

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session
Rome, 24-28 April 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 Russian Federation replaced Italy from 1 July 2016 to the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017)

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

⁶ Philippines replaced Thailand from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018

⁷ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 156th Session of the Council was held in Rome from 24 to 28 April 2017 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

Statement by the Director-General²

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

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable³

3. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union 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 Committee⁴

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Claudio Rozenca (Argentina), Mr Lupino Lazaro (Philippines) and Mr Sanglin Yoon (Republic of Korea).

5. The Council elected Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, Sudan and United States of America.

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

Reviewed Strategic Framework⁵

6. The Council welcomed the Reviewed Strategic Framework, and:
- noted that the document provides a clear understanding of the main challenges expected to be faced by countries in food and agriculture in the coming years;
 - reaffirmed its support for FAO's Vision, Global Goals and Objectives;
 - appreciated the alignment of FAO's Strategic Objectives with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - noted with appreciation that the Strategic Framework continued to include a sixth objective, with a new title to better reflect its scope of ensuring technical quality and the integration of statistics and the cross-cutting themes of climate change, gender, governance and nutrition in the design and delivery of the Strategic Objectives;
 - cautioned against references to the World Humanitarian Summit, as a basis for action, noting that the outcomes of this meeting did not flow from an intergovernmental process; and
 - endorsed the reviewed Strategic Framework, in particular FAO's Vision, Global Goals and Objectives, for approval by the Conference.

Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19⁶

7. The Council considered the Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (MTP/PWB), as well as additional information provided by the Secretariat in Information Notes 1, 2 and 3, and endorsed the recommendations of the Programme and Finance Committees and of their Joint Meeting.

¹ CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/7

² CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/7

³ CL 156/1; CL 156/INF/1 Rev.2; CL 156/INF/3; CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/7

⁴ CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/2; CL 156/PV/7

⁵ C 2017/7; CL 156/3 para.3; CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/2; CL 156/PV/7

⁶ C 2017/3; Information Notes 1, 2 and 3; CL 156/3 para. 4; CL 156/4 paras. 19-21; CL 156/5 paras. 3-4; CL 156/PV/2; CL 156/PV/7

8. Regarding the proposals to improve FAO's financial health, liquidity and reserves, the Council:
 - a) noted the ongoing discussion of the After-service Medical Coverage past service liability by FAO and the UN Common system and took note of the recommendation to continue the approach previously approved by Conference of partial funding of USD 14.1 million as a separate additional assessment for the biennium; and
 - b) took note of the proposal for a one-time assessment on Members of USD 16.2 million to bring the Working Capital Fund to USD 42 million, equivalent to one-month's Regular Programme cash flow, in future Programmes of Work and Budget.
9. Regarding the substance of the proposals in the MTP/PWB, the Council:
 - a) welcomed continuity in the strategic direction of the Organization in the Medium Term Plan and underlying Programme of Work, and appreciated the close alignment of FAO's Strategic Objectives with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - b) supported the priorities and resources allocations, as well as the identification of areas of programmatic de-emphasis for the Strategic Objectives and Objective 6, and looked forward to including the impact on results in future PWBs;
 - c) approved the reformulation of definitions for priorities in paragraphs 52.b) and 52.g) of document C 2017/3 as requested by the Programme Committee, to read as follows:
 - i. 52.b) USD 3.1 million to support sustainable agriculture production, including agroecology, biodiversity, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) and biotechnologies, in particular at the country level;
 - ii. 52.g) USD 1.2 million to support conflict-affected rural livelihoods in link with food security, conflict analysis and partnerships;
 - d) cautioned against inclusion of areas which were not centrally consistent with the mandate and comparative advantages of FAO, as a basis for action, as well as references to the World Humanitarian Summit;
 - e) reiterating the importance of multilingualism at FAO, underlined the importance of maintaining the integrity of language services' capacity within the PWB 2018-19;
 - f) looked forward to reviewing the Strategic Objective Output indicators and targets to be presented in the Adjustments to the PWB 2018-19; and
 - g) encouraged the continued use of partnerships to enable the Organization to leverage its comparative advantages, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation to be reflected in the proposed new title of the Division for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development and South-South Cooperation, ensuring thereby the integrity of South-South Cooperation in FAO.
10. Regarding the budget level for 2018-19, the Council:
 - a) welcomed the proposed flat nominal budget level to carry out the full delivery of the Programme of Work as realistic and innovative, especially in view of prevailing global macro-economic conditions;
 - b) appreciated the identification of proposed areas of emphasis, de-emphasis and savings with a view to reallocating the USD 23.7 million to increase technical capacity in higher priority areas and to improve programme delivery;
 - c) encouraged Members to provide voluntary contributions to address priorities that could not be accommodated within the PWB net appropriation resources in a flat nominal budget;
 - d) welcomed the increase of the share of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) to 14% of the net budgetary appropriation, in line with Conference Resolution 9/89 and recommendation in Conference Resolution 6/2015; and
 - e) endorsed the budget level of USD 1,005.6 million at a budget rate of exchange of EUR 1 = USD 1.22, and recommended approval by the Conference of the draft Conference Resolution, as contained in C 2017/3 paragraph 146, and set out in *Appendix C*.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 121st Session of the Programme Committee and 166th Session of the Finance Committee (March 2017)⁷

Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization

11. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting, and:
- a) in considering the Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization, welcomed its main findings;
 - b) appreciated the increase in technical capacity of the Organization from 2012 to 2016, both at headquarters and in the decentralized locations, in spite of a flat nominal budget level and overall decline in the number of positions in the period under review;
 - c) noted the value of partnerships and South-South Cooperation in the overall technical capacity of the Organization;
 - d) appreciated that the increased technical capacity was aligned with FAO's Strategic Framework;
 - e) noted the Report's conclusions were consistent with those of other recent independent and external assessments of FAO, including by the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DfID) and Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ);
 - f) cautioned against introduction of costly and/or cumbersome tracking systems;
 - g) welcomed the suggestion for greater collaboration between FAO, IFAD and WFP on administrative areas, for cost-reduction and efficiency, and to leverage FAO's pre-eminent position as the repository of technical capacity;
 - h) requested that in future there be monitoring by the Secretariat of the technical capacity of the Organization on a regular basis, including in conjunction with workforce planning exercises, and ensuing reporting to Members;
 - i) requested that future assessments include qualitative analysis, and exposition of disaggregated data; and
 - j) agreed that future assessments be internalized and recommended the involvement of the Office of Evaluation.

