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Rome, 30 November – 4 December 2015



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² Term of office: 1 July 2014 – end of 40th Session of Conference (July 2017)

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¹ Term of office: 1 July 2014 – end of 40th Session of Conference (July 2017)

² Term of office: end of 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) – 30 June 2018

³ Term of office: 1 July 2016 – end of the 41st Session of Conference (June 2019)

⁴ The Russian Federation to replace Italy from 1 July 2016 to the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017)

⁵ The United Kingdom to replace Spain from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 153rd Session of the Council was held in Rome from 30 November to 4 December 2015 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

Tribute to Victims of Terrorism²

2. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of all those who had been affected by violent acts of terror perpetrated against innocent people.

Statement by the Director-General³

3. The Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, delivered a statement to Council.

Procedure of the Session

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable⁴

4. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and agreed to add five Sub-items to the Agenda: Proposed FAO World Fisheries University; Sustainable Management of Soils; Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies; Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee; and Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies; and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session as amended. 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 Committee⁵

5. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo (Equatorial Guinea), Mr Yousef Jhail (Kuwait) and Ms Gerda Verburg (Netherlands).

6. The Council elected Mr Matthew Worrell (Australia) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Iceland, Iraq, Madagascar, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Spain, Thailand and Zimbabwe.

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17⁶

7. The Council endorsed the reports of the Finance Committee, the Programme Committee, and their Joint Meeting in respect of the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17. The Council:

- a) welcomed the adjustments to the PWB 2016-17, noting they reflected fully the decisions and guidance of the 39th Session of the Conference;
- b) appreciated the additional information provided by the FAO Secretariat in the form of five Information Notes, as well as an informal briefing to all Rome-based Permanent Representatives;
- c) appreciated the identification by the FAO Secretariat of the required budgetary savings through reductions in staff costs without affecting the Programme of Work;
- d) welcomed the updated results framework for the Strategic and Functional Objectives;

¹ CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/8

² CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/8

³ CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/8

⁴ CL 153/1; CL 153/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 153/INF/3; CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/8

⁵ CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/8

⁶ CL 153/3; CL 153/3 Web Annex 5; CL 153/3 Web Annex 6; CL 153/3 Information Notes 1-5; CL 153/PV/1; CL 153/PV/2; CL 153/PV/8

- e) welcomed the alignment of FAO's Strategic Framework with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), noting that there would be opportunity for bringing further coherence while preparing the Medium Term Plan 2018-21;
- f) noted the cross-regional statement on gender equality and women's empowerment delivered by Members, welcomed FAO's policy in this regard and looked forward to continued attention to mainstreaming of gender across FAO's activities and to the implementation of the FAO Policy on Gender Equality, including consideration of UN/SWAP, as well as reporting thereon, through the standing corporate accountability mechanisms, notably the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 in May 2016, the Mid-Term Review in March 2017, and the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review to be considered by the 40th Session of the Conference in 2017;
- g) supported the addition of climate change as a cross-cutting theme under Objective 6;
- h) stressed the importance of the due attention to the cross-cutting themes, including gender, nutrition, climate change and governance, and looked forward to regular and systematic reporting on implementation of these priorities in the Mid-Term Review and Programme Implementation Reports;
- i) welcomed the internal management arrangements for enhanced programme delivery, including the establishment of Strategic Programme leaders and teams;
- j) noted the proposed renaming of the Technical Cooperation Department as the "Technical Cooperation and Programme Management Department" to better reflect its functions and responsibilities;
- k) approved the rationalization and streamlining of headquarters' organizational structure, while maintaining the integrity of the technical capacity of the Organization;
- l) looked forward to reviewing at its session in March 2017 within the context of the Mid-Term Review 2016 the impact of management arrangements and adjustments to headquarters' structure on implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17, as well as their impact on the technical departments;
- m) urged the FAO Secretariat to undertake an independent assessment of the technical capacity of the Organization, both at headquarters and in the decentralized offices, to be presented to the Conference in 2017;
- n) supported efforts toward consolidation of decentralization, strengthening the decentralized capacities on a region-specific basis, while maintaining the technical capacities at headquarters to achieve the Programme of Work;
- o) requested the FAO Secretariat to undertake action to address the high vacancy rate and noted that an update on the work planning process, including skills analysis and vacancy management to optimally deliver the Programme of Work would be submitted to the Finance Committee; and
- p) noted the updated estimates of extra-budgetary resources presented in Table 3 of the document and encouraged Members to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate achievement of the Strategic Objectives and implementation of the integrated Programme of Work.

8. The Council:

- a) approved the revised organizational structure presented in Annex 1 and the budgeted post establishment presented in Annex 2 of the document, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the integrity of the technical capacity of FAO at headquarters; and
- b) approved the revised distribution of the net appropriation by budgetary chapter as presented in Table 2 of the document.

9. The Council stressed the importance of FAO's work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and underlined the importance of fully implementing Conference Resolution 4/2015. It supported the request of the Programme Committee for an update to be presented to the Committee's next session on ongoing and planned activities for the 2016-17 biennium, as well as on estimated resource requirements and availability in line with the approved Programme of Work and Budget, highlighting the importance of adequate resources from different sources to ensure effective implementation.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee and the 160th Session of the Finance Committee (4 November 2015)⁷

10. The Council:

- a) endorsed the report of the Joint Meeting;
- b) commended the progress made in implementation of the Strategies for partnerships with civil society organizations, including family farmers and academia; and with the private sector, noting its potential in supporting implementation of international instruments such as voluntary guidelines; and
- c) invited the Organization to continue efforts in building partnerships with non-state actors at all levels.

11. The Council noted the planned consultation between the Chairpersons of the Finance and Programme Committees and the Independent Chairperson of the Council with the aim of improving the working methods of the two committees and their joint meeting, including the timely delivery of meeting documents.

**Report of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee
(2-6 November 2015)⁸**

12. The Council endorsed the Report of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee, and:

- a) welcomed the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's contribution on knowledge on food and agriculture and looked forward to reviewing progress on actions taken to address the recommendations and findings of the evaluation, notably as regards greater dissemination and outreach of knowledge products in all FAO languages;
- b) stressed the importance of the role and adequate capacity at FAO's decentralized offices network for its work relating to both climate change and knowledge on food and agriculture;
- c) welcomed the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation, and highlighted the importance of the Organization's work in this regard within the context of its comparative advantages. The Council looked forward to reviewing at a future session the Committee's recommendations on a strategy for FAO's work on climate change, as well as progress on actions taken to address the recommendations of the evaluation;
- d) took note of the progress and roadmap proposed for the independent evaluation of the evaluation function, and looked forward to receiving the Programme Committee's views on the final report at the 155th Session of the Council in December 2016; and
- e) endorsed the revised evaluation work plan for 2015-18.

