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INTRODUCTION - PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION

1. The Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council was held in Rome from 18 to 22 June 2007 under the Chairpersonship of Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The Director-General made an introductory statement.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE ¹

3. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Community and, after having agreed to add a Sub-item entitled *Appointment of the Deputy Director-General* under Item 19, *Any Other Matters*, adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session. The Agenda is given in Appendix A to this Report.

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

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: José Emilio Suadi Hasbún (El Salvador), Christer Wretborn (Sweden) and Pinit Korsieporn (Thailand).
5. The Council elected Ligia Maria Scherer (Brazil) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Egypt, Gabon, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Oman, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zambia.

¹ CL 132/1; CL 132/INF/1; CL 132/INF/6; CL 132/PV/1; CL 132/PV/7.

² CL 132/PV/1; CL 132/PV/7.

ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (ROME, 5-9 MARCH 2007) ³

6. The Council commended the work of the Twenty-seventh Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), and endorsed its report and recommendations.
7. The Council urged FAO, as the only global fisheries body, to continue asserting its international leadership in fisheries affairs and promote the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, its related International Plans of Action and the Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends in Capture Fisheries and strengthening the role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations. It expressed satisfaction with the positive response by COFI to the request of the United Nations General Assembly concerning emerging issues such as the management of deep-sea fisheries on the high seas, the creation of a global data-base on vulnerable marine eco-systems in areas beyond national jurisdiction and the development of a comprehensive global record of fishing vessels.
8. The Council noted that Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing remained a serious concern and welcomed the initiative to commence a process leading to the adoption of a legally-binding international agreement establishing control measures in ports, based on the FAO Model Scheme on Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing.
9. The Council acknowledged that small-scale fisheries and aquaculture were playing an increasingly important role regarding such key issues as poverty reduction and food security. Most Members underlined that high priority should be given to these sub-sectors. The Council took note of COFI's reaffirmation of a high priority for promoting aquaculture development in Africa, and for the establishment of a specific programme of work for small-scale fisheries.
10. The Council agreed on the need for more technical and financial assistance to developing states, in particular as regarded their efforts to meet requirements for international market access.
11. Concern was expressed about the fact that due consideration was not given to the recommendations of the FAO *Ad Hoc* Expert Advisory Panel by the CITES Secretariat on proposals for listing on CITES appendices.
12. The Council reiterated the need for more transparency and accountability regarding the activities carried out by the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department through extra-budgetary funding. The Council took note that COFI had underscored the need to allocate more resources to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, especially to its Regular Programme, if the expectations of the international community were to be met.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY (ROME, 13-16 MARCH 2007) ⁴

13. The Council endorsed the Report of the Eighteenth Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO).
14. The Council requested FAO to continue its leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and to strengthen its activities in the area of monitoring, assessment and reporting on forests at the national, regional and international levels. The Council requested FAO

³ CL 132/7; CL 132/PV/2; CL 132/PV/7.

⁴ CL 132/8; CL 132/PV/2; CL 132/PV/7.

to enhance cooperation with the United Nations Forum on Forests to achieve the purposes of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests.

15. The Council requested FAO to continue the recent efforts to strengthen the Regional Forestry Commissions, stressing the importance of an effective regional link between global forest policies and COFO, and implementation on the ground. The Council recognized FAO support for national forest programmes, including the work of the National Forest Programme Facility.

16. The Council requested FAO to assist interested Member Nations to develop comprehensive strategies for bioenergy. Some Members stressed the increasingly important role that wood would play in meeting the energy needs in many developing countries. The Council requested FAO to prepare an analytical report on the social, economic and environmental impacts of changes in the use of wood for energy generation.

17. Noting the important role of forests in mitigating climate change through carbon sequestration, as well as the potential negative impacts that climate change could have on forest health, the Council requested FAO to continue to accord high priority to forests and climate change, and to work with Member Nations in assisting them to develop more effective strategies for adaptation. The Council noted the potential benefits of reduced deforestation in reducing carbon emissions, and requested FAO to continue to work with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on this issue.

18. The Council stressed the important contribution of forests to sustainable livelihoods and poverty and hunger eradication. In this regard, it requested FAO to continue its efforts in assisting developing countries to implement sustainable forest management by addressing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of forests and trees outside forests.

19. The Council recognized the important role that FAO played as a global centre for knowledge and information about forests, and requested FAO to continue support to countries in developing their capacities for forest information.

20. While reiterating concern at the increasing dependence of the core work of the Forestry Department on extra-budgetary funding, the Council noted the concern expressed by COFO that resources allocated for forestry were insufficient for FAO to respond effectively to emerging issues identified by the Committee.

REPORT OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS (ROME, 23-25 APRIL 2007) ⁵

21. The Council endorsed the report of the Sixty-sixth Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP).

22. The Council welcomed the resumption of the Doha Round multilateral trade negotiations. It recalled the dual objectives of the Round, viz, to increase international trade and to promote economic development, and it recognized that its successful conclusion would provide economic benefits leading to reduced poverty and improved food security. It urged that FAO continue to support the Doha process. Most Members welcomed the analysis undertaken by the Secretariat on the impact of trade reform, and urged that thorough analysis should continue. The Council welcomed the technical assistance and capacity-building support provided to enable Member Nations to participate fully in the multilateral trade negotiations.

23. The Council endorsed the CCP's suggestion that FAO work on "Special Products" in the multilateral negotiations should be extended and focus on assisting developing countries to make

⁵ CL 132/6; CL 132/PV/2; CL/132/PV/7.

proper use of the flexibility and policy space provided. It also recognized the importance of the work on import surges and safeguards. While it recognized the role which special products could play in providing policy space and the role the special safeguard mechanism could play in allowing countries to manage import surges, some Members stressed that those were not substitutes for market reform and should be seen only as transitional mechanisms.

24. The Council welcomed FAO support to the WTO Aid for Trade initiative to address supply-side constraints. Some Members stressed that the initiative should not be considered as a substitute to the development dimension of the Doha Round. Most Members recognized the importance of and linkages among the five areas of intervention, namely technology transfer, rural infrastructure, investment in water management, technical standards of products and trade negotiations and trade policy analysis.

25. The Council noted the impact of the growth of biofuels on some agricultural commodity prices. Some Members expressed concern at the effect that this growth could have on food markets and on food security. The Council agreed that further economic analysis was needed, and was pleased to note that an FAO project was underway to examine such issues. Some Members also recognized the potential environmental benefits arising from the more widespread use of alternatives to fossil fuels.

26. The Council recognized the growth in the economies of China and India, and their impact on international commodity markets as outlined in the relevant CCP document. It welcomed the willingness expressed by both these countries to collaborate with FAO in such future studies.

27. In requesting the continuation of analytical work on trade and market issues, the Council stressed the potential for leveraging the limited resources of the Secretariat through open cooperation with other appropriate international, as well as national, institutions.

REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE (ROME, 25-28 APRIL 2007) ⁶

28. The Council endorsed the report of the Twentieth Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG). It welcomed the achievements in the Programme Implementation Report 2004-05. Many Members requested in future a more results-based approach, including quantitative analysis of outputs and the results of Auto-Evaluations. The Council supported FAO's proposals in the thematic areas examined by the Committee, while noting that the ongoing Independent External Evaluation process might require adjustments in the PWB 2008-09.

29. The Council endorsed the priorities given by the Committee to, in no particular order, work on diseases and pests of animals and plants (International Plant Protection Convention, Rotterdam Convention, Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES) and crisis management), nutrition and consumer protection (Codex Alimentarius, food quality and safety), genetic resources for food and agriculture (Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, animal genetic resources), sustainable natural resources management (climate change, environmental degradation), capacity-building support to developing countries to participate more effectively in multilateral trade negotiations, agro-industries, biotechnology, extension and research, agrarian reform and rural development, gender issues, policy analysis and advice, knowledge exchange and capacity-building, and information and statistics (FAOSTAT).