Report of the 121st Session of the Programme Committee (27-31 March 2017)⁸

12. The Council endorsed the Report of the 121st Session of the Programme Committee, and:
- a) welcomed the Mid-term Review Synthesis Report 2016 and appreciated the good progress and results achieved in implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17, with 86% of the 50 Output targets for the year 2016 fully achieved; while stressing the importance of reporting on progress on the Regional Initiatives and the identification of priority areas to be considered for new Regional Initiatives in the next biennium and looked forward to refinement of the target setting process for 2018-19;
 - b) appreciated the progress made on the Implementation of the *Peste des Petits Ruminants* Global Eradication Programme and looked forward to outcomes of the pledging conference to announce the contributions achieved at the end of 2017 towards the goal of eradicating this disease within a decade;
 - c) welcomed the recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO's contribution to reduction in rural poverty (SO3) and endorsed action proposed by the Management for recommendations accepted;
 - d) appreciated that the Strategy for FAO's Work on Climate Change had been completed in line with the recommendations made by the 155th Session of the Council, noting its importance in defining FAO's activities in support of climate change adaptation and mitigation, notably by assisting Members in achieving their intended contribution in this area and looked forward to the completion of the definition of targets in the next session of the Programme Committee; and
 - e) endorsed the proposed Office of Evaluation Strategy and Action Plan 2017-18 and the proposal for evaluation of FAO's thematic strategies.

⁷ CL 156/5; C 2017/26; C 2017/26 Sup.1; CL 156/PV/4; CL 156/PV/7

⁸ CL 156/3; CL 156/PV/3; CL 156/PV/4; CL 156/PV/7

Reports of the 165th (7-8 February 2017) and 166th (27-31 March 2017) Sessions of the Finance Committee⁹

13. The Council approved the Reports of the 165th and 166th Sessions of the Finance Committee and in particular:

- a) urged all Member Nations to make payment of assessed contributions on time and in full;
- b) recommended the draft resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2018-19 presented in paragraph 12 of document CL 156/4, set out in *Appendix D* ;
- c) welcomed the Finance Committee's satisfaction with the overall performance in 2016 as presented in the *Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report – 2016*, noting the concerns expressed with regard to deadlines and language requirements of documents for Governing Bodies' meetings;
- d) noted that the Finance Committee had authorized forecasted budgetary Chapter transfers arising from implementation of the 2016-17 Programme of Work in favour of Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 from Chapters 1, 10 and 11;
- e) welcomed the progress and achievements in human resources management of the Organization and endorsed the Finance Committee's guidance in this regard;
- f) noted with appreciation that the Secretariat was working on the continued implementation of the risk management policy to mitigate fraud risks observations made by the Inspector-General;
- g) noted the Finance Committee's observations with regard to the *2016 Annual Report of the Inspector General* and the *FAO Audit Committee - 2016 Annual Report to the Director-General*;
- h) encouraged management to expedite the closure of outstanding recommendations of the Inspector-General, particularly those prior years' recommendations relating to high risks and noted that progress in that respect would be monitored by way of performance indicators;
- i) noted with appreciation that a Statement of Internal Control would be attached to the FAO Audited Accounts for 2017;
- j) recalled the importance of provision to the Finance Committee, according to its mandate, of statistical data on staff and non-staff human resources in a standardized format; and
- k) endorsed the extension of the terms of Ms Enery Quinones and Mr Verasak Liengsrirawat on the FAO Audit Committee for a further three years.

Constitutional and Legal Matters

Report of the 104th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (13-15 March 2017)¹⁰

14. The Council approved the Report of the 104th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters.

15. In particular, the Council:

- a) approved the Resolution "*Amendments to the Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region*", set out in *Appendix E*, and noted that the amendments would take effect from the date of approval by the Council;
- b) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution entitled "*Amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization*", set out in *Appendix F*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption; and
- c) took note of the contribution of the Development Law Branch (LEGN) in supporting Members' efforts towards sustainable development, in light of the role of legal frameworks and the dissemination of information in the achievement of the global development agenda.

⁹ CL 156/4; CL 156/6; CL 156/LIM/2 Rev.1; CL 156/PV/3; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁰ CL 156/2; CL 156/PV/4; CL 156/PV/7

Governance Matters

Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference¹¹

16. The Council agreed to submit the Provisional Timetable set out in CL 156/8 Rev.1 to the Conference for approval.

17. The Council agreed to propose the deadline of 12.00 hours on Tuesday 4 July 2017 for receipt of nominations for Council membership (for the periods July 2017 to June 2020 and July 2018 to June 2021).

Nomination of the Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of the Conference and the Chairpersons of the Commissions of the Conference

18. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5 (b) of the GRO, the Council noted that consultations had taken place among delegations and that there was consensus on nominating Mr Emmanuel F. Piñol, Secretary for Agriculture of the Philippines, as Chairperson of the Conference.

19. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following three nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Conference:

- Mr Aziz Akhannouch (Morocco);
- Mr Thomas Duffy (United States of America);
- Vanuatu (*name to be confirmed*)

20. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following nominations for the Chairpersons of Commissions I and II:

- Chairperson of Commission I: Mr Ahmed bin Nasser Al-Bakry (Oman);
- Chairperson of Commission II: Mr Johannes Petrus Hoogeveen (Netherlands)

Nomination of Seven Members of the General Committee

21. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Australia
- Egypt
- Malaysia
- Peru
- San Marino
- Uganda
- United States of America

Nomination of Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

22. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Austria
- Canada
- Cuba
- Guinea
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- San Marino

¹¹ CL 156/8 Rev.1; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20¹²

23. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2017-20, set out in *Appendix G*, and, taking into account the evolving nature of the document, agreed to include the following amendments:

- a) paragraph 5(c) to read: “Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues, and affiliation with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) receive Conference approval”;
- b) paragraph 7(b) to read: “Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation, including alignment with SDGs, as necessary”.

Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 155th Session of the Council (5-9 December 2016)¹³

24. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 155th (5-9 December 2016), 154th (30 May – 3 June 2016) and 153rd (30 November – 4 December 2015) Sessions.

25. The Council took note of the update provided by the Independent Chairperson of the Council regarding the procedure of selection of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies.

Provisional Agenda for the 157th Session of the Council (10 July 2017)¹⁴

26. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 157th Session (10 July 2017).

Other Matters

International Years and Days

International Year of Camelids¹⁵

27. The Council examined the proposal to establish an International Year of Camelids, and endorsed the draft resolution “International Year of Camelids” in 2024, set out in *Appendix H*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

Proposal to declare the annual observance of World Pulses Day¹⁶

28. The Council examined the proposal to declare the annual observance of World Pulses Day on 10 February and endorsed the draft resolution “World Pulses Day”, set out in *Appendix I*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-18¹⁷

29. The Council took note of the amendments to the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2017-18, set out in *Appendix J*.