**Reports of the 158th (11-13 May 2015), 159th (26-27 October 2015) and
160th (2-6 November 2015) Sessions of the Finance Committee⁹**

13. The Council endorsed the reports of the 158th, 159th and 160th sessions of the Finance Committee, and:

On the Financial Position:

- a) urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions;
- b) welcomed the External Auditor's issuance of an unmodified opinion on the Organization's Accounts for 2014, the first set of Accounts for FAO prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
- c) recommended the draft resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts 2014 presented in paragraph 9 of document CL 153/7;

⁷ CL 153/8; CL 153/PV/3; CL 153/PV/8

⁸ CL 153/6; CL 153/PV/3; CL 153/PV/8

⁹ CL 153/4; CL 153/5; CL 153/7; CL 153/PV/3; CL 153/PV/4; CL 153/PV/8

- d) supported the Finance Committee in encouraging the FAO Secretariat to continue to maintain the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) expenditure rate at a level that ensured the full implementation of the TCP appropriation, as approved by the Conference;

On Budgetary Matters:

- e) noted that the Finance Committee had approved the forecasted budgetary chapter transfer in favour of Chapter 3 in addition to the previously-endorsed transfers to Chapters 2, 5, 8, and 10 arising from implementation of the 2014-15 Programme of Work;

On Human Resources Matters:

- f) noted the Finance Committee's recognition of the progress made on human resources initiatives to improve human resources management in the Organization and its encouragement to the FAO Secretariat in these ongoing efforts;
- g) supported the Finance Committee's request that particular attention be given to the issues of vacancy rates and wide geographical representation;
- h) supported the Finance Committee's reiteration of the importance of containment of staff costs of the Organization;

On Oversight matters:

- i) stressed the importance, as emphasized by the Finance Committee, and conveyed in the Long Form Report of the External Auditor, to strengthen the internal control framework at headquarters and decentralized offices, and supported the recommendation of the External Auditor on the preparation of a Statement of Internal Control to be appended to the annual financial statements;
- j) encouraged the FAO Secretariat to continue in its efforts to accelerate the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations; and

On Other matters:

- k) endorsed the Committee's guidance provided to the FAO Secretariat on all other matters within its mandate, as well as initiatives to improve its own methods of work.

14. The Council encouraged the FAO Secretariat to ensure that session documents were distributed at least two weeks in advance of Finance Committee sessions.

Independent Review of Decentralized Offices Network¹⁰

15. The Council welcomed the review paper as a response to the Conference request following the five individual evaluations of FAO's regional and subregional offices, and appreciated the independent validation of the document carried out in each region¹¹.

16. The Council:

- a) appreciated the comprehensive and sound technical analysis and data presented on FAO's decentralized offices;
- b) supported the principles and criteria identified for adjusting coverage subject to future refinement as a result of upcoming regional consultations in the Regional Conferences;
- c) stressed the need to make any potential adjustments on a region-specific basis and with a tailored approach;
- d) agreed to a budget neutral approach to any potential adjustments to decentralized office coverage;
- e) requested the document be transmitted for review by the 2016 Regional Conferences; and
- f) agreed to re-examine the coverage of FAO's decentralized offices at its next session in June 2016.

¹⁰ CL 153/14 Rev.1; CL 153/PV/4; CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

¹¹ While respecting the common position of the Africa Region and that of the Council on the review of decentralized offices network, Zimbabwe expressed concern on the unprocedural process followed to conduct the review and the resultant document and reserved its position on the same.

Committee on World Food Security

Report of the 42nd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (12-15 October 2015)¹²

17. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 42nd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and in particular:

- a) welcomed the endorsement of the voluntary “Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises” by the CFS and encouraged FAO and all stakeholders to disseminate, promote, make use of, and support its implementation;
- b) welcomed the recommendations resulting from the policy round table on “Water for Food Security and Nutrition” and encouraged FAO and other stakeholders to implement the recommendations arising from the policy round table;
- c) noting that all CFS constituencies had confirmed their support for the CFS to play an important role in advancing nutrition within its mandate, appreciated the decision of CFS to promote this, including through the creation of an Open Ended Working Group on nutrition;
- d) further welcomed the decision of CFS to place the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to ending hunger and malnutrition, at the center of its work to 2030;
- e) acknowledged with appreciation the report of the High Level Panel of Experts on “Water for Food Security and Nutrition”;
- f) recognized the importance of the planned external evaluation to assess CFS effectiveness since its reform, to be carried out in 2016, as well as follow-up to the High Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets and the CFS Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition, subject to available resources;
- g) endorsed the fourth version of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF) incorporating policy recommendations adopted at the 41st Session of the CFS in 2014;
- h) welcomed the decision of CFS to hold an event during 43rd Session of the CFS to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the “Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security”; and
- i) endorsed the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) for the biennium 2016-17, noting that all its work streams were important for CFS efficiency and credibility in the promotion of food security and nutrition and encouraged donors to financially support the Programme of Work of CFS, which should be commensurate with its financial means.

Constitutional and Legal Matters

Report of the 101st Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-22 October 2015)¹³

18. The Council approved the report of the 101st Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) and:

- a) adopted Council Resolution 1/153 entitled “*Abolition of the FAO/ECE/CES Study Group on Food and Agriculture Statistics in Europe*”, as set out in *Appendix C*;
- b) approved the amended Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD), as set out in Council Resolution 2/153 (*Appendix D*) which takes effect on 4 December 2015;
- c) approved the amended Statutes of the Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa (CIFAA), as set out in *Appendix E*;
- d) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution, as set out in *Appendix F*, amending paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 on the Independent Chairperson of the Council, to be forwarded to the Conference for approval; and

¹² C 2017/19; CL 153/PV/4; CL 153/PV/8

¹³ CL 153/2; CL 153/PV/4; CL 153/PV/8

- e) concurred with the CCLM recommendation that the issue of the mandate of Technical Committees during the inter-sessional period and, in particular, the role of their bureaux, be referred to the Technical Committees for advice, taking into account the prevailing position throughout the United Nations System, as described in the CCLM Report and noted that the CCLM would re-examine the matter in light of the outcome of the review of the Technical Committees.

Governance Matters

Progress Report on the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Council and other Governing Bodies¹⁴

19. The Council took note of the progress report on the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOWs) of the Council, the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), the Programme and Finance Committees, FAO Regional Conferences and the Technical Committees.
20. The Council recalled the recommendation of the 39th Session of Conference (June 2015), as contained in the Assessment of FAO Governance Reforms, that the MYPOWs for Regional Conferences and Technical Committees could enable continuity and longer-term planning and accountability if their potential was fully realized.
21. The Council noted the overall objectives and distinctive features of the MYPOWs which allowed for a degree of flexibility and looked forward to future reports being structured against pre-defined indicators and targets as far as possible.

Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Council 2016-19¹⁵

22. The Council reviewed and approved the changes to its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2016-19, set out in *Appendix G* to this report. The Council supported the informal meetings convened by the Independent Chairperson of Council with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups as a forum for consultation on the MYPOW given its evolving nature.
23. The Council agreed that a section on outstanding and strategic issues to be tracked over time be added to the MYPOW and that the format of the document be improved by making the Results Section more focused and specific.

Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 151st Session of the Council (23-27 March 2015)¹⁶

24. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 150th Session (December 2014) and 151st Session (March 2015), and requested that a number of adjustments be made to the document based on the interventions made.
25. The Council requested that item 1 in the document regarding partnerships with non-state actors be indicated as ongoing.

Other Matters

Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board¹⁷

26. Pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, the Council elected six members of the WFP Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018) in accordance with the

¹⁴ CL 153/9; CL 153/PV/5; CL 153/PV/8

¹⁵ CL 153/10 Rev.1; CL 153/PV/5; CL 153/PV/8

¹⁶ CL 153/LIM/4; CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

¹⁷ CL 153/11; CL 153/LIM/3 Rev.1; CL 153/PV/5; CL 153/PV/8

following distribution: List A: Mauritania; List B: Afghanistan and Kuwait; List C: Mexico; List D: Sweden and United States of America.