30. The Council recalled the Committee's concern with the declining proportion of Regular Programme funding for programmes within the remit of the Committee on Agriculture, compared to extra-budgetary resources. Most Members recalled the need for a balance between normative

⁶ CL 132/9; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

and operational activities. Many Members saw the need for more information on partnerships, in particular between the Rome-based UN Agencies.

31. The Council supported the importance attributed to the issue of managing livestock – environment interactions and agreed for FAO to organize high-level consultations, assist countries upon request in designing and implementing policy frameworks, and in collaboration with Member Nations and other interested parties, including the private sector, build a body of guidelines, policy papers and decision-support tools. Many Members underlined that these consultations should be broad enough to encompass the various dimensions of livestock management, including that of competitiveness. Many Members also addressed environmental aspects of large intensive livestock farms.

32. The Council supported that FAO give priority to responding to the challenges of agri-business and agro-industries development by reinforcing expertise and capacity; providing high quality information and analysis; supporting agro-industry and value chain programmes and enhanced public-private cooperation with, *inter alia*, the goal to create value-added for small farmers and offer them opportunities to go beyond subsistence farming; and establishing close working relations with UNIDO, other UN Agencies and other relevant organizations. The Council welcomed the organization of a global agro-industries forum to be hosted by India.

33. The Council concurred with FAO's key role with regard to environmental issues related to food and agriculture. It generally supported conducting a study on possible elements of an FAO Strategic Framework for Agriculture and Environmental Challenges of the 21st Century, subject to the outcome of the Independent External Evaluation, and preferably within Regular Programme resources. It also recognized the importance of FAO providing technical assistance to countries on complex issues such as location-specific energy crops, adaptation options to climate change, management of the environment-livestock interface, and the provision of knowledge tools and advice, possibly through TCPs.

34. The Council recognized bioenergy as an important emerging issue with potential positive and, if not adequately managed, negative implications for food security.

35. The Council endorsed that FAO strengthen its efforts to determine the consequences of climate change on water resources and for the agricultural sector. It also welcomed the proposal for a multi-disciplinary integrated framework to address water scarcity.

36. The Council recalled the importance of agrarian reform and rural development and the significant and unique role of FAO in this matter. Regarding the role of FAO in the outcome and follow-up of ICARRD, the Council took note that FAO's new focal point for rural development was the Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division in the Economic and Social Development Department, that cross-cutting work would be facilitated and coordinated through an Inter-Departmental Working Group and that the responsibility for agrarian reform and other aspects of land tenure would continue to be with the Land Tenure and Management Unit under the Natural Resources Management and Environment Department. Some Members stressed the importance of assigning adequate resources for the new focal point function. Many Members remained convinced that a cautious approach to the subject of ICARRD follow-up was essential, pending the outcome of the Independent External Evaluation. The Council endorsed the Committee's decisions in paragraph 49 of the COAG Report. Many Members raised the question on how the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of National Food Security could be efficiently implemented in this context.

**REPORT OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON
WORLD FOOD SECURITY (ROME, 7-10 MAY 2007) ⁷**

37. The Council endorsed the Report of Thirty-third Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), including the recommendations contained therein. The Council reiterated its concern regarding the lack of progress in reducing the number of hungry people, and called for renewed emphasis by all to ensure that the World Food Summit and Millennium Development Goals were achieved. The Council highlighted the importance of a more analytical overview of the variable performance amongst regions in reducing food insecurity and in extracting lessons from positive experiences.

38. Most Members supported *The State of Food and Agriculture 2006* analysis and recommendations on food aid, and requested FAO to conduct additional studies, such as, impact of food aid markets and development. Attention was drawn to the issue of nutrition security. The Council renewed its support for the twin-track approach, which combined immediate access to food for the most vulnerable groups, with policies and investment in rural and agricultural development to improve production, the productivity of smallholders and to create employment opportunities for the rural poor.

39. The Council commended the Secretariat for the timeliness of the special focus on bioenergy, and recognized this as an important emerging issue with potential positive and, if not adequately managed, negative implications for food security. The Council agreed that FAO had an important role in coordinating and in leading further in-depth analytical work to assess the opportunities and risks offered by biofuels from various sources, including non-food sources, and to provide technical assistance and policy advice to Members in this regard. Many Members emphasized that this analysis should be linked to a regional perspective, recognizing that the potential food security impacts of biofuels were linked to the diversity of technologies, commodities, agro-ecological zones and socio-economic conditions. In this regard, the importance was pointed out of taking into consideration best practices and experience accumulated by some countries.

40. The Council expressed appreciation for the contribution made by the Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS) and the transition towards National and Regional Programmes for Food Security (NPFS and RPFS, respectively), as well as other relevant FAO activities in support of food security in Member Nations, including FAO's South-South Cooperation initiative. Members supported the need for the establishment of Monitoring and Evaluation Systems to quantitatively monitor and evaluate National and Regional Programmes for Food Security and to assess their impact. The Council encouraged a better integration of NPFS and RPFS in national poverty reduction strategies and policies and agreed with the proposals that the CFS Agenda include a standing item on "Status and Lessons Learned from National and Regional Programmes for Food Security", every two years.

41. Many Members noted with satisfaction the progress with regard to the International Alliance Against Hunger (IAAH) and emphasized that FAO had a crucial role in continued coordination, communication, advocacy and capacity-building of National Alliances. They supported the concept of preparing a resource mobilisation strategy which would help the IAAH and the National Alliances to become increasingly self-supporting, and requested guidance to support the implementation at national level.

42. The Council supported the recommendation to hold the Thirty-fourth Session of CFS in October 2008 in conjunction with World Food Day. Most Members welcomed a general discussion in the appropriate fora on the format and the frequency of future CFS Sessions, and noted that further guidance would be forthcoming from the Independent External Evaluation.

⁷ CL 132/10; CL 132/LIM/2; CL 132/PV/2; CL132/PV/7.

43. The Council endorsed document CL 132/LIM/2, *Quadrennial Report on the Progress in the Implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action: A Report of the Committee on World Food Security through the FAO Council to ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of the United Nations)*.

44. Many Members called for continued implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, underlining the importance of guidance and support provided by FAO to the countries concerned.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

*Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2006*⁸

45. The Council commended the work of the World Food Programme, as reflected in the Annual Report presented to the WFP Executive Board at its First Regular Session in February 2007, and in the opening statement made by Mr. Jean-Jacques Graisse, the Senior Deputy Executive Director, Operations Department.

46. The Council confirmed its endorsement of the Report, as already expressed at the WFP Executive Board Session in February.

47. Some Members commended WFP for having fulfilled its mission which was originally to save lives, and acknowledged that this had expanded to address requests from the various conferences and summits to encompass other Millennium Development Goals. Members commended WFP Management and staff for their efforts in assisting the increasing number of hungry people in the world and those affected by disasters and conflicts. They also took note of WFP's activities in support of development, especially through the School Feeding Programme. Some Members encouraged WFP to strengthen its development partnerships with governments and NGOs, and encouraged donors to contribute to WFP.

48. Some Members thanked WFP for its focus on UN reform, its targeting in emergencies and other measures to make its work more effective. Members also expressed appreciation for the presentation of joint programmes and overall partnerships, and especially for the record number of NGOs. Many Members supported the Rome-based Agencies' cooperation to increase coherence and reduce costs, as well as in following the twin-track approach. The importance of enhancing collaboration efforts between WFP and FAO was also stressed, especially as regarded agriculture in Africa.

49. The Council, noting that a parallel process was being followed at the United Nations before ECOSOC and the General Assembly, endorsed the amendments to the General Regulations of WFP for transmission to the Thirty-fourth Session of the FAO Conference for approval as follows⁹:

Article VI (Powers and Functions of the Board), paragraph 2(b)(viii):

[(b) The Board (...) shall, in particular:]

...

“(viii) consider ~~the biennial report on inspections and investigations~~ the annual report of the Inspector-General, and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate.”

⁸ C 2007/INF/14; CL 132/PV/7; CL 132/PV/7.