¹² CL 156/LIM/4; CL 156/PV/4; CL 156/PV/7

¹³ CL 156/LIM/3; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁴ CL 156/INF/2; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁵ CL 156/7 Rev.1; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁶ CL 156/LIM/6; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁷ CL 156/LIM/1 Rev.2; CL 156/PV/4; CL 156/PV/7

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO¹⁸

30. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following topics:
- a) United Nations Biodiversity Conference;
 - b) Recent decisions of the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (SDGs) on the SDG Indicator Framework;
 - c) The Group of Twenty (G20);
 - d) United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF): Strategic Plan for Forests, 2017-30, and the first Quadrennial Programme of Work 2017-20 for operationalizing the Strategic Plan;
 - e) International Year of Pulses (IYP); and
 - f) Political Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations)¹⁹

31. The Director-General informed the Council of his intention to appoint a new Deputy Director-General (Operations), Mr Laurent Thomas.
32. The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Laurent Thomas to the position of FAO Deputy Director-General (Operations).

Update on the Proposal to Establish a World Fisheries University²⁰

33. The Council took note of the information provided by the Republic of Korea regarding the proposal to establish a World Fisheries University and the progress made so far.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies²¹

34. Ms Elena Rotondo, General Secretary *a.i.* of the Union of General Service Staff made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

Unveiling of the Portrait of the Independent Chairperson of the Council²²

35. The Council witnessed the unveiling of the portrait of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of the Council, at a ceremony held on 28 April 2017. The Council paid tribute to Mr Ngirwa and expressed appreciation for his tireless commitment to facilitating dialogue among Members and with Management during a transitional period.

Debriefing on 2017 Field Visit by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations²³

36. The Council was given a debriefing on the field visit to Morocco and the Sudan by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations (27 February - 8 March 2017).

¹⁸ CL 156/INF/4; CL 156/PV/6; CL 156/PV/7

¹⁹ CL 156/LIM/5; CL 156/PV/1; CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

²⁰ CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

²¹ CL 156/PV/5; CL 156/PV/7

²² CL 156/PV/7

²³ CL 156/PV/6; CL 156/PV/7

Appendix A

Agenda for the 156th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

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

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

3. Reviewed Strategic Framework
4. Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19
5. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 121st Session of the Programme Committee and 166th Session of the Finance Committee (March 2017)
 - 5.1 Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization
6. Report of the 121st Session of the Programme Committee (27-31 March 2017)
7. Reports of the 165th (7-8 February 2017) and 166th (27-31 March 2017) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 7.1 Scale of Contributions 2018-19
 - 7.2 Status of Current Assessments and Arrears

Constitutional and Legal Matters

8. Report of the 104th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (13-15 March 2017)

Governance Matters

9. Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including Provisional Timetable)
10. Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20
11. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 155th Session of the Council (5-9 December 2016)
12. Provisional Agenda for the 157th Session of the Council (10 July 2017)

Other Matters

13. International Years and Days:
 - 13.1 International Year of Camelids
 - 13.2 Proposal to declare the annual observance of World Pulses Day
14. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-18
15. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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 - 16.2 Update on the Proposal to Establish a World Fisheries University
 - 16.3 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

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CL 156/4	Report of the 166 th Session of the Finance Committee (27-31 March 2017)
CL 156/5	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 121 st Session of the Programme Committee and the 166 th Session of the Finance Committee (27 and 30 March 2017)
CL 156/6	Report of the 165 th Session of the Finance Committee (7-8 February 2017)
CL 156/7 Rev.1	International Year of Camelids
CL 156/8 Rev.1	Arrangements for the 40 th Session of the Conference (3-8 July 2017)
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C 2017/3-WA11	Web Annex 11: Results Frameworks, comparing 2014-17 to 2018-21
C 2017/3-WA12	Web Annex 12: Scheduled sessions
C 2017/3 Info Note 1	Information Note No. 1 – Priorities and resource allocations for technical capacity including opportunities for voluntary contributions
C 2017/3 Info Note 2	Information Note No. 2 – Areas of programmatic de-emphasis
C 2017/3 Info Note 3	Information Note No. 3 – Language Services at FAO
C 2017/7	Reviewed Strategic Framework
C 2017/26	An Independent Assessment of FAO's Technical Capacity
C 2017/26 Sup.1	An Independent Assessment of FAO's Technical Capacity - Management Observations
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CL 156/INF/2	Provisional Agenda for the 157 th Session of the Council (July 2017)
CL 156/INF/3	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 156/INF/4	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 156/INF/5 Rev.1	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
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CL 156/LIM/2 Rev.1	Status of Assessments and Arrears as at 17 April 2017

CL 156/LIM/3	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 155 th Session of the Council (5-9 December 2016)
CL 156/LIM/4	Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20
CL 156/LIM/5	Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations)
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Web Documents

List of Delegates and Observers
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Appendix C

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Budgetary Appropriations 2018-19

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget;

Having considered the proposed total net appropriation of USD 1,005,635,000 for the financial period 2018-19 at the 2016-17 rate of Euro 1= USD 1.22, which assumes US dollar and Euro expenditure equal to USD 546,399,000 and Euros 376,423,000;

Having considered that the above net appropriation remains equivalent to USD 1,005,635,000 at the same budget rate of Euro 1 = USD 1.22 established for 2018-19 after translation of the Euro portion;

1. **Approves** the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2018-19 as follows:

a) Appropriations are voted at a rate of Euro 1 = USD 1.22 for the following purposes:

		USD
Chapter 1:	Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition	82,128,000
Chapter 2:	Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable	196,952,000
Chapter 3:	Reduce rural poverty	66,207,000
Chapter 4:	Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems	105,399,000
Chapter 5:	Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises	54,136,000
Chapter 6:	Technical Quality, Statistics and cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender, governance, nutrition)	68,883,000
Chapter 7:	Technical Cooperation Programme	140,788,000
Chapter 8:	Outreach	78,754,000
Chapter 9:	Information Technology	36,244,000
Chapter 10:	FAO Governance, Oversight and Direction	70,923,000
Chapter 11:	Efficient and Effective Administration	65,308,000
Chapter 12:	Contingencies	600,000
Chapter 13:	Capital Expenditure	16,892,000
Chapter 14:	Security Expenditure	22,421,000
	Total Appropriation (Net)	1,005,635,000
Chapter 15:	Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund	87,450,000
	Total Appropriation (Gross)	1,093,085,000

b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of USD 5,000,000 shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of USD 1,000,635,000 to implement the Programme of Work. Such contributions shall be established in US dollars and Euro and shall consist of USD 541,399,000 and Euro 376,423,000. This takes into account a split of 54% US dollars and 46% Euro for the appropriations (net) and of 100% US dollars for Miscellaneous Income.