27. The Council took note of Brazil's intention to step down from a List C seat on 31 December 2015 and elected Guatemala for the remaining period (1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017).

Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2014¹⁸

28. The Council welcomed and endorsed the Annual Report of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council on its activities in 2014.

29. In particular, the Council:

- a) acknowledged the commitment of WFP staff in the field working in challenging circumstances, particularly in partnership with other actors to address the Ebola crisis and also acknowledged the challenges confronted in addressing concurrent Level 2 (L2) and Level 3 (L3) emergencies in addition to protracted crises;
- b) welcomed WFP's involvement in partnership and coordination efforts, its engagement with partners in the Zero Hunger Challenge and for the elaboration of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as its active participation in preparations for the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit;
- c) welcomed the efforts of WFP to strengthen collaboration with the other Rome-based Agencies, in particular with regard to the continued support provided to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in policy areas, and other UN Agencies such as UNIDO;
- d) noted the completion of the 14 work streams established under the Fit-for-Purpose Initiative and the ongoing work in human resources, as well as the continued organizational strengthening envisaged; and
- e) noted WFP's implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review reporting into its Annual Performance Report, with a particular focus on gender, capacity development, South-South and triangular cooperation, "Delivering as One", alignment with United Nations Development Group, results-based management and harmonization and simplification of business practices.

Outcome of the XIV World Forestry Congress (Durban, South Africa, 7-11 September 2015)¹⁹

30. The Council welcomed the outcome documents of the XIV World Forestry Congress (Durban, South Africa, 7-11 September, 2015), and:

- a) welcomed the 2050 Vision for Forests and Forestry as a milestone to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and a sustainable future to 2050 and beyond;
- b) noted the key findings of the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 on the status of the world forest resources and their sustainable management; and
- c) recommended that FAO actively support strengthening the contributions of its work on forests to the Organization's Strategic Objectives, including alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by means of *inter alia* technical support and promoting best practices and dialogue.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-17²⁰

31. The Council approved the proposed calendar for 2016 and took note of the draft calendar for 2017 (*Appendix H* to this Report).

¹⁸ CL 153/12; CL 153/PV/5; CL 153/PV/8

¹⁹ CL 153/13; CL 153/PV/4; CL 153/PV/8

²⁰ CL 153/LIM/1; CL 153/PV/5; CL 153/PV/8

Provisional Agenda for the 154th Session of the Council (May-June 2016)²¹

32. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 154th Session (May-June 2016).

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO²²

33. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following topics:
- a) Outcomes of the 3rd Meeting of the Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly – focusing on the proposal for the development of *Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management* (Rome, 22-24 June 2015);
 - b) The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Sustainable Development Goals;
 - c) Outcomes of the 20th Anniversary Celebrations of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (Vigo, Spain, 7-8 October 2015);
 - d) International Years:
 - a. International Year of Soils 2015
 - b. International Year of Pulses 2016
 - e) Outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on Food Security and Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (Expo Milano, 14-16 October 2015); and
 - f) Outcomes of the 6th Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 5-9 October 2015).

Working Methods of the Council²³

34. The Council welcomed the initiatives taken by the FAO Secretariat to improve the methods of work of the Council, and encouraged further improvements on them.

Proposed FAO World Fisheries University²⁴

35. The Council was informed of and welcomed the proposal by the Republic of Korea to establish, under Article XV of the FAO Constitution, an FAO World Fisheries University in the Republic of Korea and noted that the proposal would be further discussed by relevant Governing Bodies in 2016 with a view to its submission to the FAO Conference in 2017.

Development of Sustainable Soil Management Guidelines²⁵

36. The Council was informed of and noted with satisfaction the process underway for the development of Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management and encouraged the Global Soil Partnership to pursue its work on the proposed way forward for the finalization of draft voluntary guidelines.
37. In that regard, the Council noted the positive momentum created by the International Year of Soils 2015.

Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies²⁶

38. The Council welcomed the continued efforts of FAO to enhance collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) and noted the need for the collaboration to be undertaken with the aim of increasing efficiency and effectiveness in key action areas.
39. The Council stressed the importance of referring to the respective mandates of the RBAs when coordinating their future collaboration in order to avoid duplication of work and create optimal impact.

²¹ CL 153/INF/2; CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

²² CL 153/INF/4; CL 153/PV/7; CL 153/PV/8

²³ CL 153/INF/5; CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

²⁴ CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

²⁵ CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

²⁶ CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

40. The Council encouraged FAO to join IFAD and WFP in producing a joint paper that outlined the elements of future RBA collaboration, to be reviewed by the respective Governing Bodies in 2016.

Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee²⁷

41. In accordance with Article 6 (c) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Council, on behalf of the Conference, confirmed the appointment of one alternate member to the Staff Pension Committee as follows for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016: Alternate, Mr Anton Minaev, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO, to replace and complete the term of office of Mr Vladimir Navara, appointed by the Conference at its 38th Session for the period 1 January 2014 - 31 December 2016.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies²⁸

42. Mr Roberto Bonafede of the Association of Professionals in FAO (AP-in-FAO) made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

²⁷ CL 153/LIM/5 Rev.1; CL 153/PV/6; CL 153/PV/8

²⁸ CL 153/PV/7; CL 153/PV/8

Appendix A

Agenda for the 153rd Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

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2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

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4. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee and the 160th Session of the Finance Committee (4 November 2015)
5. Report of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee (2-6 November 2015)
6. Reports of the 158th (11-13 May 2015), 159th (26-27 October 2015) and 160th (2-6 November 2015) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 6.1 Audited Accounts - FAO 2014
 - 6.2 Status of Contributions and Arrears
7. Independent Review of Decentralized Offices Network

Committee on World Food Security

8. Report of the 42nd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (12-15 October 2015)

Constitutional and Legal Matters

9. Report of the 101st Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2015)

Governance Matters

10. Progress Report on the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Council and other Governing Bodies
 - 10.1 Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19
11. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 151st Session of the Council (23-27 March 2015)

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 - 12.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
 - 12.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2014
13. Outcome of the 14th World Forestry Congress (Durban, South Africa, 7-11 September 2015)
14. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-17
15. Provisional Agenda for the 154th Session of the Council (May-June 2016)

16. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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Appendix C
Resolution 1/153
Abolition of the FAO/ECE/CES Study Group on
Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe

THE COUNCIL

Recalling that the FAO/ECE/CES Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe was established under Article VI, paragraph 1, of the FAO Constitution following the recommendations of the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems at its Eleventh Session (1959) and the suggestion of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) at its Seventh Session, to review the state of food and agriculture statistics in Europe, to advise Member Nations on the development and standardization of agricultural statistical services, and to convene expert groups or other Subsidiary Bodies of national experts required for this purpose;

Further recalling Resolution 13/97 in which the Conference, *inter alia*, proposed abolition of the Study Group subject to consultations with the relevant sponsoring organizations, and the subsequent decision of the Council at its 116th Session in 1999 to maintain the Study Group following such consultations with the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, due to its role in the development of food and agricultural statistics in Europe;

Bearing in mind Resolution 11/2015 adopted by the FAO Conference at its 39th Session reaffirming the validity of Resolution 13/97 and requesting “*the Secretariat to take an active role in identifying statutory bodies that the Council or Conference may wish to abolish because they are inactive or are mandated to discharge functions that could be undertaken through more flexible task-oriented and time-bound working arrangements*”;

Observing that the Study Group held its last meeting in 2005, and that the Conference of European Statisticians and the Organization concur that the Study Group is inactive and that, while the original goals of the Study Group remain relevant, the gap created by abolishing the body can be addressed through alternative mechanisms;

Hereby abolishes the FAO/ECE/CES Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe.