⁹ These amendments are also presented in C 2007/INF/14, Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on its Activities in 2006, Section I, Matters calling for action by the Council of FAO or brought to its attention, page 2. The purpose of the amendments is mainly to reflect the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards at the Programme.

Article XIV (Financial Arrangements), paragraph 6 (b):

[6. *The Executive Director will submit the following to the Executive Board for approval:*]

“(b) ~~biennial~~ *annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor;*”

PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE¹⁰

Arrangements for the Session and Provisional Timetable

50. The Council examined the document prepared by the Secretariat (CL 132/12-Rev.1) and endorsed the arrangements proposed. One Member insisted, referring to the Report of the Thirty-third Session of the Conference, that at the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference in 2007 Member Nations who lost voting rights because of arrears, should submit an installment plan as a pre-condition for the restoration of those rights. These installment plans should be duly examined by the General Committee before the Conference decided on restoration of voting rights.

51. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference for approval the provisional Agenda, the tentative Timetable and the arrangements outlined in the Council document, and in particular recommended that:

- a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters;
- b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12.00 hours on Saturday 17 November 2007;
- c) the vote to decide on the budget level be scheduled for the morning of Friday 23 November 2007; and the votes to elect Members of the Council and to appoint the Independent Chairperson of the Council be scheduled for the afternoon of Friday 23 November 2007.

Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council

52. The Council decided to establish a deadline for the receipt of nominations for Independent Chairperson of the Council at 12.00 hours on Friday 7 September 2007.

Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II

53. The Council noted that consultations had taken place among Heads of Delegations represented at the Council Session, and that there was consensus on the following:

Chairperson of the Conference: Ecuador
 Chairperson of Commission I: European Regional Group country (to be designated)
 Chairperson of Commission II: Dominican Republic

Following consultations by the Director-General regarding the availability of the representatives from each country, the Council would make definitive nominations to the Conference for these posts at its November 2007 Session.

¹⁰ CL 132/12-Rev.1; CL 132/PV/6; CL 132/PV/7.

Nomination of Nine Members of the Credentials Committee (Countries)

54. The Council noted that there was consensus on designating the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee for the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference: Austria, Canada, El Salvador, Gabon, Malaysia, Oman, San Marino, Ukraine and Zambia.

Nomination of Seven Members of the Resolutions Committee (Countries)

55. The Council noted that there was consensus on designating the following countries as members of the Resolutions Committee for the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference: Canada, Egypt, Italy, Madagascar, Paraguay and Philippines. The name of the seventh country was to be provided before the opening of the Conference.

PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SUMMARY PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2008-2009 ¹¹

56. The Council considered the proposals in the Summary Programme of Work and Budget (SPWB) 2008-09, with the benefit of the comments of the Programme and Finance Committees.

57. The Council welcomed the concise format and informative contents of the document. It recognized that this SPWB had been prepared under very special circumstances. In particular, the outcome of the Independent External Evaluation of FAO and its detailed implications were yet unknown, as well as the ongoing UN Reform process. It was also important to address the serious financial challenges faced by the Organization in the current biennium, and expected to recur in the next biennium. In this connection, the Council observed that the SPWB aimed in the first instance at responding to its own expectation of a “comprehensive financial plan”, including measures to restore the financial health of the Organization.

58. Therefore, the Council recognized that the SPWB included two sets of proposals linked to:

- a “maintenance budget”, aimed at preserving purchasing power in the execution of the Programme of Work in the 2008-09 biennium by identifying anticipated cost increases and implications for incremental costs endorsed by or reported to Members, while continuing the substantive priorities already agreed by the Membership and reflecting the organizational changes so far approved by the Governing Bodies;
- ensuring the long-term financial viability of the Organization by addressing unfunded liabilities and augmenting safety nets, i.e. reserves in terms of two options for additional Assessments for the biennium.

59. In addressing the concept of a maintenance budget the Council took note of the substantial estimate for cost increases, and that the resulting high figure was largely due to the full biennial impact of increases in staff costs that had occurred, or were expected to occur, in the current 2006-07 biennium.

60. As to the indicated measures to restore the financial health of the Organization, the Council agreed that action needed to be taken to place FAO on a more satisfactory financial footing, but the time period and modalities for tackling the matter required further reflection. Some Members stated that programme spending needed to be aligned more closely with the financial situation of the Organization. Most Members requested that the approved programmes be implemented.

61. The Council recognized that the increases linked to the proposals outlined in paragraph 3 in the document would have a significant impact on Assessments. Given the added uncertainties linked to the budgetary impact of the recommendations of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) (which the Council agreed should be initially discussed in a separate process), and the need to present a full PWB, the Council concurred that it would be premature for Members to express firm views on budget levels at this stage. However, several Members stressed that the resulting increases in their Assessments were not realistic. There was a general feeling that proposals for the funding of reserves and long-term liabilities were, therefore, worth revisiting in the full PWB with a view to pursuing a more phased approach, based on further appraisal by the Secretariat.

¹¹ CL 132/3; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/4; CL 132/PV/7.

62. The Council agreed that the proposals for a maintenance budget in the SPWB provided a basis for further development in the full PWB. In this connection, it recognized that a major reprioritization effort would not have been warranted at this stage, as it would have prejudged eventual recommendations of the IEE on the substance of FAO's work. A few Members intended, however, that some current activities had to be cut in order to tackle the financial problems without waiting for the recommendations of the IEE.

63. The Council agreed that further analysis was needed in the full PWB to facilitate informed decisions by the Conference. Some Members did not share in the justifications for the requirements leading to incremental costs for capital expenditure requirements that were included within the maintenance budget, and Council requested further details of the proposals in the full PWB. The Council was satisfied that, as usual, the basis for the cost increase estimates had been thoroughly reviewed by the Finance Committee, but concurred with the Committee's assessment that more detailed justifications should be provided in the full PWB. It also requested more detailed information and justifications on efficiency gains and savings.

64. In noting the recent significant increases in extra-budgetary resources at the disposal of the Organization, the Council welcomed the intention to provide a more integrated presentation of Regular Budget and extra-budgetary resources in the full PWB, bearing in mind the need for building a strategic and balanced approach to resource mobilization to respond to global and local needs and challenges.

65. The Council also concurred with the advice of the Committees to the effect that the full PWB should better articulate programmatic content under the maintenance budget, including implementation at the field level and taking account of the recommendations from the recent sessions of the Technical Committees to the maximum extent possible. The document should also seek to ensure more explicit reflections of important new subjects such as climate change and bioenergy, and adequate coverage of inter-disciplinary thrusts such as capacity-building and knowledge management. Many Members underlined the importance of maintaining capacity in training programmes and education. One Member requested the development of a temporary PWB for a shorter period, less than two years, in order to incorporate any recommendations which could come from the IEE in the full PWB.

66. The Council took note of the Secretariat's clarification that the lapse factor methodology approved at its Hundred and Seventh Session would continue in the PWB 2008-09, but that it resulted in a structural imbalance between approved budgets and programme implementation that needed to be reconsidered in a future biennium.

67. Furthermore, the Council appreciated the Secretariat's offer to prepare Information Notes on individual topics to support Members in their preparations for the PWB discussions.

REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE AND THE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (ROME, 23 MAY 2007)¹²

68. The Council noted that, in addition to the SPWB 2008-09, the Joint Meeting had addressed collaboration on administrative and processing work between FAO, WFP and IFAD. It looked forward to the planned further discussion of this collaboration at the Joint Meeting in May 2008.

69. In this regard, a group of many Members submitted a statement for the record that expressed the opinion that the Secretariat should submit an expanded report on this issue for the next session of the Joint Meeting in September 2007. In this context, they referred to the four informal meetings held in Rome over the past nine months. In the same statement these Members

¹² CL 132/4; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

regretted that the meetings of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and the Joint Meetings were not open to observers.