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- c) The total contributions due from Member Nations to implement the approved Programme of Work shall amount to USD 541,399,000 and Euro 376,423,000. Such contributions due from Member Nations in 2018 and 2019 shall be paid in accordance with the scale of contributions adopted by the Conference at its Fortieth session.
 - d) In establishing the actual amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Member Nations, a further amount shall be charged through the Tax Equalization Fund for any Member Nation that levies taxes on the salaries, emoluments and indemnities received by staff members from FAO and which are reimbursed to the staff members by the Organization. An estimate of USD 6,500,000 has been foreseen for this purpose.
2. **Encourages** Members to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate achievement of the Strategic Objectives and implementation of the integrated Programme of Work under the results framework.

Appendix D

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Scale of Contributions 2018-19

THE CONFERENCE

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session of the Council;

Confirming that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation to the composition of FAO membership;

Decides that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2018-19 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2017;

Adopts for use in 2018 and 2019 the Scale set out in the Annex of this report.

(2016-17 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

	Proposed Scale ¹	Actual Scale ²
Member Nation	2018-19	2016-17
Afghanistan	0.006	0.005
Albania	0.008	0.01
Algeria	0.161	0.137
Andorra	0.006	0.008
Angola	0.01	0.01
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.892	0.432
Armenia	0.006	0.007
Australia	2.337	2.074
Austria	0.72	0.798
Azerbaijan	0.06	0.04
Bahamas	0.014	0.017
Bahrain	0.044	0.039
Bangladesh	0.01	0.01
Barbados	0.007	0.008
Belarus	0.056	0.056
Belgium	0.885	0.998

¹ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2016-18 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015.

² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2013-15 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 67/238 of 21 December 2012.

Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.012	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.013	0.017
Botswana	0.014	0.017
Brazil	3.823	2.934
Brunei Darussalam	0.029	0.026
Bulgaria	0.045	0.047
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.004	0.004
Cameroon	0.01	0.012
Canada	2.921	2.985
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.005	0.002
Chile	0.399	0.334
China	7.922	5.149
Colombia	0.322	0.259
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.006	0.005
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.047	0.038
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009	0.011
Croatia	0.099	0.126
Cuba	0.065	0.069
Cyprus	0.043	0.047
Czech Republic	0.344	0.386
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008	0.003
Denmark	0.584	0.675
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.046	0.045
Ecuador	0.067	0.044
Egypt	0.152	0.134
El Salvador	0.014	0.016
Equatorial Guinea	0.01	0.01
Eritrea	0.001	0.001

Estonia	0.038	0.04
Ethiopia	0.01	0.01
Fiji	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.456	0.519
France	4.86	5.594
Gabon	0.017	0.02
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.007
Germany	6.39	7.142
Ghana	0.016	0.014
Greece	0.471	0.638
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.028	0.027
Guinea	0.002	0.001
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.002	0.001
Haiti	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.008	0.008
Hungary	0.161	0.266
Iceland	0.023	0.027
India	0.737	0.666
Indonesia	0.504	0.346
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.471	0.356
Iraq	0.129	0.068
Ireland	0.335	0.418
Israel	0.43	0.396
Italy	3.748	4.449
Jamaica	0.009	0.011
Japan	9.681	10.834
Jordan	0.02	0.022
Kazakhstan	0.191	0.121
Kenya	0.018	0.013
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.285	0.273
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.003	0.002
Latvia	0.05	0.047
Lebanon	0.046	0.042
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001

Libya	0.125	0.142
Lithuania	0.072	0.073
Luxembourg	0.064	0.081
Madagascar	0.003	0.003
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.322	0.281
Maldives	0.002	0.001
Mali	0.003	0.004
Malta	0.016	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.012	0.013
Mexico	1.435	1.842
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.01	0.012
Mongolia	0.005	0.003
Montenegro	0.004	0.005
Morocco	0.054	0.062
Mozambique	0.004	0.003
Myanmar	0.01	0.01
Namibia	0.01	0.01
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.006	0.006
Netherlands	1.482	1.654
New Zealand	0.268	0.253
Nicaragua	0.004	0.003
Niger	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.209	0.09
Niue	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.849	0.851
Oman	0.113	0.102
Pakistan	0.093	0.085
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.034	0.026
Papua New Guinea	0.004	0.004
Paraguay	0.014	0.01
Peru	0.136	0.117
Philippines	0.165	0.154
Poland	0.841	0.921
Portugal	0.392	0.474

Qatar	0.269	0.209
Republic of Korea	2.039	1.994
Republic of Moldova	0.004	0.003
Romania	0.184	0.226
Russian Federation	3.088	2.438
Rwanda	0.002	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.146	0.864
Senegal	0.005	0.006
Serbia	0.032	0.04
Seychelles	0.001	0.001
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.447	0.384
Slovakia	0.16	0.171
Slovenia	0.084	0.1
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.364	0.372
South Sudan	0.003	0.004
Spain	2.443	2.973
Sri Lanka	0.031	0.025
Sudan	0.01	0.01
Suriname	0.006	0.004
Swaziland	0.002	0.003
Sweden	0.956	0.96
Switzerland	1.14	1.047
Syrian Arab Republic	0.024	0.036
Tajikistan	0.004	0.003
Thailand	0.291	0.239
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007	0.008
Timor-Leste	0.003	0.002
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.034	0.044
Tunisia	0.028	0.036

Turkey	1.018	1.328
Turkmenistan	0.026	0.019
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.009	0.006
Ukraine	0.103	0.099
United Arab Emirates	0.604	0.595
United Kingdom	4.464	5.18
United Republic of Tanzania	0.01	0.009
United States of America	22	22
Uruguay	0.079	0.052
Uzbekistan	0.023	0.015
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.571	0.627
Viet Nam	0.058	0.042
Yemen	0.01	0.01
Zambia	0.007	0.006
Zimbabwe	0.004	0.002
	100	100

Appendix E
Resolution 1/156
Amendments to the Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for
Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region

THE COUNCIL

Recalling the Council's approval of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution its Forty-Fourth Session in June 1965, which came into force on 21 February 1967;

Recalling also that the Commission, at its 30th Session held in Muscat, Oman from 20 to 24 February 2017, proposed amendments to the Agreement;

Considering that the amendments will enter into force upon Council's approval;

Having considered the report of the 104th 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;

Endorses the amendments to the Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article XIV, as follows:

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING
THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE CENTRAL REGION¹

PREAMBLE

The Contracting Governments, having regard to the urgent necessity of preventing losses to agriculture in certain countries in the Near East caused by the Desert Locust, hereby establish within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as the "the Organization") a Commission to be known as the "Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region", whose object shall be to promote national and international research and action with respect to the control of the Desert Locust in the Central Region of its distribution area. The Central Region (hereinafter referred to as "the Region") is defined, for the purpose of this Agreement, as consisting of the territories of Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

ARTICLE I

Membership

1. The Members of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be such member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization situated in the Region defined in the Preamble as accept this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its Members, admit to membership such other States, situated in the Region that are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as have submitted an application for

¹ Deletions appear as ~~strikethrough~~ and insertions as underlined italics.

membership of the Commission and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept this Agreement as in force at the time of admission.