(Adopted on 4 December 2015)

Appendix D
Resolution 2/153
Amendments to the Constitution of the European Commission for the
Control of Foot-And-Mouth Disease

THE COUNCIL

Recalling the Conference's approval of the Constitution of the Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution at its Seventh Session in 1953, which Constitution came into force on 12 June 1954;

Further recalling amendments to the Constitution agreed at the 9th, 20th, 22nd, 28th and 32nd Sessions of the Commission, and subsequently approved by the 39th, 72nd, 96th and 113th Sessions of the Council, respectively;

Recalling also that the Commission, at its 41st Session held in Rome, Italy, from 23 to 24 April 2015, approved further amendments to the Constitution;

Having considered the report of the 101st Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, and **noting** that the Committee found that amendments would not involve new obligations for Members of the Commission and would, accordingly, come into force upon receiving the concurrence of the Council;

Approves the amendments to the Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease, in accordance with Article XIV(5), as set out below.

(Adopted on 4 December 2015)

PREAMBLE^{1]}

The contracting Governments, having regard to the urgent necessity of preventing the recurrence of the heavy losses to European agriculture caused by the repeated outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease, hereby establish, within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a Commission to be known as the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, whose object shall be to promote national and international action with respect to preventive and control measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Europe.

ARTICLE I

Membership

1. Membership in the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be open to such European Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to such States participating as members in the Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and serviced by the Regional Office for Europe of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to such European Member Nations of the International OIE of Epizootics that are Members of the United Nations, as accept this Constitution in accordance with the provisions of Article XV. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission, admit to membership ~~such~~ other European States that are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as have

[¹ Proposed deletions are indicated in ~~striketrough~~, new text is in *italics and underlined*.]

submitted an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the obligations of this Constitution as in force at the time of admission.

2. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”), the World Organisation for Animal Health (hereinafter referred to as “the OIE”), the European Union, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development shall have the right to be represented at all sessions of the Commission and its Committees, but their representatives shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE II

Obligations of Members regarding National Policies and International Cooperation for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

1. Members undertake to control foot-and-mouth disease with a view to its ultimate eradication by the institution of suitable quarantine and sanitary measures and by one or more of the following methods:

- 1) a slaughter policy;
- 2) slaughter together with vaccination;
- 3) maintenance of totally immune cattle population by vaccination; other susceptible livestock may be vaccinated;
- 4) vaccination in zones surrounding outbreaks.

Methods adopted shall be rigorously carried out. *For Members not recognised by the OIE as having the status of freedom from foot-and-mouth disease, except where the status has been temporarily suspended, there should be in place a national plan for the progressive control of the disease.*

2. Members should have available contingency plans for the immediate management of incursions of foot-and-mouth disease and ensure that sufficient financial, human and technical resources are available for the immediate application of the control methods indicated in Article II (1).

23. Members adopting policy 2 or 4 undertake to have available a supply of vaccine or antigen for vaccine production sufficient to ensure adequate protection against the disease in case the spread of the disease can not be controlled exclusively by sanitary measures. Each Member shall collaborate with and assist other Members in all concerted measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and in particular in the supply of vaccine or antigen for vaccine production where necessary. The quantities of antigen and vaccine to be stored for national and international use shall be determined by Members in the light of the findings of the Commission and the advice of the OIE.

34. Members shall make such arrangements for the typing of virus from outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease as may be required by the Commission and shall immediately notify the Commission and the OIE of the results of such typing.

45. Members shall make arrangements for the rapid dispatch of new isolates to the FAO designated World Reference Laboratory for further characterization.

56. Members undertake to provide the Commission with any information which it may need to carry out its functions. In particular, Members shall immediately report to the Commission and to the OIE any outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease and its extent and shall make such further detailed reports as the Commission may require.

ARTICLE III

Seat

1. The seat of the Commission and its Secretariat shall be in Rome at the Headquarters of the Organization.
2. Sessions of the Commission shall be held at its seat, unless they are convened elsewhere in pursuance of a decision of the Commission at a previous session, or, in exceptional circumstances, of a decision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

General Functions

1. To enter into arrangements, through the Director-General of the Organization, with the OIE within the framework of any agreements between the Organization and the OIE to ensure that:
 - 1.1 all Members are provided with technical advice on any problem relating to the control of foot-and-mouth disease;
 - 1.2 comprehensive information on outbreaks of the disease and identification of virus is collected and disseminated as quickly as possible;
 - 1.3 special research work required on foot-and-mouth disease is carried out.
2. To collect information on national programmes for control of and research on, foot-and-mouth disease.
3. To determine, in consultation with the Members concerned, the nature and extent of assistance needed by such Members for implementing their national programmes.
4. To stimulate and plan joint action wherever required in the implementation of prevention and control programmes and to this effect arrange means whereby adequate resources can be made available, for example, for the production and storage of vaccine, through agreements between Members., and *to promote the global control of foot-and-mouth disease.*
5. To arrange for suitable facilities for the typing and characterization of virus.
6. To ensure the availability of an international laboratory (World Reference Laboratory) with facilities for rapid characterization of virus by appropriate methods.
7. To maintain information on the stocks of antigen and vaccine available in member countries and other countries and to keep the position continuously under review.
8. To offer advice to other organizations on the allocation of any available funds for assisting in prevention and control of foot-and-mouth disease in Europe.
9. To enter into arrangements, through the Director-General of the Organization, with other organizations, regional groups or with Nations not Members of the Commission, for participation in the work of the Commission or its committees, or for mutual assistance on problems of controlling foot-and-mouth disease. These arrangements may include the establishment of, or participation in, joint committees.
10. To consider and approve the report of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Commission, the accounts for the past financial period and the budget and programme for the ensuing biennium, for submission to the Finance Committee of the Organization.

ARTICLE V

Special Functions

The following shall be the special functions of the Commission:

1. To assist in the prevention and control of outbreaks in emergency situations in any manner considered appropriate by the Commission and the Member or Members concerned. For this purpose the Commission or its Executive Committee, in conformity with the provisions of Article XI (5), may use any uncommitted balances of the Administrative Budget referred to in Article XIII (7) as well as any supplementary contributions which may be provided for emergency action under Article XIII (4).
2. To take suitable action in the following fields:
 - 2.1 Storage of antigen and/or vaccines by or on behalf of the Commission for distribution to any Member in case of need.
 - 2.2 Promotion when necessary of the establishment by a Member or Members of “cordons sanitaires” to prevent the spread of disease, *following the recommendations of the OIE and, as applicable, the European Union.*
 - 2.3 *The training of personnel of Members as required for management of an emergency response and the establishment of a cadre of trained personnel who can assist other Members in case of need.*
 - 2.4 *The maintenance and promotion of appropriate biocontainment standards, and training in these, for handling of materials containing foot-and-mouth disease virus by Members.*
3. To carry out such further special projects as may be suggested by Members or by the Executive Committee and approved by the Commission for achieving the purposes of the Commission as set forth in this Constitution.
4. Funds from the surplus of the Administrative Budget may be used for the purposes stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article when such action is approved by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, providing such majority is more than one half of the membership of the Commission.