**REPORT OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (ROME, 21-25 MAY 2007)¹³**

70. The Council limited its discussion under the present item to evaluation matters covered in the Report of the Programme Committee, noting that the Summary Programme of Work and Budget was the subject of separate deliberation under agenda item 10.

71. The Council welcomed the evaluations and management responses discussed by the Programme Committee at its session in May 2007, which covered Commodities and Trade, the Response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami, TeleFood, and the 2003-05 Desert Locust Campaign. The positive nature of the management responses was appreciated, and it was considered that the evaluations had provided valuable guidance to the Organization in improving its operational effectiveness. Many Members requested that, in addition, evaluations should be discussed in informal seminars open to the whole Membership.

72. The evaluation of the response to the Tsunami demonstrated the value of FAO's technical support in emergencies, and also the need for increased attention to developing capacity for emergency preparedness within FAO's area of competence.

73. With respect to the evaluation of the Desert Locust Campaign, the Council recalled that this was not only an evaluation of FAO's own work but of the total response involving the affected countries and donors. FAO remained the only organization which could coordinate the international response to desert locusts, and the Council emphasized that the Organization should now take a lead in facilitating a new approach to locust emergency preparedness and action so that all parties could respond with the essential speed and flexibility to any locust outbreak. Many Members saw a need for funding to be provided in a manner permitting flexible responses to trans-boundary emergencies where resources would have to be relocated rapidly.

74. The Council agreed with the Programme Committee that the livelihoods approach now being adopted by FAO for locust management and control was essential. With respect to locusts, livelihoods included the health hazards of pesticides in the food chain. The emphasis on restoration of livelihoods was also important in the case of the Tsunami response.

75. The Council supported the rolling evaluation plan of work (2006-09) as endorsed by the Programme Committee, agreeing that middle-income countries should be included among the sample of country evaluations and welcoming the contribution to UN System-wide evaluation. In view of the operational difficulties identified by evaluations, including the Tsunami and Desert Locust evaluations, the Council supported the Programme Committee's request for the Evaluation Service to undertake a process evaluation, preferably with the support of the Office of the Inspector General, to analyse the nature of the operational constraints and the risks associated with any procedural changes.

76. The Council emphasised the importance of the systematic evaluation of the extra-budgetary work of the Organization, and endorsed the following arrangements for evaluation of extra-budgetary work, as stated in paragraph 39 of the Programme Committee report:

“a) the inclusion of a mandatory budget line for evaluation in all extra-budgetary projects on a published scale. Two Trust Fund pool accounts would be established for this purpose: one for emergency and rehabilitation projects, and another for technical cooperation for development projects. The exception to this would be those projects of

¹³ CL 132/11; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

technical cooperation for development over US\$ 4 million which would continue to be evaluated separately; and

b) the institutionalisation of the arrangements for evaluation of emergency and rehabilitation programmes and the extension of similar arrangements to projects of technical cooperation for development. While respecting the independence of evaluation and the role of the Evaluation Service in this, these institutional relationships would include comprehensive dialogues with stakeholders, in particular funders and partner countries, on the selection of evaluations and their conduct.”

77. One Member noted that while supporting the goals of these arrangements, they were not fully compatible with its national legislation.

REPORTS OF THE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH (ROME, 24 JANUARY 2007), AND HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH (ROME, 17-25 MAY 2007) SESSIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ¹⁴

Status of Contributions and Arrears¹⁵

78. The Council considered the Status of Contributions and Arrears of the Organization at 15 June 2007, and noted that the percentage of Current Assessments received was lower than the previous year at the same date, and showed a significant shortfall compared to the same period two years ago. The Council noted that over 47 percent of the Membership of the Organization had made no payment towards their US\$ portion of 2007 Assessments, and 50 percent of the Membership had not made any payment towards their Euro portion of 2007 Assessments.

79. The Council expressed concern over the high level of arrears outstanding, noting that sixty-two Member Nations still had arrears outstanding from 2006 and previous years, and twenty-seven owed arrears in such amounts as would prejudice their voting rights in accordance with Article III.4 of the Constitution. While appreciating the often-difficult financial situations of some countries, emphasis was placed on the importance for all Member Nations, irrespective of their size, to honour their financial obligations towards the Organization. The Council, therefore, urged Member Nations who have not done so to pay their contributions in full in order to enable the Organization to continue to fulfil its mandate.

Budgetary Performance 2006

80. The Council reviewed the Director-General's Fortieth¹⁶ Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers, as well as the report of the discussions of the Finance Committee at its Hundred-and-Eighteenth Session in May 2007¹⁷.

81. The Council took note of the substantial under-budgeted items affecting the forecasted 2006-07 Regular Programme performance and the tentatively forecast transfers between budgetary chapters. It also noted two additional items where expenditures in 2006-07 would exceed the amounts budgeted, namely terminal payments and a portion of current service costs of After-Service Medical Coverage (ASMC).

82. Members appreciated the desirability of addressing all under-budgeted costs in a manner which avoided further deterioration of the Organization's General Fund deficit. The Council concurred with the assessment of the Finance Committee that very few programme activities

¹⁴ CL 132/13; CL 132/14; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

¹⁵ CL 132/LIM/1; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

¹⁶ CL 132/14, Annex I.

¹⁷ CL 132/14, paragraphs 4 to 9; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

could be cut at this stage of the biennium, and that the under-budgeted ASMC current service costs should remain charged to the General Fund. Regarding the forecasted excess 2006-07 expenditure on terminal payments (US\$ 6.8 million), which had an immediate cash impact, many Members stressed the importance of protecting the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) from programme reductions should it be decided to cover these costs from within the Regular Programme (RP) appropriation. Many Members also expressed concerns over slowing down of the delivery of TCP during this biennium, and stressed that TCP should not be used as a source of funding to address liquidity problems, nor its delivery delayed. The Council looked forward to the Finance Committee's review of the viability of alternative proposals for funding the excess terminal payments from within the RP appropriation at its Session in September 2007.

*Scale of Contributions 2008-2009*¹⁸

83. The Council noted that in accordance with the decision of the Eighth Session of the Conference (1955), the FAO Scale of Contributions for the years 2008-09 had been derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments, in this case the one in force for the year 2007, as established by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 adopted on 22 December 2006.

84. The Council accordingly recommended the following Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference:

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Scale of Contributions 2008-09

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council;

Confirming that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different Membership of FAO;

1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2008-09 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2007;
2. **Adopts** for use in 2008 and 2009 the Scale as set out in Appendix D of this Report.

85. The Council noted that the Scale of Contributions as set out in Appendix D was provisional, and would be modified at the time of the forthcoming Session of the Conference in the event of new Members being admitted to the Organization.

*Appointment of the External Auditor*¹⁹

86. The Council recalled that, in conformity with Financial Regulation 12.1, it had to appoint the External Auditor, since the tenure of office of the current incumbent, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, would terminate with the audit of the accounts for the biennium 2006-07.

87. The Council noted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to appoint the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as External Auditor of the Organization.

88. The Council also noted that the proposals made by eligible bidders were of high quality, and that the recommendation of the Finance Committee had been made after a thorough review of the merits of the different proposals based on the following criteria: independence, the

¹⁸ CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

¹⁹ CL 132/13; CL 132/14; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

qualifications of officials and staff, training and experience, audit approach and strategy and audit reports and costs.

89. The Council adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution 1/132

Appointment of the External Auditor

THE COUNCIL

Noting that the Finance Committee recommends the appointment of the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as External Auditor of the Organization;

Recognizing the need and importance of the function of the External Auditor to review and certify the accounts of the Organization;

Decides to appoint the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as External Auditor of the Organization for a period of four years commencing with the year 2008.

Adopted on 22 June 2007

90. The Council expressed its appreciation to the incumbent External Auditor, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and complimented him for the excellent service and reports provided during the past three biennia.