ARTICLE II

Obligations of Members Regarding National Policies and International Cooperation for the Control of the Desert Locust

1. Members undertake to maintain through the Secretary of the Commission a regular exchange of information on the current locust situation and the progress of control campaigns within their countries, and also to transmit such information regularly to the FAO Desert Locust Information Service in Rome.
2. Members undertake to carry out all possible measures to control plagues of the Desert Locust within their countries and to reduce crop damage by adopting the following procedures:
 - (a) maintaining a permanent locust reporting and control service which will be administratively and financially autonomous;
 - (b) supporting the Desert Locust units in the implementation of the preventive control strategies;
 - (c) using environmentally safe pesticides in the control of Desert Locust by applying Environment and Health Safety Standards;
 - (bd) holding adequate reserves of insecticides and application equipment;
 - (ee) encouraging and supporting such training, survey and research work, including where appropriate the maintenance of national research stations for the study of the Desert Locust, as may be considered desirable by the Commission and as are compatible with the resources of the country;
 - (ef) participating in the implementation of any common policy of locust or prevention which may be approved by the Commission;
 - (eg) facilitating the storage of any items of anti-locust equipment and insecticides held by the Commission and permitting the duty-free import or export without hindrance of such goods and equipment as well as the free movement within the country of such goods and equipment;
 - (h) preparing a dynamic national contingency plan for implementation in case of outbreaks, with regular update;
 - (fi) providing the Commission with any information it may request to carry out its functions effectively.
3. Members undertake to submit to the Commission periodic reports on the action taken to fulfill the obligations specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

ARTICLE III

Seat of the Commission

1. The seat of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission.
2. Sessions of the Commission shall normally be held at its seat. Sessions may, however, be convened elsewhere in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization, in pursuance of a decision of the Commission at a previous session, or in exceptional circumstances, of a decision by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Functions of the Commission

The following shall be the functions of the Commission:

1. Joint Action and Assistance

The Commission shall:

- a) plan and promote joint action for the survey and control of the Desert Locust in the Region wherever required and, to this effect, arrange means whereby adequate resources can be made available;
- b) assist and promote, in any manner which it considers appropriate, any national, regional or international action relating to the control or survey of the desert locust;
- c) determine, in consultation with the Members concerned, the nature and extent of assistance needed by such Members for implementing their national programmes and for supporting regional programmes;
- d) assist, at the request of any Member whose territory is faced with Desert Locust situations beyond the capacity of this national services to control and survey, in any measures jointly agreed to that may become necessary;
- e) maintain at strategic localities determined by the Commission, in consultation with the Members concerned, reserves of anti-locust equipment, insecticides and other supplies, to be used in cases of emergency in accordance with decisions of the Executive Committee including supplementing of the national resources of any Member.

2. Information and Co-ordination

The Commission shall:

- a) ensure that all Members are provided with current information in regard to Desert Locust infestations, and collect and disseminate information on experience gained, research conducted and programmes adopted on the national, regional and international levels in connection with the control of the Desert Locust;
- b) assist the national research organizations of Members and coordinate research in the Region by arranging visits of research and survey units from Members and by other appropriate means.

3. Cooperation

The Commission may:

- a) enter into arrangements or agreements, through the Director-General of the Organization, with nations in the Region that are not Members of the Commission, for common action in connection with survey and control of locusts in the Region;
- b) enter into or encourage arrangements, through the Director-General, with other United Nations specialized agencies or other international organizations concerned, for common action on the study and control of locusts and for the mutual exchange of information on problem concerning locusts.

4. Administrative Matters

The Commission shall:

- a) consider and approve the report of the executive Committee on the activities of the Commission, the Programmes and Budget of the Commission for the ensuing financial period and the biannual accounts;
- b) keep the Director-General of the Organization fully informed of its activities and transmit to him the reports and recommendations of the Commission, its accounts, its Program and

its Budget for such action by the Council or the Conference of the Organization as may be appropriate.

ARTICLE V

Sessions of the Commission

1. Each Member of the Commission shall be represented at sessions of the Commission by a 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 may not vote unless authorized by the delegate to substitute for him.
2. A majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Each Member shall have one vote. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
3. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission shall have no vote if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the two preceding financial years.
4. The Commission shall elect, at the beginning of each regular session, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from amongst the delegates. These officers shall hold office until the beginning of the next regular session and shall be eligible for re-election.
5. The Director-General of the Organization in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission shall convene a regular session of the Commission at least once every two years. Special Sessions may be convened by the Director-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, if so requested by the Commission in regular sessions or by at least one-third of the members during intervals between regular sessions.
6. The Director-General of the Organization or a representative designated by him shall have the right to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission and of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Special Emergencies

When situations envisaged in paragraph 1(d) of Article IV require urgent action during intervals between sessions of the Commission, the Chairman may propose required measures to the Commission's members by correspondence or by other rapid means of communication for a postal vote.

ARTICLE VII

Observers and Consultants

1. 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.
2. Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission may, upon their request, be represented by an observer at sessions of the Commission.
3. 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 Executive Committee and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission in an observer capacity.
4. The Commission may invite consultants or experts to attend its sessions. The Executive Committee may also invite consultants to attend its sessions or those of the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII

Secretariat

1. The Director-General of the Organization shall provide the Secretary and staff of the Commission, who, for administrative purposes, shall be responsible to him. They shall be appointed under the same terms and condition as the staff of the Organization.
2. The Secretary and the other staff of the Commission shall execute the Commission's strategies and the recommendations arising from the Commission Sessions.
3. Notwithstanding other reporting lines as established by the Organization, the staff of the Commission shall be responsible to the Secretary.