ARTICLE VI

Sessions

1. Each Member shall be represented at Sessions of the Commission by a single delegate who may be accompanied by an alternate and by experts and advisers. Alternates, experts and advisers may take part in the proceedings of the Commission but not vote, except in the case of an alternate who is duly authorized to substitute for the delegate.
2. Each Member shall have one vote. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. A majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Commission shall elect, at the end of each regular session, a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons and the members of the Executive Committee from amongst the delegates. The Commission shall also appoint the members of special or standing Committees.
4. The Director-General of the Organization in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission shall convene a regular session of the Commission at least every two years. Special sessions may be convened by the Director-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission or, if so requested, by the Commission in regular sessions or by at least one third of the Members during intervals between regular sessions.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

1. The Commission may establish temporary, special or standing committees to study and report on matters pertaining to the purpose of the Commission, subject to the availability of the necessary funds in the approved budget of the Commission.
2. These committees shall be convened by the Director-General of the Organization in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission and with the Chairperson of the special or standing committee concerned, at such times and places as are in accordance with the objectives for which they were established.
3. Membership in such committees may be open to all Members of the Commission or consist of selected Members of the Commission or of individuals appointed in their personal capacity because of their competence in technical matters, as determined by the Commission. On proposal of the Chairperson, observers may be invited to participate in the meetings of the special and standing committees.
4. Members of the committees shall be appointed at the regular session of the Commission and each committee shall elect its own Chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII

Rules and Regulations

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Commission may, by a majority of two-thirds of its membership, adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations, which shall be in conformity with the General Rules and Financial Regulations of the Organization. The Rules of the Commission and any amendments thereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General of the Organization, the Financial Regulations and amendments thereto being subject to confirmation by the Council of the Organization.

ARTICLE IX

Observers

1. Any Member Nation of the Organization that is not a Member of the Commission and any Associate Member may be invited to, or, upon its request, be represented by an observer at sessions of the Commission. It may submit memoranda and participate without vote in the discussions.
2. States which, while not Members of the Commission nor Members or Associate Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Commission through its Chairperson and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization, be invited to attend in an observer capacity sessions of the Commission.
3. Participation of international organizations in the work of the Commission and the relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization as well as by the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference or Council of the Organization. All such relations shall be dealt with by the Director-General of the Organization. The relations between the Organization and the OIE are governed by such agreement between the Organization and the OIE as may be in force.

ARTICLE X

Executive Committee

1. An Executive Committee shall be established and shall be composed of the ~~Chairman~~person, two ~~Vice-Chairmen~~persons of the Commission and ~~six~~ five delegates of Members selected by the Commission at the end of its regular session. Due regard should be taken to ensure that the membership of the Executive Committee is equitably geographically representative. The ~~Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen~~person and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission shall be the ~~Chairman and Vice-Chairpersons~~Chairman person and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee.
2. Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the end of the next regular session without prejudice to the right of re-election.
3. ~~If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee before the expiration of the term of appointment, the Committee may proceed to fill the vacancy request a Member of the Commission to appoint a representative to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.~~ If a delegate in the Executive Committee becomes permanently unavailable for unavoidable reasons, the Member represented by that delegate shall be requested to nominate a new delegate for the remainder of the term.
4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice at reasonable intervals between any two successive regular sessions of the Commission.
5. The Secretary of the Commission shall act as Secretary to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Functions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall:

1. Make proposals to the Commission concerning policy matters and the programme of activities;
2. Implement the policies and programmes approved by the Commission;
3. Submit to the Commission the draft programme and Administrative Budget, and the accounts for the past biennium;
4. Prepare the report on the activities of the Commission during the past biennium for approval by the Commission and transmission to the Director-General of the Organization;
5. Undertake such other duties as the Commission may delegate to it, in particular with reference to emergency action under Article V (1).

ARTICLE XII

Administration

1. The staff of the Secretariat of the Commission shall be appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the Executive Committee, and for administrative purposes shall be responsible to the Director-General. They shall be appointed under the same terms and conditions as the staff of the Organization.
2. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid out of its Administrative Budget except those relating to such staff and facilities which can be made available by the Organization. The expenses to be borne by the Organization shall be determined and paid within the limits of the biennial budget prepared by the Director-General and approved by the Conference of the Organization in accordance with the General Rules and the Financial Regulations of the Organization.
3. Expenses incurred by delegates, their alternates, experts and advisers when attending sessions of the Commission and its committees as government representatives, as well as the expenses incurred by observers at sessions, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations. The expenses

of experts invited by the Commission to attend meetings of the Commission or its committees in their individual capacity shall be borne by the budget of the Commission.

ARTICLE XIII

Finance

1. Each Member of the Commission undertakes to contribute annually its share of the administrative budget in accordance with a scale of contribution. This scale of contribution shall be adopted by the Commission with a two-thirds majority of its Members in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Commission.
2. Contributions of States which acquire membership between two regular sessions of the Commission shall be determined by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Commission; for this purpose such criteria as may be specified in the Financial Regulation shall apply. The determination made by the Executive Committee shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission at its next regular session.
3. Annual contributions provided for under paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be payable before the end of the first month of the year to which they apply.
4. Supplementary contributions may be accepted from a Member or Members or from organizations or individuals for emergency action or for the purpose of implementing special schemes or campaigns of control which under Article V the Commission or Executive Committee may adopt or recommend.
5. All contributions from Members shall be payable in currencies to be determined by the Commission in agreement with each contributing Member.
6. All contributions received shall be placed in a Trust Fund administered by the Director-General of the Organization in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Organization.
7. At the end of each financial period, any uncommitted balance of the Administrative Budget shall be retained in the Trust Fund and made available for the following years' budget.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission.
2. Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution may be made by any Member of the Commission in a communication addressed to both the Chairperson of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization. The Director-General shall immediately inform all Members of the Commission of all proposals for amendments.
3. No proposal for the amendment of the Constitution shall be included in the agenda of any session unless notice thereof has been received by the Director-General of the Organization at least 120 days before the opening of the session.
4. Amendments shall become effective only with the concurrence of the Council of the Organization.
5. An amendment not involving additional obligations for Members of the Commission shall take effect from the date of the decision of the Council.
6. An amendment which, in the view of the Commission, involves additional obligations, for Members of the Commission shall, after approval by the Council, bind the Members of the Commission who have accepted the amendment, as from the date on which it has been accepted by two-thirds of the membership of the Commission, and thereafter for each remaining Member of the Commission upon the date of receipt by the Director-General of the instrument of acceptance of the amendment by that Member.

7. The instruments of acceptance of amendments involving additional obligations shall be deposited with the Director-General who shall inform all Members of the Commission of the receipt of such instruments.

8. The rights and obligations of any Member of the Commission that has not accepted an amendment involving additional obligations shall for a period not exceeding two years as from the date of entry into force of the amendment, continue to be governed by the provisions of the Constitution as they stood prior to the amendment. Upon expiry of the afore-mentioned period, any Member of the Commission that has not accepted such amendment shall be bound by the Constitution as so amended.

