impact of the IPA in the PWB 2012-13 (para. 9 m)	X			Provided in PWB 2014-15 Information Note 4. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mf490_InfNote4.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mf490_InfNote4.pdf</a> )
9.	Identify possible options to reduce increases in staff costs as soon as possible and in any case prior to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (para. 9 n)	X			Options identified in PWB 2014-15 Information Notes 1, 3 and 6. (Under C 2013/3 at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/">http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2013/en/</a> )
10.	Ensure that the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems continue to receive adequate funding (para. 9 o)	X			See CL 148/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15.
<b>Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process</b>  -----  <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
11.	Complete all outstanding IPA actions in 2013 (para. 12 c)		X		On track for completion, will be reported to the Finance Committee in early 2014.

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12.	Provide an update to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Conference in June 2013 on the seven IPA Actions scheduled for completion prior to Conference (para. 12 d)	X			Update provided by Director, PMU, at 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference under agenda item 24.
13.	Continue internalization and mainstreaming of benefits associated with IPA implementation and adoption of a culture of continuous improvement (para. 12 f)		X		Activities are ongoing.
14.	Undertake an Independent Review of the working of the Governance reforms in 2014, on the understanding that the budget for the review would amount to approximately USD 111,000.00, for review by the 148 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council and assessment by the Conference in June 2015 (para. 12 h)		X		See CL 148/10 Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms.
15.	Submit the Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference in June 2013 for approval (para. 12 i)	X			Submitted in C 2013/26 and endorsed by the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference. ( <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg067e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg067e.pdf</a> )
<b>Report of the Joint Meeting of the 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and the 148<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (20 March 2013)</b>  -----  <b>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</b>					
16.	Submit an Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the Strategy for Partnerships with the Private Sector to Member Nations through the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (para. 14 f)		X		Will be submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in early 2014.

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<b>Report of the 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (18-22 March 2013)</b>  -----  <b>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</b>					
17.	Include more information on indicators, timelines and specific examples of achievements in future Mid-term Review synthesis reports (para. 16 b)		X		Will be included in the Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 to be presented to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in early 2014, and subsequent Mid-term Review synthesis reports.
18.	Ensure that the 2014 European Regional Conference discuss Governance issues raised in the <i>Evaluation of FAO's Regional and Sub-regional Office for Europe and Central Asia</i> (para. 18)		X		Draft Agenda for the European Regional Conference to include an item on Governance Issues and Rules of Procedures for the Regional Conferences.
19.	Increase the number of FAO products translated into Russian (para. 18)				The number of communications products in Russian has increased in the current biennium by approximately 45%. To date, 33 publications have been translated into Russian during the 2012-2013 biennium. An additional 11 titles are currently in the translation/production process foreseen for publication this year, 10 of which are translations and one is being produced directly in Russian.
<b>Reports of the 148<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (18-22 March 2013)</b>  -----  <b>Reporting Officer: David McSherry</b>					
20.	Submit the Draft Resolution on the Scale of Contributions for 2014-15 to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference for adoption (para. 22 c) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg659e_Rev1.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg659e_Rev1.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference adopted the Scale of Contributions for 2014-15 under Resolution 10/2013.

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21.	Review procedures for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor, taking into account the lessons learned from the process adopted for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor for the period 2014-19 (para. 22 f)			X	The review of procedures for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor will be initiated during 2014.
<b>FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Marcela Villarreal</i>					
22.	Present an Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations to Members Nations through the joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (para. 25 f)		X		Will be submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in early 2014.
<b>Constitutional and Legal Matters</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>					
<b>Report of the 96<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (4-6 March 2013)</b>					
23.	Submit to the Conference for approval the Draft Resolution on Proposed Amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization concerning the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (para. 28) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg662e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg662e.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference amended Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization under Resolution 10/2013.