ARTICLE IX

The Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of seven Members of the Commission, elected by the Commission at each of its regular sessions. Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The representative of each Member of the Executive Committee should preferably be a locust specialist. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Commission from amongst the representative of Members of the Committee. He shall hold office until the next regular session of the Commission and shall be eligible for re-election.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once between any two successive regular sessions of the Commission, *if necessary*. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization, convene sessions of the Committee.
3. The Secretary of the Commission shall act as Secretary of the Executive Committee and any other ad hoc committees.
4. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission under Article XII for more than two years shall have no right to be a member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Functions of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall:
 - (a) make proposals to the Commission concerning policy matters and the programme of activities;
 - (b) ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes approved by the Commission;
 - (c) submit draft programmes of work and budget and annual accounts to the Commission;
 - (d) prepare the draft annual report on the activities of the Commission for the approval of the Commission and for transmission to the Director-General of the Organization;
 - (e) carry out such other functions as the Commission may delegate to it.

ARTICLE XI

Rules of Procedure

The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure which shall not be inconsistent with this Agreement or with the Constitution of FAO. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission and any amendments thereto shall come into force (upon approval by the Director-General of the Organization, and) as from the date of their adoption.

ARTICLE XII

Finance

1. Each Member of the Commission undertakes to contribute annually its share of the Budget in accordance with a scale of contributions to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission. Contributions by Members shall be made in cash. *Amendments to the scale of contributions shall be adopted by a two-third majority of the membership of the Commission.*
2. The Commission may also accept contributions and donations from other sources.
3. Contributions shall be payable in currencies to be determined by the Commission after consultation with each Member and with the concurrence of the Director-General of the Organization.
4. All contributions and donations and other forms of assistance received shall be placed in a Trust or special Fund administered by the Director-General of the Organization in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Organization. FAO should assist the Commission in utilizing funds or donations that could not be deposited in its trust or special Fund.

ARTICLE XIII

Expenses

1. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid out of its budget except those relating to such staff and facilities which may be made available by the Organization. The expenses to be borne by the Organization shall be determined and paid within the limits of an annual budget prepared by the Director-General and approved by the Conference of the Organization in accordance with the Constitution, General Rules and the Financial Regulations of the Organization.
2. Expenses incurred by delegates of Members of the Commission and of their alternates and advisers, when attending sessions of the Commission, as well as the expenses incurred by observers, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations. Expenses incurred by the representative of each Member of the Executive Committee when attending sessions of the Executive Committee shall be borne by the Commission.
3. Expenses of consultants or experts invited to attend sessions or participate in the work of the Commission or the Executive Committee shall be borne by the Commission.
4. The Expenses of the Secretariat shall be borne by the Organization.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

1. This Agreement may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission.
2. Proposals for amendments may be made by any Member of the Commission or by the Director-General of the Organization. Proposals made by a Member of the Commission shall be addressed to both the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization and those made by the Director-General of the Organization shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, not later than 120 days before the Session of the Commission at which the proposal is to be considered. The Director-General shall immediately inform all Members of the Commission of all proposals for amendments.
3. Any amendment to this Agreement shall require the approval of the Council of the Organization unless the Council considers it desirable to refer the amendment to the Conference of the Organization for approval.
4. Amendments not involving new obligations for Members of the Commission shall take effect from the date of the approval by the Council or Conference of the Organization, as appropriate.
5. Amendments involving new obligations for Members of the Commission shall, after approval by the Conference or Council of the Organization, come into force in respect of each Member only

upon acceptance by it. The instruments of acceptance of amendments involving new obligations shall be deposited with the Director-General of the Organization. The Director-General shall inform all Members of the Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of such acceptance. The rights and obligations of any Member of the Commission that has not accepted an amendment involving new obligations shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the Agreement in force prior to the amendment.

6. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the entry in force of any amendment.

ARTICLE XV

Acceptance

1. Acceptance of this Agreement by any Member or Associate Member of the Organization shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization and shall take effect on receipt of such instrument by the Director-General.

2. Acceptance of this Agreement by non-Member Nations of the Organization shall become effective on the date on which the Commission approves the application for membership in conformity with the provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement.

3. The Director General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of all acceptances that have become effective.

4. Acceptance of this Agreement may be made subject to reservations which shall become effective only upon unanimous approval by the Members of the Commission. The Director-General of the Organization shall notify forthwith all Members of the Commission of any reservations. Members of the Commission not having replied within three months from the date of the notification shall be deemed to have accepted the reservation. Failing such approval, the nation making the reservation shall not become a party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVI

Territorial Application

The Members of the Commission shall, when accepting this Agreement, state explicitly to which territories their participation shall extend. In the absence of such a declaration, participation shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Member is responsible. Subject to the provisions of Article XVII.2, the scope of the territorial application may be modified by a subsequent declaration.

ARTICLE XVII

Interpretation and Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, if not settled by the Commission shall be referred to a Committee composed of one member appointed by each of the parties to the dispute, and in addition an independent chairman chosen by the members of the Committee. The recommendations of such a Committee, while not binding in character, shall become the basis for renewed consideration by the parties concerned of the matter out of which the disagreement arose. If as the result of this procedure the dispute is not settled, it shall be referred to the International Court of Justice in accordance with the Statute of the Court, unless the parties to the dispute agree to another method of settlement.

ARTICLE XVIII

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 Agreement entered

into force, whichever is the later, by giving written notice of withdrawal to both the Chairman of the Commission and the Director-General of the Organization. The Director-General shall forthwith inform all Members of the Commission, all Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the receipt of any notice of withdrawal. The withdrawal shall become effective one year from the date of receipt by the Director-General of the Organization of the notification of withdrawal.

2. A Member of the Commission may give notice of withdrawal with respect to one or more of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. When a Member gives notice of its own withdrawal from the Commission, it shall state to which territory or territories the withdrawal is to apply. In the absence of such a declaration, the withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Members of the Commission is responsible, except that such withdrawal shall not be deemed to apply to an Associate Member.

3. Any Member of the Commission that gives notice of withdrawal from the Organization shall be deemed to have simultaneously withdrawn from the Commission, and this withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Member concerned is responsible, except that such withdrawal shall not be deemed to apply to an Associate Member.

ARTICLE XIX

Termination

1. This Agreement shall be considered terminated if and when the number of Members of the Commission falls below three, unless the remaining two Members of the Commission decide to continue, with the approval of the Conference of the Organization. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Members of the Commission, all Members and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of such termination.

2. On termination of the Agreement all assets of the Commission shall be liquidated by the Director-General of the Organization and after settlement of the liabilities the balance shall be distributed proportionately 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 shall not be entitled to a share of the assets.