9. The Director-General shall inform all Members of the Commission of the entry into force of any amendment.

ARTICLE XV

Acceptance

1. Acceptance of this Constitution shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization and shall take effect, as regards Members of the Organization or the OIE, on receipt of such instrument by the Director-General who shall forthwith inform each of the Members of the Commission.

2. Membership of States that are eligible for membership under Article I, but are neither Members of the Organization nor of the OIE, shall become effective on the date on which the Commission approves the application for membership in conformity with the provisions of Article I. The Director-General shall inform each of the Members of the Commission of the approval of any application for membership.

3. Acceptance of the Constitution may be made subject to reservations. The Director-General of the Organization shall notify forthwith all Members of the Commission of the receipt of any application for membership or any instrument of acceptance of the Constitution either of which contains a reservation. A reservation shall become effective only upon unanimous approval by the Members of the Commission. The Members of the Commission not having replied within three months from the date of the notification by the Director-General of the reservation shall be deemed to have accepted the reservation. Failing unanimous approval by the Members of the Commission of a reservation, the nation making the reservation shall not become a party to this Constitution.

ARTICLE XVI

Withdrawal

1. Any Member may withdraw from the Commission at any time after the expiration of one year from the date on which its acceptance took effect or from the date on which the Constitution entered into force, whichever is the later, by giving written notice of withdrawal to the Director-General of the Organization who shall forthwith inform all Members of the Commission. The withdrawal shall become effective one year from the date of receipt of the notification of withdrawal.

2. Non-payment of two consecutive annual contributions shall be regarded as implying withdrawal of the defaulting Member from the Commission.

3. Any Member of the Commission withdrawing from the Organization of the OIE, when such withdrawal results in this Nation no longer being a Member of either of these two Agencies, shall be deemed to have withdrawn simultaneously from the Commission.

ARTICLE XVII

Settlement of Disputes

1. If there is any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Constitution, the Member or Members concerned may request the Director-General of the Organization to appoint a committee to consider the question in dispute.
2. The Director-General shall there-upon, after consultation with the Members concerned, appoint a committee of experts which shall include representatives of those Members. This committee shall consider the question in dispute, taking into account all documents and other forms of evidence submitted by the Members concerned. This committee shall submit a report to the Director-General of the Organization who shall transmit it to the Members concerned and to the other Members of the Commission.
3. The Members of the Commission agree that the recommendations of such a committee, while not binding in character, will become the basis for renewed consideration by the Members concerned of the matter out of which the disagreement arose.
4. The Members concerned shall share equally the expenses of the experts.

ARTICLE XVIII

Termination

1. This Constitution shall be terminated by a decision of the Commission taken by a three-fourths majority of the membership of the Commission. It shall automatically be terminated should membership, as a result of withdrawals, comprise fewer than six Nations.
2. On termination of the Constitution all assets of the Commission shall be liquidated by the Director-General of the Organization and after settlement of all liabilities the balance shall be distributed proportionally amongst Members on the basis of the scale of contributions in force at the time. Nations whose contributions are in arrears for two consecutive years and hence deemed to have withdrawn in conformity with Article XVI (2) shall not be entitled to a share of the assets.

ARTICLE XIX

Entry into Force

1. This Constitution shall enter into force upon receipt by the Director-General of the Organization of notifications of acceptance from six Member Nations of the Organization or of the OIE, providing that their contributions represent in the aggregate not less than 30 percent of the Administrative Budget provided for in Article XIII (1).
2. The Director-General shall notify all Nations having deposited notifications of acceptance of the date on which this Constitution comes into force.
3. The text of this Constitution drawn up in the English, French and Spanish languages, which languages shall be equally authoritative, was approved by the Conference of the Organization on the Eleventh day of December 1953.
4. Two copies of the text of this Constitution shall be authenticated by the Chairperson of the Conference and the Director-General of the Organization, one copy of which shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the other in the archives of the Organization. Additional copies of this text shall be certified by the Director-General and furnished to all Members of the Commission with the indication of the date on which Constitution has come into force.

Appendix E

Statutes of the Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa (CIFAA)¹

1. Membership

The Committee shall be composed of African Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization selected by the Director-General of the Organization on the basis of their active interest in inland fisheries and aquaculture development in Africa and of their potential contribution to the effective discharge of the functions of the Committee.

2. Terms of reference

The terms of reference of the Committee shall be *to*:

- ~~a) to promote, coordinate and assist national and regional fishery and limnological surveys and programmes of research and development leading to the rational utilization of inland fishery resources~~
- ~~b) to assist Member Governments in establishing the scientific basis for regulatory and other measures for the conservation and improvement of inland fishery resources, to formulate such measures through subsidiary bodies as required, and to make appropriate recommendations for the adoption and implementation of these measures~~
- ~~c) to promote and coordinate efforts on a national and regional basis to prevent damage to the aquatic environment, including the prevention and control of water pollution~~
- ~~d) to assist in the development of fish culture and stock improvement, including the control of fish diseases and the importation of exotic species~~
- ~~e) to promote and assist in the utilization of the most effective fishing craft, gear and techniques~~
- ~~f) to promote and assist activities concerned with the processing, preservation and marketing of fish and fish products~~
- ~~g) to encourage education and training through the establishment or improvement of national and regional institutions and by the promotion and the organization of symposia, seminars, study tours and training centres~~
- ~~h) to assist in the collection, interchange, dissemination and analysis of statistical, biological and environmental data and other inland fishery information~~
- ~~i) to assist Member Governments in formulating national and regional programmes to be implemented through sources of international aid to help achieve the objectives referred to in the preceding paragraphs.~~
- a) *co-ordinate and serve as a platform for intra-regional discussion, planning and exchange of experiences to promote wide application of best practices leading to sustainable development of aquaculture and sustainable management of fisheries;*
- b) *promote collaboration amongst all stakeholders with special attention given to regional and sub-regional structures;*
- c) *promote and support enhanced communication and information exchange among Members and their stakeholders, including to actively collaborate with specific regional networks;*
- d) *promote sustainable management and the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) as well as relevant best practices;*
- e) *promote equitable access to the land and water resources whilst supporting responsible and sustainable use;*

¹ In the text of the draft amendments reproduced in this document, the proposals regarding deletions are indicated using ~~struck-out text~~ and the proposals for insertions are indicated using underlined italics.

- f) assist Members to develop and implement aquaculture programs that are consistent with national food security strategies and poverty reduction, to support Members to adopt an ecosystem approach to aquaculture development and to support the increased role of private sector and other non-state institutions in national and regional aquaculture development initiatives;
- g) assist Members to develop and implement inland fisheries programs that are consistent with national food security strategies and poverty reduction as well as support Members to adopt an ecosystem approach to inland fisheries development;
- h) promote the collection, management, analysis and use of credible statistics in the management of the region's resources;
- i) promote the adoption of appropriate policies, strategies and plans for the management of fisheries and aquaculture at national, sub-regional and regional levels;
- j) serve as a focal point for coordination, harmonization and facilitation of education and research on inland fisheries and aquaculture undertaken in the region;
- k) endorse proactive monitoring and evaluation programmes, and provide guidance for the implementation of those programmes at national, sub-regional and regional levels;
- l) promote effective representation and participation of fishing communities and other stakeholders in fisheries management;
- m) assist Members in formulating regional and national programmes in aquaculture and fisheries and assist in the mobilization of resources as well as encourage Members to mobilize and utilise their own national resources so as to increase the sense of ownership of CIFAA;
- n) promote and sponsor environmental and biodiversity conservation including the adoption of appropriate technologies, advise on trans-boundary movement of aquatic organisms including the use of improved species, the establishment of conservation areas as appropriate, accurate and timely monitoring as well as proactive engagement to protect endangered resources;
- o) promote strategies and actions to mitigate the impact of climate change on aquatic resources; and
- p) advance quality control and consumer protection by supporting Members and formulate and implement quality standards.