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<b>Applications for Membership in the Organization</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>					
24.	Submit to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference requests for application for Membership in the Organization by the Republic of South Sudan and Brunei Darussalam (para. 33) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/md644e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/md644e.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference admitted the Republic of South Sudan and Brunei Darussalam to membership of the Organization.
<b>Governance Matters</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>					
<b>Arrangements for the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference</b>					
25.	Submit to the Conference a Draft Conference Resolution to hold the Awards Ceremony on an occasion other than the Conference, on the premise that the change would be implemented after the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2013 (para. 34 ii) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg704e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg704e.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference decided to establish, as of 2015, a single, recurring event, "The FAO Awards", under Resolution 14/2013. The Conference further decided to review this new approach to FAO Awards at the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2017.
26.	Submit to the Conference the nominations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson of Commission I (para 35 a)</li> <li>• Chairperson of Commission II (para. 35 b)</li> <li>• Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference (para. 35 c)</li> <li>• Members of the General Committee (para. 35 d)</li> <li>• Members of the Credentials Committee (para. 35 e)</li> </ul>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference endorsed the nominations submitted by the Council.

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<b>International Years</b>					
27.	Submit to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference the Draft Conference Resolution declaring 2015 the International Year of Soils (para. 39 a) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg565e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg565e.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference requested that the United Nations General Assembly declare 2015 the International Year of Soils under Resolution 5/2013.
28.	Submit to the 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference the Draft Conference Resolution declaring 2016 the International Year of Pulses (para. 39 b) <a href="http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg564e.pdf">http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/mg564e.pdf</a>	X			The 38 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference requested that the United Nations General Assembly declare 2016 the International Year of Pulses under Resolution 6/2013.



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<p align="center"><b>Programme Implementation Report 2010-11</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i></p>					
1.	Submit a more concise and focused Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 to the Council for consideration at its first session in 2014 with the improvements recommended in para. 8 of the Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council		X		The Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 (C 2015/8) will be submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in early 2014 and to the 149 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (June 2014).
<p align="center"><b>Actions arising out of the Progress Report on the Immediate Plan of Action Implementation</b></p>					
<p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Denis Aitken</i></p>					
2.	Implement Action 7.22: a major overhaul of the FAO Manual, with an approach similar to the one adopted by the Government of Mexico (para. 12 a) of Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)		X		The Project team has been established and a workplan formulated. Divisional focal points have been nominated. Progress is reported in document FC 151/13, Progress Report on the Global Resource Management System.
<p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Enrique Yeves</i></p>					
3.	Continue work on language balance and quality testing of automated translations (para. 12 d) of the Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)		X		<p>The objective is to implement an online translation system (based on statistical machine translation) that will allow the on-demand translation of web pages that are currently not available in Arabic, Chinese and Russian. The system will be incorporated as a standard feature on the FAO.org website.</p> <p>A tender process has begun and it is expected that the system will be implemented in 2014.</p>

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<i>Reporting Officer: Monika Altmaier</i>					
4.	Finalize recruitment process for the Ombudsman (para. 12 e) of the Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)		X		The Ombudsman and Ethics functions have been merged and a VA was issued in June 2013. The interview process will take place in October.
<b>Enhancement of the Technical Cooperation Programme</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Laurent Thomas</i>					
5.	Submit a plan for implementing enhancement of the TCP consistent with the Strategic Thinking Process and Country Programming Frameworks to a Joint Meeting by the end of 2013 (para. 21 of the Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)	X			Report submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committee in November 2013 (document JM 2013.2/2).
<b>Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (21-25 May 2012)</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Robert Guei</i>					
6.	Define Terms of Reference for the Coordination Unit on Regional and Global Perspectives on Natural Resources for Food and Agriculture to complement other organizations concerned, including the location and financial requirements, for submission to the FAO Governing Bodies (para. 22 of Report of 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)			X	The nature, modalities of and necessity for a dedicated Coordinating Unit on “perspectives on natural resources” will be revisited following the implementation of the proposed changes in the FAO structure and, in particular, in light of the new Strategic Framework with the emphasis on Strategic Objectives.

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Report of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 July 2012) ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Hiromoto Watanabe</i>					
7.	Carry out studies on the impact of industrial fishing activities on species corresponding to low trophic levels (para. 26 i) of the Report of the 145 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council)		X		A desk study, based on available literature and relevant research results, has been initiated and is expected to be ready by early 2014. If funds become available, a more comprehensive assessment will be undertaken, based on case studies from developing countries, and an expert meeting arranged to provide a synthesis and produce guidance to Member Nations on the management of small pelagic fisheries.