ARTICLE XX

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as three eligible Members or Associate Members of the Organization have become parties to it by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of this Agreement.

2. The Director-General shall notify all Nations having deposited instruments of acceptance as well as all Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the date on which this Agreement comes into force.

ARTICLE XXI

Authentic Languages

The Arabic, English, *and* French ~~and Spanish~~ texts of this Agreement shall be equally authentic.

(Adopted on 28 April 2017)

Appendix F
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the
General Rules of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE

Recognizing that the enhanced use of modern technology and information technology, including through the implementation of a PaperSmart approach, would support the efforts of the Governing, Statutory and other bodies of the Organization to enhance the efficiency of their working methods;

Acknowledging that the FAO Members Gateway portal provides secure, password-protected, web-based access to documents, statements and other meeting information in all six (6) official languages of the Organization;

Having taken note of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), at its Hundred-and-Fourth Session (Rome, 13-15 March 2017) on the proposed amendment to Rule XXV of the General Rules of the Organization;

Considering that the Council, at its Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session (Rome, 24-28 April 2017), endorsed the proposed amendment;

1. **Decides** to adopt the following amendment to Rule XXV, paragraph 6(a) of the General Rules of the Organization:

“Rule XXV

Sessions of the Council

6.

(a) The Director-General, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council, and having regard to suggestions made by any Member Nation or Associate Member acting within the limits of its status, shall prepare a provisional agenda and dispatch it to Member Nations and Associate Members ~~by airmail~~ not less than 60 days in advance of the session. Documentation shall be circulated with the provisional agenda or as soon as possible thereafter”.

2. **Further decides** that, whenever the General Rules of the Organization or the Rules of Procedure of Governing or Statutory Bodies refer to dispatch, circulation, or communication of correspondence and documents in connection with meetings, or to any procedural steps involving the transmittal of information by the Organization, those references shall include distribution by electronic means, including uploading on dedicated platforms and other means using widely available modern information technology.

Appendix G

Council Multi-year Programme of Work Revised version covering the 2017-20 period

I. Overall Objective for the Council

1. 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 F below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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.

5. Indicators and targets:

- a) Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- b) 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.
- c) Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues, and affiliation with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) receive Conference approval.
- d) Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

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*

6. 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.
7. Activities:
- a) 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.
 - o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
 - o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
 - b) Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation, including alignment with SDGs, as necessary.
 - c) Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
 - d) Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolutions, including the content and level of the budget.
 - e) Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
 - f) Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.
 - g) Development of a set of Members' priorities as an organizational work plan.
8. Working methods:
- a) 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.
 - b) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
 - c) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions**
9. Result: Advise Conference through decisions on governance that directly support FAO's Strategic Objectives and regularly monitor the implementation of those decisions.
10. Indicators and targets:
- a) Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
 - b) The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.
11. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting the Council's assessment of the implementation of governance decisions.
12. Activities:
- a) Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
 - b) Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
 - c) Recommendations and decisions on the need to convene Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
 - d) Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
 - e) Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.

13. Working methods:
- a) Feedback method to Conference via reports on implementation of governance decisions.
 - b) 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.
 - c) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
 - d) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
 - e) Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

C. Exercise of oversight functions

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

15. Indicators and targets:
- a) The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
 - b) Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
 - c) The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
 - d) Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
 - e) 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.

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

17. Activities:
- a) 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.
 - b) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
 - c) 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.
 - d) Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
 - e) Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
 - f) 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.

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

D. Monitoring and Evaluation of Management performance

19. Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.
20. Indicators and targets:
- a) Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
 - b) Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.
21. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.
22. Activities:
- a) 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.
 - b) Programme Implementation Report.
 - c) Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
 - d) On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
 - e) Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.
 - f) Recommendations of the Programme Committee on Strategic Evaluations and their subsequent follow-up.
 - g) Regular review and assessment of FAO partnership agreements, including their financial implications with particular attention to their impacts on FAO's Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and their contributions to reaching FAO's Strategic Objectives and the SDGs.
23. Working methods:
- a) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
 - b) Informal seminars and consultations among Members.
 - c) Presentations by the Secretariat on management strategies and policies to Council.
 - d) Informal briefing by the FAO staff representatives bodies.

E. Work planning and working methods

24. Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.
25. Indicators and targets:
- a) Council agendas are focused.
 - b) Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
 - c) Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
 - d) Council documents are issued 4 weeks before a session opens.
26. Outputs:
- a) A MYPOW for Council.
 - b) A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
 - c) Annual briefing for new Council members.
 - d) Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.

27. Activities:
- a) Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
 - b) Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
 - c) Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
 - d) Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
 - e) 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.
28. Working methods:
- a) Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
 - b) Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
 - c) Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
 - d) As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
 - e) Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
 - f) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

F. Sessions and Work plan of Council

29. 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.
30. 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.
31. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
32. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
33. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
- a) Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
 - b) Human resources;
 - c) Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
 - d) Decentralization issues;
 - e) Contracting and purchasing issues;
 - f) Information and communication technology issues;
 - g) Strategic evaluations and management responses;
 - h) United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

157th Session of the Council, July 2017
Election of Committees
<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
Other Matters
<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 2017-18 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

158th Session of the Council, November/December 2017
Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Audited Accounts 2016
Committee on World Food Security
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2017) (t.b.d.)
Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)
Governance Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee • Programme Committee • CCLM • Regional Conferences • Technical Committees • Council 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
Other Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) 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 2016 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-19 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

159th Session of the Council, June/July 2018

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 1) Programme Implementation Report 2016-17
- 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.)

Regional Conferences

- 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2018) (...t.b.d.)
- 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21
- 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-19
- 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

160th Session of the Council, November/December 2018

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 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.)
 - i) Audited Accounts 2017

Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security

- 4) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2018) (t.b.d.)
- 5) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2018) (t.b.d.)
- 6) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2018) (t.b.d.)
- 7) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2018) (t.b.d.)
- 8) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2018) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 9) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 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

Other Matters

- 13) 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 2017
- 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 15) Margarita Lizárraga Medal
- 16) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-20
- 17) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

161st Session of the Council, March/April 2019

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (reviewed) 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.)
 - i) Status of Contributions and Arrears
 - ii) Scale of Contributions 2018-19

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 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

Other Matters

- 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

162nd Session of the Council, June/July 2019

Election of Committees

- 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

Other Matters

- 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 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.) i) Audited Accounts 2018</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 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-21 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

164th Session of the Council, June/July 2020
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <p>1) Programme Implementation Report 2018-19 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Regional Conferences</p> <p>5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (. . .2020) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2020) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2020) (...t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2020) (t.b.d.) 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2020) (t.b.d.) 10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <p>11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Governance Matters</p> <p>12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p>Other Matters</p> <p>14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-21 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