3. Subsidiary bodies

- a) The Committee may establish ~~an Executive Committee~~ Steering Committee and such other subsidiary bodies as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions.
- b) The establishment of any subsidiary body shall be subject to the determination by the Director-General that the necessary funds are available in the relevant chapter of the budget of the Organization. Before taking any decision involving expenditure in connection with the establishment of subsidiary bodies, the Committee must have before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications thereof.

4. Reporting

Copies of reports of the Committee shall be circulated to Members of the Committee and to other Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available. The activities of the Committee shall be reported to the Committee on Fisheries as appropriate. The Committee shall submit to the Director-General reports on its activities and recommendations at such appropriate intervals as to enable the Director-General to take them into consideration when preparing the Programme of Work and Budget and other submissions to ~~the Conference, Council or the Standing Committees of the Council, the Governing Bodies.~~ The Director-General shall bring to the attention of the Conference through the Council any recommendations adopted by the Committee which have policy implications or which affect the programme or finances of the Organization. Copies of each report of the Committee will

~~be circulated to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available.~~
Recommendations of the Committee having policy and regulatory or programme and budgetary implications shall be reported to the Conference or Council, as the case may be, through the Committee on Fisheries.

5. Expenses

- a) The expenses of the Secretariat of the Committee shall be determined and paid by the Organization within the limits of the relevant appropriations in the approved budget of the Organization.
- b) With a view to promoting the development of inland fisheries *and aquaculture*, the Organization may also establish trust funds comprising voluntary contributions from the Members of the Committee or from private or public sources, and the Committee may advise on the use of such funds which shall be administered by the Director-General in accordance with the financial regulations of the Organization.

6. Observers

- a) Any Member Nation or Associate Member of the Organization that is not a Member of the Committee but has an interest in the development of the inland fisheries *and aquaculture* resources of Africa, may upon its request, be invited by the Director-General to attend meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies in an observer capacity if the Director-General deems such attendance to be in the interests of the effective discharge of the functions of the Committee.
- b) States which, while not Member Nations of the Organization, are members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, may, upon their request and subject to the provisions adopted by the Conference of the Organization relating to the granting of observer status to nations, be invited to attend sessions of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies, and *ad hoc* meetings in an observer capacity. The status of the States invited to such sessions or meetings shall be governed by the relevant provisions adopted by the Conference of the Organization.

7. Participation of international organizations

Participation of international organizations in the work of the Committee and relations between the Committee and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization, as well as the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference and Council of the Organization.

8. Rules of Procedure

The Committee may adopt and amend its own rules of procedure which shall be in conformity with the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization and with the Statement of Principles Governing Commissions and Committees adopted by the Conference. The rules of procedure and amendments thereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General.

Appendix F
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 concerning
qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council

THE CONFERENCE

Having noted that according to Article V, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, the Independent Chairperson of the Council is appointed by the Conference and exercises such functions as are inherent in that office, or are otherwise defined in the Basic Texts of the Organization,

Having regard to Rule XXIII of the General Rules of the Organization;

Recalling Resolution 9/2009 on Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Independent Chairperson of the Council, set out in Volume II of the Basic Texts which, inter alia, establishes the qualities that the Member Nations should have regard to in nominating candidates for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council;

Further recalling that the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal ("the IPA"), adopted by the Conference in its Resolution 1/2008 at its Thirty-Fifth Session, provided that the Conference would assess progress in implementation of the IPA in 2015 with an Independent Review and that, at its One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Session (Rome, 2-6 December 2013), the Council approved the arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reform to assess the status of implementation of the IPA;

Considering that the Council, at its Hundred and Fifty-First Session (Rome, 23-27 March 2015), and the Conference at its Thirty-Ninth Session (Rome, 6-13 June 2015), endorsed the Final Report of the Independent Review of FAO Governance Reforms and proposed actions in response to the recommendations contained therein, including Recommendation 6 on the qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council;

1. **Amends** paragraph two of Resolution 9/2009 as follows¹:
 - “2. In nominating candidates for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council, Member Nations should have regard to the qualities that the Chairperson should possess, including among others ability to be objective, sensitivity to political, social and cultural differences, and appropriate experience in areas relevant to the Organization’s work *and knowledge of the functioning of FAO governing bodies*”;
2. **Affirms** that, subject to the foregoing, Resolution 9/2009 continues to apply in its entirety.

¹ Insertions are indicated using *underlined italics*.

Appendix G

Council Multi-year Programme of Work Revised version covering the 2016-19 period

I. Overall Objective for the Council

The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. In accordance with the Basic Texts and Conference Resolution 8/2009, the Council also plays a dynamic role in the development of the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization and has an oversight and monitoring function over the implementation of governance decisions. In particular, the Council has a major role in deciding and advising on matters pertaining to the implementation of the PWB. The Council also elects the members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters biennially and six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme annually and provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation and related matters which may have been referred to the Council. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in Section II G below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

Attention is drawn to the recommendation endorsed by the 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) regarding MYPOWS:

A section on 'Outstanding and strategic issues to be tracked over time' could be added when they emerge from their respective Governing Bodies, however, the format of the MYPOWs of the Council and its Committees should be improved by making the Results Section more focused and specific.¹

Members may wish to bear this recommendation in mind when proposing improvements to the Council MYPOW.

II. Results

A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning

Result: Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are aligned with and follow Council guidance based on FAO's Strategic Objectives as reflected in its Programme of Work and Budget.

Indicators and targets:

- Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- In reviewing and approving the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation from the Council on the alignment between strategies, priorities and work programmes with the proposed budget of the Organization².
- Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues receives Conference approval.
- Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting membership priorities for addressing agriculture and food security issues in the context of FAO's Strategic Objectives, as reflected in its MTP and PWB and recommendations made to Conference.

¹ C 2015/26 Rev.1

² Basic Texts, Volume II, Section D, Resolution 8/2009, *Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Council*

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the FAO Governing bodies, in particular review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
 - Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
 - Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
- Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation as necessary.
- Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
- Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolutions, including the content and level of the budget.
- Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
- Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.
- Development of a set of Members' priorities as an organizational work plan.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions

Result: Advise Conference through decisions on governance that directly support FAO's Strategic Objectives and regularly monitor the implementation of those decisions.

Indicators and targets:

- Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
- The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting the Council's assessment of the implementation of governance decisions.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
- Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
- Recommendations and decisions on the need to convene Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
- Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
- Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.

Working methods:

- Feedback method to Conference via reports on implementation of governance decisions.
- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.

- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

C. Exercise of oversight functions

Result: Well-functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
- Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
- The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
- Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
- The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms with the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions and recommendations made to Conference ensuring the well-functioning of FAO's legal, ethical, financial and administrative frameworks.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
- Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
- Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
- Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years (first review in 2016) – report to Management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee.

Working methods:

- Advice from the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
- In-depth review of one substantive issue related to FAO's Strategic Framework to be chosen by the Council once every two years.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

D. Monitoring and Evaluation of Management performance

Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
- Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings.
- Programme Implementation Report.
- Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
- On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
- Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.
- Recommendations of the Programme Committee on Strategic Evaluations and their subsequent follow-up.