Adoption of Russian as a Language of FAO²⁰

91. Recognizing the current status of Russian as an official language in most United Nations System Organizations and recalling the FAO Conference Resolution of 1945 governing the use of languages in the proceedings and documentation of the Organization, the Council expressed its support in principle to the introduction of Russian as a language of FAO, subject to further consideration by the Governing Bodies.

92. It, however, noted with concern the financial implications that the adoption of Russian could have. Most Members stressed that such decision should not affect the use of current FAO languages, nor the funding of the current programmes under the Regular Budget, and requested that the costs involved, both recurrent costs and one-time expenditures indicated in document CL 132/17, be further reviewed and that appropriate funding modalities be identified, including through trust fund and voluntary contributions. Some Members also pointed out that, given the current difficult financial situation of the Organization, consideration should be given to phasing the introduction of the Russian language.

93. The Council requested the FAO Secretariat to elaborate proposals of various models and funding modalities for the provision of Russian language services, in close consultation with interested countries, for further consideration at the next session of the Finance Committee.

Other Matters Arising from the Reports

After Service Medical Coverage Funding in 2008-09²¹

94. The Council noted that based on the 2006 actuarial valuation, the After Service Medical Coverage (ASMC) past service liability at 31 December 2006 amounted to US\$526.3 million. The Council noted that the ASMC past service funding necessary for the 2008-09 biennium

²⁰ CL 132/17; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

²¹ CL 132/13; CL 132/14; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

amounted to US\$45.0 million, which represented an increase of US\$31 million from the currently approved biennial funding level.

95. Noting that the Finance Committee had decided to formulate its recommendation on the level of ASMC funding for 2008-09 at its September 2007 session, the Council agreed to defer its decision on the matter until its November 2007 session.

Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation ²²

96. The Council agreed that the Regular Programme liquidity situation of the Organization was critical and would only be improved through timely payment of Assessed Contributions by all Member Nations. Accordingly, the Council supported all measures currently in place to enhance payments by Member Nations. In addition, the Council agreed in principle to propose to the Conference the introduction of the three measures recommended by the Finance Committee, as contained in paragraphs 54 to 57 of the Report of its Hundred and Eighteenth Session, on the understanding that their final language will be discussed and refined during the Hundred and Nineteenth Session of the Finance Committee for transmittal through the Council to the Conference for decision.

B.R. Sen Award – Proposal for Prize Increase ²³

97. The Council noted the Secretariat proposal to increase the amount of the cash prize of the B.R. Sen Award to US\$10 000, as the prize had remained unchanged at US\$5 000 since its inception in 1983. Given the financial situation faced by the Organization this biennium, the Council endorsed the Finance Committee's recommendation not to increase the prize at this time. It was, however, willing to reconsider the matter in the future.

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO ²⁴

98. The Council welcomed the report of the Council Committee for the Independent External Evaluation (CC-IEE) (CL 132/15). It joined the Council Committee in expressing its appreciation of the work undertaken by the IEE team and the support provided to the IEE by the FAO Secretariat. The Council also recorded its appreciation of the work undertaken by the CC-IEE under the leadership of its Chairperson, Ambassador Perri.

99. The Council reaffirmed the important role of the Friends of the Chair in supporting the Governing Bodies in developing their decisions on follow-up to the IEE. It was pleased that the Independent Chairperson of the Council, Prof. Noori, had convened the first meeting of the Friends of the Chair prior to the Council to refine the timetable for the IEE process prepared by the CC-IEE.

100. The Council emphasized that the IEE had the full support of the Membership. It appreciated the reassurance of the IEE team leader that it also had the commitment of the Secretariat. It was noted that the IEE Emerging Issues paper indicated the need for and value of the unique services provided by FAO. The IEE, taken together with overall UN System Reforms and the Reforms introduced by the Director-General, presented an opportunity for the Organization to re-position itself to be a more effective and relevant organization in the 21st Century. The Council thus looked forward to the positive contribution of the IEE to decision-making on the future of the Organization which would be undertaken by the Membership, on the basis of discussions in the Friends of the Chair.

²² CL 132/13; CL 132/14; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

²³ CL 132/13; CL 132/14; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

²⁴ CL 132/15; CL 132/PV/4; CL 132/PV/7.

101. The Council expressed satisfaction that the IEE process had been commendably transparent and independent. It was essential that this transparency and independence be preserved during the final stages of the evaluation and, in this connection, the seminars being arranged for open discussion with representatives of the Evaluation Team would be important.

102. The Council welcomed that the draft report of the IEE would be presented to Members and discussed in all languages of the Organization. In discussing the announced slight delay in the submission of the IEE draft report, it noted that it would not be possible for the programme and budgetary implications of decisions on IEE follow-up to be reflected in the proposed Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09. The Council recognized that the PWB and IEE processes should be handled separately until coming together at the November Conference in 2007. The IEE Team would incorporate indicative cost and savings estimates and a proposed implementation schedule for its recommendations in its final report.

103. The Council recalled that the time period in which the Friends of the Chair could start to develop definitive recommendations to the Council and Conference would be very constrained. The Director-General would also be working under the same time constraint in developing his "response in principle" to the findings and recommendations of the IEE. Several Members referred to the possibility of a Special Session of the Conference or Council in 2008. Many Members supported the idea of an appropriate Governing Body mechanism in 2008 for purposes of continuity to elaborate on any agreed follow-up to the IEE. It was, however, agreed that it was premature at this stage to consider any necessary arrangements for after the Conference in November 2007.

104. The timetable for the IEE process was thus agreed as follows:

Thursday, 30 August

- a) Meeting of the CC-IEE to receive the Draft Report of the IEE in all official languages
- b) Informal Seminar of all Members to discuss the Draft Report with representatives of the IEE Team

Friday, 31 August

Meeting of the Friends of the Chair (FrC) for preliminary reactions on the Draft Report

Mid-September

If required - Second Informal Seminar of all Members to discuss the Draft Report with representatives of the IEE Team

Mid-September/early October

If required and agreed at second FrC meeting - One meeting of the Friends of the Chair

18-19 October

Meeting of the CC-IEE Bureau and the CC-IEE to receive the Final Report of the IEE

Monday, 22 October

Following discussion and agreement by the second FrC meeting - One meeting of Friends of the Chair

Friday, 26 October

Possible CC-IEE meeting to finalise CC-IEE report to the Council

October/November

Further meetings of the FrC as subsequently required and agreed.

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO REFORMS²⁵

Modalities for Implementation of a Sub-Regional Office in Central America

105. The Council recalled that changes to the organizational structure of FAO had been approved by the Governing Bodies in two phases – at the Thirty-third Session of the Conference in November 2005 and at its own Hundred and Thirty-first Session in November 2006²⁶. Further to the report submitted to the latter session²⁷, the Council addressed this progress report on the implementation of approved changes recognizing that the Council was requested to make a final decision in 2007 on the modalities of establishing a Sub-regional Office for Central America, which had been approved in principle during the last Council. It also recognized that together with other reforms, this was covered by the stipulation that these take place within the approved budget and in the context of a financial plan. Many Members requested the Secretariat to provide as soon as possible full information concerning the financial aspects of the implementation of FAO Reforms, including cost savings.

106. The Council was satisfied that the new structure at Headquarters had been operational as of 1 January 2007. It noted that the implementation of the Shared Services Centre (SSC) was moving ahead, and that it was planned to be completed in the 2008-09 biennium. It observed that arrangements for the restructured Regional Office and four Sub-regional Offices in the Africa Region, as well as the Central Asia Sub-regional Office, were basically completed, while the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Budapest and the co-located and re-configured Sub-regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe were expected to be operational by July 2007.

107. The Council welcomed the information presented in the document, which included the report of the Working Group on the Modalities for the establishment of a Sub-regional Office for Central America, established by the Secretariat with the participation of the Central American countries represented in Rome. After receiving an oral report of the cost of the Sub-regional Office, the Council approved the proposal to establish a new FAO Sub-regional Office for Central America in Panama.