165th Session of the Council, November/December 2020

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 1) Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of the Medium Term Plan 2022-26
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)
 - i) Audited Accounts 2019

Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security

- 5) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2020) (t.b.d.)
- 6) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2020) (t.b.d.)
- 7) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2020) (t.b.d.)
- 8) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2020) (t.b.d.)
- 9) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2020) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 10) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 11) Arrangements for the 42nd 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 2021-24
- 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 14) 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 2019
- 15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 16) Margarita Lizárraga Medal
- 17) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-22
- 18) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

Appendix H

Draft Resolution for the Conference

International Year of Camelids

The Conference,

Noting that camelids constitute the main means of subsistence for millions of poor families who live in the most hostile ecosystems on the planet, and contribute to the fight against hunger (SDG 2), the reduction of extreme poverty (SDG 1), the empowerment of women (SDG 5), and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (SDG 15).

Recognizing that Camelids are a main source of protein, fibre for clothes and fertilizer for agricultural production for indigenous communities throughout South America's extensive Andean highlands as well as in the majority of deserts in Africa and Asia.

Recognizing that camelids are a unique species of indigenous mammals in South America, symbolizing an important element in the cultural identity of ancestral pastoral indigenous communities.

Affirming that camelids can play a key role in addressing the effects of climate change, particularly in arid and semi-arid lands and that recognition, advocacy and support for the promotion of the products and services provided by them is of paramount importance for the livelihoods of the communities depending on them;

Recalling the urgent need to raise public awareness of the importance of camelids for food security and ecosystem functions, and to promote actions that improve the management of camelids in order to contribute to the agreed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;

Trusting that such a celebration would establish a platform and encourage actions to promote and implement activities in favour of the conservation, sustainable use and development of camelid genetic resources, as well as raise awareness of their importance in addressing issues of global concern, including hunger, poverty and threats to the environment;

Stressing that additional costs of activities arising from the implementation of the International Year of Camelids be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector.

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session declaring the Year 2024 as the International Year of Camelids.

Appendix I
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Proposal to declare the annual observance of World Pulses Day

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that pulse crops such as lentils, beans, peas and chickpeas are a critical source of plant-based proteins and amino acids for people around the globe, as well as a source of plant-based protein for animals;

Recalling that the World Food Programme and other food aid initiatives use pulses as a critical part of the general food basket;

Desiring to focus attention on the role that pulses play as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition;

Recognizing that pulses are leguminous plants that have nitrogen-fixing properties which can contribute to increasing soil fertility and have a positive impact on the environment;

Recognizing that health organizations around the world recommend eating pulses as part of a healthy diet to address obesity, as well as preventing and managing chronic diseases such as diabetes, coronary conditions and cancer;

Recognizing the potential of pulses to further the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and their particular relevance to Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 13 and 15;

Believing that such a celebration would create an annual opportunity to encourage pulse research, further global production of pulses and beneficial consumption of pulse-based proteins, better utilize crop rotations, and address the challenges of trade in pulses;

Affirming the need to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses, and further sustainable agriculture;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring 10 February as World Pulses Day.

Appendix J

Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018

	2017		2018	
JANUARY	16 CGRFA	30/1-3/2		
FEBRUARY	165 FC (WFP) IFAD/GC WFP	7-8 13-17 20-24	IFAD/GC 30 ARC WFP	12-16 19-23 26/2-2/3
MARCH	104 CCLM 166 FC 121 PC	13-15 27-31 27-31	35 LARC 106 CCLM	5-9 12-14
APRIL	IFAD/EB 156 CL	10-14 24-28	IFAD/EB 5 INARC 34 NERC	16-20 16-20 23-27
MAY	167 FC (WFP)	29-31	34 APRC 169 FC 123 PC 31 ERC	30/4-4/5 21-25 21-25 <i>To be confirmed</i>
JUNE	WFP	12-16	159 CL WFP	4-8 18-22
JULY	40 C 157 CL 40 CODEX	3-8 10 17-22 (Geneva)	41 CODEX 33 COFI 24 COFO	2-6 (Rome) 9-13 16-20
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	11-15	IFAD/EB 72 CCP	10-14 26-28
OCTOBER	44 CFS WFD 105 CCLM	9-13 16 (Monday) 23-25	26 COAG WFD 45 CFS 107 CCLM	1-5 16 (Tuesday) 15-20 22-24
NOVEMBER	168 FC 122 PC WFP	6-10 6-10 13-17	170 FC 124 PC WFP	12-16 12-16 19-23
DECEMBER	158 CL IFAD/EB	4-8 11-15	160 CL IFAD/EB	3-7 10-14

Easter:	16 April 2017	Easter:	1 April 2018
Orthodox Easter:	16 April 2017	Orthodox Easter:	8 April 2018
Ramadan:	27 May-24 June 2017	Ramadan:	16 May-14 June 2018
Eid Al-Fitr:	25 June 2017	Eid Al-Fitr:	15 June 2018
Eid Al-Adha:	1 September 2017	Eid Al-Adha:	22 August 2018

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)

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Philippines (Mr Lupino Lazaro Jr.)
Mexico (Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma)**
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United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)*

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** Following the withdrawal of Trinidad and Tobago on 15 October 2015 the Council elected Mexico to complete the remainder of the term to July 2017.

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Sudan (Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2017

Australia (D)
Brazil (C)¹
Denmark (D)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)²
Libya (A)
Poland (E)

China (B)³
Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Panama (C)⁴
Swaziland (A)⁵
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2018

Afghanistan (B)
Benin (A)⁶
Kuwait (B)
Peru (C)⁷
Switzerland (D)⁸
United States of America (D)

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

31 December 2019

Argentina (C)
Canada (D)
Congo (A)
Germany (D)
Pakistan (B)
Zimbabwe (A)

Egypt (A)
Finland (D)
Mexico (C)⁹
Saudi Arabia (B)
Spain (D)
Sudan (A)

¹ Guatemala stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Brazil was elected to fill this seat from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

² 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).

³ The Republic of Korea resigned effective 31 December 2015 and the ECOSOC Council elected China to fill the seat from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

⁴ Guatemala stepped 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.

⁵ At the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting on 19 April 2017, Swaziland stepped down and Lesotho was endorsed to complete the remainder of the term from 20 April 2017 to 31 December 2017.

⁶ Mauritania stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Benin was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁷ Mexico stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Peru was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁸ Sweden stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Switzerland was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

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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)
Czechia	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	