Working methods:

- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Informal seminars and consultations among Members.
- Presentations by the Secretariat on management strategies and policies to Council.
- Informal briefing by the FAO staff representatives bodies.

E. Work planning and working methods

Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.

Indicators and targets:

- Council agendas are focused.
- Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
- Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
- Council documents are issued 4 weeks before a session opens.

Outputs:

- A MYPOW for Council.
- A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
- Annual briefing for new Council members.
- Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.

Activities:

- Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
- Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
- Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
- Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
- Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.

Working methods:

- Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
- Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
- Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
- As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.

- Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

F. Sessions and Work plan of Council

1. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:
 - a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
 - b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework (every four years), MTP and PWB;
 - c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
 - d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.
2. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including inclusion of effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.
3. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
4. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
5. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
 - Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
 - Human resources;
 - Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
 - Decentralization issues;
 - Contracting and purchasing issues;
 - Information and communication technology issues;
 - Strategic evaluations and management responses;
 - United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

154th Session of the Council, May/June 2016
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Programme Implementation Report 2014-2015 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Regional Conferences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2016) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2016) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (...2016) (t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2016) (t.b.d.) 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2016) (t.b.d.) 10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-2017 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 17) Working Methods of Council

155th Session of the Council, November/December 2016
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of the Strategic Framework 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (...2016) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (...2016) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (...2016) (t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Committee on Forestry (...2016) (t.b.d.) (including sub-item on World Forestry Congress) 9) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11) Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference) 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14) World Food Programme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2015 15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 16) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-2018 17) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 18) Working Methods of Council

156th Session of the Council, April 2017
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference 7) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20 8) Status of implementation of Council decisions
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157th Session of the Council, July 2017
<p>Election of Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

158th Session of the Council, November/December 2017
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <p>1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on World Food Security</p> <p>5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2017) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <p>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Governance Matters</p> <p>7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee • Programme Committee • CCLM • Regional Conferences • Technical Committees • Council <p>8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
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159th Session of the Council, June/July 2018
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Programme Implementation Report 2016-2017 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2018) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.)
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<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)
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160th Session of the Council, November/December 2018
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2018) (t.b.d.) 2) Report of the Programme Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Finance Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.)
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<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) Arrangements for the 41st Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference) 11) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22 12) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13) World Food Programme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2017 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-2020 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 17) Working Methods of Council

161st Session of the Council, March/April 2019
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General 7) Arrangements for the 41st Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 11) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-20 12) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 13) Working Methods of Council
162nd Session of the Council, June/July 2019
<p>Election of Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-20 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

163rd Session of the Council, November/December 2019
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <p>1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on World Food Security</p> <p>5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <p>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Governance Matters</p> <p>7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee • Programme Committee • CCLM • Regional Conferences • Technical Committees • Council <p>8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p>Other Matters</p> <p>10) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2018</p> <p>11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-2021 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 14) Working Methods of Council</p>

Appendix H

Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-17

	2016		2017	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	WFP IFAD/GC 34 LARC	8-12 15-19 29/2-3/3	IFAD/GC WFP	13-17 20-24
MARCH	33 APRC 102 CCLM 4 INARC	7-11 14-16 21-22	104 CCLM 163 FC 121 PC	13-15 27-31 27-31
APRIL	29 ARC IFAD/EB 33 NERC	4-8 11-15 18-22	IFAD/EB 156 CL	10-14 24-28
MAY	30 ERC 161 FC 119 PC 154 CL	4-6 16-20 16-20 30/5 – 3/6		
JUNE	WFP 39 CODEX	13-17 27/6-2/7 (Rome)	WFP	12-16
JULY	32 COFI 23 COFO	11-15 18-22	40 C 157 CL 40 CODEX	3-8 10 17-21 (Geneva)
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 25 COAG	19-23 26-30	IFAD/EB	11-15
OCTOBER	71 CCP WFD 43 CFS 103 CCLM	3-5 17 (Monday) 17-22 24-26	44 CFS WFD 105 CCLM	9-13 16 (Monday) 23-25
NOVEMBER	162 FC 120 PC WFP	7-11 7-11 14-18	164 FC 122 PC WFP	6-10 6-10 13-17
DECEMBER	155 CL IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16	158 CL IFAD/EB	4-8 11-15

Easter: 27 March 2016
 Orthodox Easter: 1 May 2016
 Ramadan: 6 June – 5 July 2016
 Eid Al-Fitr: 6 July 2016
 Eid Al-Adha: 11 September 2016

Easter: 16 April 2017
 Orthodox Easter: 16 April 2017
 Ramadan: 27 May – 24 June 2017
 Eid Al-Fitr: 25 June 2017
 Eid Al-Adha: 1 September 2017

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Serge Tomasi (France)

Members

Argentina (Mr Claudio Javier Rozencwaig)
Canada (Mr Eric Robinson)
Congo (Mr Marc Mankoussou)
Ecuador (Mr José Antonio Carranza Barona)
Guinea (Mr Mohamed Nassir Camara)
India (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)

Japan (Mr Osamu Kubota)
Jordan (Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
New Zealand (Mr Matthew Hooper)
Norway (Mr Inge Nordang)
Poland (Mr Andrzej Halasiewicz)
Yemen (Mr Haytham Abdulmomen Shoja'adin)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Khalid Mehboob (Pakistan)

Members

Angola (Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)*
Brazil (Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
China (Mr Niu Dun)
Egypt (Mr Khaled El Taweel)
Equatorial Guinea (Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo)

Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)*
Philippines (Mr Lupino Lazaro Jr.)
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
Sudan (Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik)
Trinidad and Tobago (Mr John C.E. Sandy)
United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)*

* Details of substitute representative available at: <http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/finance-committee/substitute-representatives/en/>

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Lubomir Ivanov (Bulgaria)

Members

Dominican Republic (Mr Rawell Salomón Taveras Arbaje)
Indonesia (Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
Liberia (Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)

San Marino (Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
Sudan (Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
United States of America (Ms April Cohen)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2015

Term of office expiring

31 December 2016

Elected by FAO Council

Canada (D)
Colombia (C)
Equatorial Guinea (A)
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Elected by ECOSOC

Burundi (A)
Cuba (C)
Ethiopia (A)
Norway (D)
Pakistan (B)
Spain (D)

31 December 2017

Australia (D)
Brazil (C)¹
Denmark (D)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)³
Libya (A)
Poland (E)

Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Guatemala (C)²
Republic of Korea (B)⁴
Swaziland (A)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2018

Afghanistan (B)
Kuwait (B)
Mauritania (A)
Mexico (C)
Sweden (D)
United States of America (D)

France (D)
India (B)
Liberia (A)
Netherlands (D)
Russian Federation (E)
.... (B)

¹ Brazil expressed its intention to step down on 31 December 2015 and Guatemala its interest in filling this seat from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

² On 17 September 2015 Guatemala expressed its intention to step down from this seat on 31 December 2015 and Panama was endorsed to complete the remainder of the term from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

³ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List B (2015-2017) held by Iran (Islamic Republic of), List A (2018-2020), List C (2021-2023).

⁴ At the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting of 8 April 2015, the Council accepted the resignation of the Republic of Korea effective 31 December 2015 and elected China to fill the seat to 31 December 2017.

FAO MEMBERS

194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

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