108. The Council underlined the need for an assessment in due course of the resulting modified model of regional and sub-regional presence of the Organization, in the light of the experience gained in the functioning of these offices in the Africa Region and the Europe and Central Asia Region, as well as the costs and benefits of the modified arrangements. Some Members of the Africa Region emphasized the expectation of the concerned countries of receiving improved support to meet new challenges and demands.

109. The Council was advised that consultations for the establishment of a Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council and Yemen were ongoing with a view to presenting a concrete proposal as soon as possible. It took note of the United Arab Emirates' desire to host this office.

110. Many Members also referred to the Information document CL 132/INF/9 *Status of FAO's Engagement in the United Nations System Reforms*, reiterating the importance of ensuring due complementarity between reforms in the Organization and broader UN System reform initiatives, and welcoming in particular FAO's pro-active involvement in ongoing country pilots on "Delivering as One".

²⁵ CL 132/16; CL 132/PV/3; CL 132/PV/7.

²⁶ Conference Resolution 6/2005, CL 131 REP, paragraphs 62-67.

²⁷ CL 131/18, paragraphs 54-167 and Annex 3.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

REPORT OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (ROME, 4-5 APRIL 2007) ²⁸

111. The Council considered the Report of the Eighty-first Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).

Amendment of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization (Adoption of Russian as a language of the Organization)

112. The Council noted that the Conference, at its First Session in 1945, had decided that the rules of FAO governing the use of languages in its proceedings and documentation should be those of the United Nations. In the light of the past practice of FAO, following the membership of FAO by Belarus and the Russian Federation, amendments to the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization to the effect that Russian should become a language of FAO had been proposed.

113. The Council also noted that, in order for the Russian language to become a language of the Organization, the Conference would have to approve an authentic text of the Constitution of FAO in the Russian language, as well as an amendment to Article XXII whereby the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts the Constitution would be equally authoritative. Under Article XX, paragraph 4 of the Constitution, the Director-General had to circulate the proposed authentic Russian text of the Constitution and the proposed amendment to Article XXII of the Constitution to Member Nations, at least 120 days before the opening of the Conference session.

114. The Council concurred with the views of the CCLM that the draft resolution for the Conference set out in Appendix E was in proper legal form, and decided to forward it to the Conference on the understanding, however, that this was done on procedural and legal grounds but did not constitute a political or financial commitment on its part, nor a decision on the substance of the issue which needed to be examined in the November 2007 sessions of the Council and Conference.

115. Under the same conditions, the Council also reviewed a draft resolution for the Conference set out in Appendix F amending Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization, found it to be in proper legal form, and forwarded it to the Conference.

116. One Member held the view that the proposed process should be frozen, in view of the present financial difficulties of the Organization.

Process for a change in the nature of a statutory body of FAO established under Article XIV of the Constitution into a body outside the framework of FAO (change in the status of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission - IOTC)

117. The Council was informed that, when examining the matter, the CCLM had taken note of a detailed presentation of document CCLM 81/3 entitled "*Process for a change in the nature of a statutory body of FAO established under Article XIV of the Constitution into a body outside the framework of FAO (change in status of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission)*" and, in particular, of the reasons for which the Director-General had decided to refer the matter to the CCLM. The Council was also informed that a presentation of the proposal to remove IOTC from the framework of FAO had been made by the Chairperson of the CCLM, speaking as representative of Belgium. The Council noted that document CL 132/LIM/4 provided information on

²⁸ CL 132/5; CL 132/LIM/4; CL 132/PV/5; CL 132/PV/7.

developments subsequent to the CCLM session, including on the deliberations of the Eleventh Session of the IOTC held in May 2007.

118. The Council considered various statements by Members reflecting a range of views, including on the need to improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of IOTC.

119. Many Members recalled that the main IOTC objective was the sustainable management of the Indian Ocean tuna and tuna-like species and that it required a pragmatic and, more importantly, timely solution in order to guarantee the participation of all stakeholders in the fishing activities in the area of competence of the IOTC. They also asked for the full support of the FAO in facilitating the process of strengthening the IOTC in order to safeguard the tuna and tuna-like resources in the area which, under current conditions, were subject to a serious menace of depletion with negative consequences primarily for the coastal states in the area. They also emphasized that it was the consensus view of the members of the IOTC in Goa (22-26 May 2006) that the separation of the IOTC from FAO was necessary to make the IOTC a more effective and efficient body. However, most Members of the Council were of the view that such separation was not necessary, and recalled that some countries present at the Eleventh Session of the IOTC held in Mauritius (from 13-18 May 2007) were not in favour of a change in status of IOTC as a Statutory Body of FAO.

120. The Council endorsed the conclusions of the CCLM that the situation which had arisen was complex and unprecedented and, therefore, that it was essential to make a complete review of the matter, keeping in mind all the implications of any possible option, including the fact that any decision in that respect would set a precedent in international law impacting upon other organizations of the United Nations System. The Council endorsed the CCLM request that an informal group of legal experts of all the IOTC Members, CCLM Members, as well as representatives of relevant organizations of the United Nations system as appropriate, should examine the matter. The CCLM would subsequently review the work of the informal group and provide its advice to the Council.

121. The Council noted the concerns voiced during the debates regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of IOTC which were the stated reasons for the process under way. The Council concluded that such concerns and reasons should be addressed, as a matter of priority, through discussions between the FAO Secretariat and concerned IOTC Members, and that the Secretariat would report on the outcome of such discussions to the CCLM and any other appropriate body.

Financial disclosure requirements for designated staff members of the Organization (amendment of the Staff Regulations)

122. The Council observed that, as part of its efforts to uphold the highest standards of integrity and avoid or prevent situations of conflict of interests, the United Nations had introduced a financial disclosure requirement for designated officials. Hence, it was proposed to approve an amendment to the Staff Regulations, along the lines of a parallel provision of the United Nations Staff Regulations, to allow for the implementation of that requirement in FAO. In this connection, the Council took particular note of the fact that since under Article VII, paragraph 6 of WFP General Regulations, the staff of the Programme is administered in accordance with FAO Staff Regulations and Rules, the Executive Director of the Programme had requested the Director-General that the amendment be adopted.

123. The Council approved, under Rule XXXIX, paragraph 3 of the General Rules of the Organization, an amendment to Article I of the Staff Regulations entitled *Duties, obligations and privileges* as set out in Appendix G.

124. The Council noted that the immediate implementation of the system would imply the review of over 200 statements yearly under conditions of strict confidentiality, concerning staff members in grades D-1 and above and other designated staff members. The Council endorsed the proposal that, in view of the workload involved in this process, as well as cost considerations, the

Organization should take a pragmatic approach towards the matter under the Staff Rules which allowed it already to implement a simpler system of declaration of interest, as was done in other organizations of the system. Staff members in grade D-1 and above would be required to submit the declarations upon recruitment and at regular intervals as prescribed. The Council noted that the regime would be reviewed by the CCLM in 2008 and a decision would then be taken as to whether, in the light of the experience gained within FAO and in other organizations of the system, the full-fledged system should be implemented.

Personal status for purposes of staff entitlements

125. The Council noted that the CCLM had been informed of a judgement delivered in February 2007 by the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation ordering FAO to pay dependency benefits provided for in the Staff Regulations and Rules to a staff member in respect of the person to whom he was lawfully married. Having accepted the Statute and the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, the Organization was under an obligation to execute the judgement and had done so. In line with the practice followed in comparable situations in the past, FAO would be applying the conclusions of the judgement to any other staff members in the same conditions of fact and law as the complainant.

126. The Council also noted that a claim made by a staff member against a decision by FAO to refuse to grant dependency benefits to his partner with whom he had concluded a *Pacte civil de solidarité* was *sub judice*. The Council noted that FAO would apply the conclusion of any judgement of the Administrative Tribunal on this claim to any other staff member in the same conditions of fact and law as the complainant. Many Members noted that it would be more appropriate to bring the pertinent rules of the Organization in line with the general principles of the afore-mentioned and other relevant judgements so as to create legal certainty and avoid additional financial burdens that could result from potential future law suits.

Representation of the Near East Region in the Finance Committee

127. The Council noted that informal consultations among regional groups had been initiated, but that further time was needed to reach a common position and that, therefore, it requested the next session of the CCLM to examine the matter and report its conclusions to the Council. The Council called upon the regional groups to complete such consultations so that this long-standing issue could be brought to a successful conclusion.

Access by Members to Reports of the Office of the Inspector-General

128. The Council noted that the CCLM had examined the matter in detail on the basis, *inter alia*, of criteria for modifying or withholding reports issued by the Office of the Internal Oversight Systems of the United Nations and had proposed *Interim Criteria for Modifying or Withholding Reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General*. However, at its Hundred and Thirty-first session, the Council had postponed consideration of the issue and had requested the CCLM to review the matter again at its Spring 2007 Session.

129. The Council noted that meanwhile the matter had been discussed at the March 2007 Session of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The said Committee, having pointed out that internal audit reports were an important management tool for Executive Heads and should therefore remain confidential, decided that its Finance and Budget Network, in consultation with the Heads of Internal Oversight of the organizations, as well as their External Auditors and the Institute of Internal Auditors, should prepare a position paper on behalf of the HLCM as a document to support the discussions of the item by the Executive Heads at their forthcoming meeting. The Council endorsed the proposal of the CCLM to postpone consideration of the matter so that it could have the benefit of the conclusions of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS*Invitations to Non-Member Nations to Attend FAO Sessions*²⁹

130. The Council was informed that since its Hundred and Thirty-first Session, the Director-General, having been so requested, had extended an invitation to Montenegro to attend as an observer the Thirty-seventh Session of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Rome, 18-20 April 2007).

²⁹ CL 132/PV/1; CL 132/PV/7.

OTHER MATTERS

REVISED CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2007-2008 ³⁰

131. In considering the *Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2007-2008* (Appendix H), which was submitted to the Council for information, the Council took note that its Hundred and Thirty-third Session would be held in Rome from 14 to 16 November 2007.

MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL ³¹

132. The Council endorsed the nomination of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), and proposed that the Medal be presented to the representative of the Center by the Director-General as part of the proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL ³²

133. The Director-General informed the Council that he intended to appoint a new Deputy Director-General, Mr James G. Butler, effective January 2008.

134. The Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Mr James G. Butler as Deputy Director-General of FAO.

³⁰ CL 132/INF/4; CL 132/PV/6; CL 132/PV/7.

³¹ CL 132/INF/8; CL 132/PV/2; CL 132/PV/7.

³² CL 132/LIM/5; CL 132/PV/1; CL 132/PV/2; CL 132/PV/7.

APPENDIX A

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

I. INTRODUCTION – 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

II. ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

3. Report of the 27th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, 5-9 March 2007)
4. Report of the 18th Session of the Committee on Forestry (Rome, 13-16 March 2007)
5. Report of the 66th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (Rome, 23-25 April 2007)
6. Report of the 20th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (Rome, 25-28 April 2007)
7. Report of the 33rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 7-10 May 2007)
8. World Food Programme
9. Preparations for the 34th Session of the FAO Conference
 - 9.1 Arrangements for the Session and Provisional Timetable
 - 9.2 Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council
 - 9.3 Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference, and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II
 - 9.4 Nomination of nine Members of the Credentials Committee (Countries)

**III. PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS**

10. Summary Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009

11. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 97th Session of the Programme Committee and 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 23 May 2007)
 - 11.1 Savings and Efficiencies in Governance
 - 11.2 Other Matters Arising out of the Report
12. Report of the 97th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 21-25 May 2007)
13. Reports of the 117th Session (Rome, 24 January 2007) and the 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 17-25 May 2007)
 - 13.1 Status of Contributions and Arrears
 - 13.2 Budgetary Performance 2006
 - 13.3 Scale of Contributions 2008-2009
 - 13.4 Appointment of the External Auditor
 - 13.5 Adoption of Russian as a Language of FAO
 - 13.6 Other Matters Arising out of the Reports
14. Independent External Evaluation of FAO
15. Progress in the Implementation of FAO Reforms
 - 15.1 Modalities for Implementation of a Sub-Regional Office in Central America

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

16. Report of the 81st Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 4-5 April 2007)
17. Other Constitutional and Legal Matters, including:
 - 17.1 Invitations to Non-Member Nations to attend FAO Sessions

V. OTHER MATTERS

18. Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2007-2008
19. Any Other Matters
 - 19.1 Margarita Lizárraga Medal
 - 19.2 Appointment of the Deputy Director-General

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APPENDIX D

PROPOSED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2008-2009
(2006-2007 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	
	2008-9 ¹	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Afghanistan	0.001	0.002
Albania	0.006	0.005
Algeria	0.086	0.078
Angola	0.003	0.001
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003
Argentina	0.327	0.975
Armenia	0.002	0.002
Australia	1.796	1.624
Austria	0.892	0.876
Azerbaijan	0.005	0.005
Bahamas	0.016	0.013
Bahrain	0.033	0.031
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.009	0.010
Belarus	0.020	0.018
Belgium	1.108	1.090
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.001	0.002
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.006	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.006	0.003
Botswana	0.014	0.012
Brazil	0.880	1.554
Bulgaria	0.020	0.017
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.002
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.001	0.002
Cameroon	0.009	0.008

¹ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2007-2009 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006.

² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2004-2006 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 58/1B of 23 December 2003.

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	
	2008-9 ¹	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Canada	2.992	2.869
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.001	0.001
Chile	0.162	0.228
China	2.681	2.094
Colombia	0.106	0.158
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.001	0.001
Congo, Democratic Rep. of	0.003	0.003
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.032	0.031
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009	0.010
Croatia	0.050	0.038
Cuba	0.054	0.044
Cyprus	0.044	0.040
Czech Republic	0.283	0.187
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.007	0.010
Denmark	0.743	0.732
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.024	0.036
Ecuador	0.021	0.019
Egypt	0.089	0.122
El Salvador	0.020	0.023
Equatorial Guinea	0.002	0.002
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.016	0.012
Ethiopia	0.003	0.004
Fiji	0.003	0.004
Finland	0.567	0.544
France	6.333	6.151
Gabon	0.008	0.009
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.003	0.003
Germany	8.620	8.835
Ghana	0.004	0.004
Greece	0.599	0.541
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.032	0.031
Guinea	0.001	0.003

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	
	2008-9 ¹	Scale
	%	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.002	0.003
Honduras	0.005	0.005
Hungary	0.245	0.129
Iceland	0.037	0.035
India	0.452	0.430
Indonesia	0.162	0.145
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.181	0.160
Iraq	0.015	0.016
Ireland	0.447	0.357
Israel	0.421	0.476
Italy	5.105	4.983
Jamaica	0.010	0.008
Japan	16.708	19.858
Jordan	0.012	0.011
Kazakhstan	0.029	0.026
Kenya	0.010	0.009
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Korea, Republic of	2.184	1.832
Kuwait	0.183	0.165
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.001
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.001	0.001
Latvia	0.018	0.015
Lebanon	0.034	0.025
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.062	0.135
Lithuania	0.031	0.025
Luxembourg	0.086	0.079
Madagascar	0.002	0.003
Malawi	0.001	0.001
Malaysia	0.191	0.207
Maldives	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.001	0.002
Malta	0.017	0.014
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.001	0.001
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	2.268	1.921
Micronesia, Federated States of	0.001	0.001

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	
	2008-9 ¹	Scale
	%	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Moldova	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.003	0.003
Mongolia	0.001	0.001
Morocco	0.042	0.048
Mozambique	0.001	0.001
Myanmar	0.005	0.010
Namibia	0.006	0.006
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.003	0.004
Netherlands	1.883	1.724
New Zealand	0.257	0.226
Nicaragua	0.002	0.001
Niger	0.001	0.001
Nigeria	0.048	0.043
Niue	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.786	0.693
Oman	0.073	0.071
Pakistan	0.059	0.056
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.023	0.019
Papua New Guinea	0.002	0.003
Paraguay	0.005	0.012
Peru	0.078	0.094
Philippines	0.078	0.097
Poland	0.504	0.470
Portugal	0.530	0.479
Qatar	0.086	0.065
Romania	0.070	0.061
Russian Federation	1.206	
Rwanda	0.001	0.001
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.002
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	0.752	0.727
Senegal	0.004	0.005
Serbia	0.021	0.019
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001

Member Nations	Proposed Scale	
	2008-9 ¹	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Slovakia	0.063	0.052
Slovenia	0.097	0.084
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.292	0.298
Spain	2.983	2.571
Sri Lanka	0.016	0.017
Sudan	0.010	0.008
Suriname	0.001	0.001
Swaziland	0.002	0.002
Sweden	1.076	1.018
Switzerland	1.222	1.221
Syrian Arab Republic	0.016	0.039
Tajikistan	0.001	0.001
Tanzania, United Republic of	0.006	0.006
Thailand	0.187	0.213
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.005	0.006
Timor Leste	0.001	0.001
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.027	0.023
Tunisia	0.031	0.033
Turkey	0.383	0.380
Turkmenistan	0.006	0.005
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.003	0.006
Ukraine	0.045	0.040
United Arab Emirates	0.304	0.240
United Kingdom	6.675	6.250
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.027	0.049
Uzbekistan	0.008	0.014
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0.201	0.174
Viet Nam	0.024	0.021
Yemen	0.007	0.006
Zambia	0.001	0.002
Zimbabwe	0.008	0.007
	100.000	100.000

APPENDIX E

**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XXII OF THE FAO CONSTITUTION -
AUTHENTIC RUSSIAN TEXT OF THE FAO CONSTITUTION
(DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE)**

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the decision taken by the First Session of the Conference held in Quebec City, Canada, 16 October - 1 November 1945, that the languages of the Organization shall be those adopted by the United Nations Organization;

Recalling further the decision taken at its Special Session held in Washington, D.C., in 1950 where the Conference expressed the view that consideration should be given to constitutional amendments to make the text of the Constitution in other languages of the Organization equally authentic;

Considering that Belarus and the Russian Federation became Member Nations of the Organization in 2005 and 2006 respectively;

Having considered that, at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session, held from 18 to 22 June 2007, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eighty-first session, held on 4 and 5 April 2007, proposed that the Russian text of the Constitution should be equally authoritative with the texts in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish, and that the Constitution should be amended to that effect;

1. **Decides** to amend Article XXII of the Constitution to read as follows:

“The Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Constitution shall be equally authoritative”.

2. **Approves** the authentic Russian text of the Constitution, which is set out in document ...

APPENDIX F

**AMENDMENT OF RULE XLVII OF THE GENERAL RULES
OF THE ORGANIZATION -
ADOPTION OF RUSSIAN AS A LANGUAGE OF THE ORGANIZATION
(DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE)**

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the decisions taken by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference to approve an authentic Russian text of the FAO Constitution and to amend Article XXII of the Constitution whereby “*the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Constitution shall be equally authoritative*”;

Considering that Belarus and the Russian Federation became Member Nations of the Organization in 2005 and 2006 respectively;

Having considered that, at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session, held from 18 to 22 June 2007, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eighty-first session, held on 4 and 5 April 2007, proposed that Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization be amended to the effect that Russian should be a language of the Organization;

Decides to amend Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows:

“*Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the languages of the Organization*”.

APPENDIX G

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS ENTITLED
*DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND PRIVILEGES***

Article I of the Staff Regulations entitled “*Duties, obligations and privileges*”, is amended to include the following:

“301.1.10. Staff members shall not be actively associated with the management of, or hold a financial interest in, any profit making, business or other concern, if it were possible for the staff member or the profit-making, business or other concern to benefit from such association or financial interest by reason of his or her position with FAO.

301.1.11. All staff members at the D-1 or above level may be required to file financial disclosure statements on appointment and at intervals thereafter as prescribed by the Director-General, in respect of themselves, their spouses and their dependent children, and to assist the Director-General in verifying the accuracy of the information submitted when so requested. The financial disclosure statements shall include certification that the assets and economic activities of the staff members, their spouses and their dependent children do not pose a conflict of interest with their official duties or the interests of FAO. The financial disclosure statements shall remain confidential and shall only be used as prescribed by the Director-General in making determinations pursuant to Staff Regulation 301.1.10. The Director-General may require other staff to file financial disclosure statements as he deems necessary in the interest of the Organization”.

APPENDIX H

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(November 2005 – November 2007)

Chairperson

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	India (G. Nair) ²	South Africa (Ms V.B. Titi)

¹ Replaced by V. Heard (United Kingdom) as of the Ninety-sixth Session.

² Replaced by R. Parasuram as of the Ninety-fifth Session.

³ Replaced by Mrs Z. Budhan as of the Ninety-sixth Session.

⁴ Replaced by S.A. Essa for the Ninety-sixth Session.

⁵ Replaced by Y. Olinaran as of the Ninety-seventh Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(November 2005 – November 2007)

Chairperson

Members

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	Japan (S. Yokoi)	Zimbabwe (Ms V. Takaendesa Mutiro) ⁴

¹ Replaced by R. Bettini for the Hundred and Eighteenth Session (from 17 to 22 May 2007).

² Replaced by W. Brakel for the Hundred and Thirteenth Session.

³ Replaced by L. Brudvig for the Hundred and Fourteenth Session.

⁴ Replaced by Mrs M. Muchada for the Hundred and Fourteenth, Hundred and Fifteenth and Hundred and Eighteenth Sessions.

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

Belgium	Philippines
Czech Republic	Syrian Arab Republic
Gabon	United States of America
Guatemala	

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2006

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2007	Canada (D) Congo (A) Germany (D) Haiti (C) Niger (A) Kuwait (B) ¹	Australia (D) China (B) Cuba (C) Ethiopia (A) Norway (D) Tunisia (A)
31 December 2008	Algeria (A) ² Austria (D) Colombia (C) Slovenia (E) Switzerland (D) United Republic of Tanzania (D) ³	Indonesia (B) Japan (D) Mexico (C) Ukraine (E) United Kingdom (D) Zimbabwe (A)
31 December 2009	Netherlands (D) Pakistan (B) Peru (C) Philippines (B) United States of America (D) Zambia (A)	Cape Verde (A) India (B) Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B) New Zealand (D) Russian Federation (E) Sweden (D)

¹ Kuwait replaced Thailand on 1 January 2006.

² Sudan replaced Algeria on 1 January 2007.

³ Occupies rotating seat for the period 2006-2008.

FAO MEMBERS (190)

(at 22 June 2007)

Afghanistan	Georgia	Pakistan
Albania	Germany	Palau
Algeria	Ghana	Panama
Angola	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Paraguay
Argentina	Guatemala	Peru
Armenia	Guinea	Philippines
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Poland
Austria	Guyana	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Qatar
Bahamas	Honduras	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Hungary	Romania
Bangladesh	Iceland	Russian Federation
Barbados	India	Rwanda
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Lucia
Belize	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Ireland	Samoa
Bhutan	Israel	San Marino
Bolivia	Italy	Sao Tome and Principe
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Saudi Arabia
Botswana	Japan	Senegal
Brazil	Jordan	Serbia
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Seychelles
Burkina Faso	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kiribati	Slovakia
Cambodia	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cameroon	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Canada	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cape Verde	Latvia	South Africa
Central African Republic	Lebanon	Spain
Chad	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Chile	Liberia	Sudan
China	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Suriname
Colombia	Lithuania	Swaziland
Comoros	Luxembourg	Sweden
Congo	Madagascar	Switzerland
Cook Islands	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Tajikistan
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Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
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Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
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France	Nigeria	Yemen
Gabon	Niue	Zambia
Gambia	Norway	Zimbabwe
	Oman	

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