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COUNCIL

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IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

- 1. The Approved Methods of Work of the Council require that an information document be prepared for each Council session reporting on the implementation of the decisions taken at the preceding session (CL 60/REP, Appendix G, paragraph 7.8).
- 2. Listed hereunder are the decisions taken by the Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session of the Council and their implementation.
- 3. The text in the decision column includes a reference in brackets to the relevant paragraph in the Council Report.

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DECISION

IMPLEMENTATION

HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (Rome, 17 November 2008)

PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

REPORTS OF THE NINETY-NINTH (28-30 MAY 2008) AND HUNDREDTH (6-10 OCTOBER 2008) SESSIONS OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Start, immediately after the approval by the Conference of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA), the recruitment process for the Director of the Office of Evaluation (para. 13)

Undertake a process of prioritisation within the new results-based framework, taking due account of the advice of the Technical Committees of the Council at their forthcoming sessions, as well as the views of the Regional Conferences (para. 14)

The post of D-2 Director of Evaluation was advertised on 20 October 2008 and closed on 20 November 2008. A panel, comprised of representatives of the Director-General and Governing Bodies, as well as two evaluation specialists from other UN agencies, was formed in February 2009 to screen qualified candidates.

Draft results frameworks for the Strategic and Functional Objectives were finalized by multi-disciplinary strategy teams at the end of March for use in preparing the MTP and PWB during April-June. At the Organizational Result level, strategy teams formulated and validated the primary tools – the goods and services FAO will produce - taking account of FAO's strengths in the core functions, past organizational performance, technical capacity, availability of alternative sources of supply, and partnership opportunities. Preliminary versions were considered by COFI and COFO in March, and by COAG in April. Final draft Frameworks were considered by the Programme and Finance Committees in May.

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DECISION

IMPLEMENTATION

REPORTS OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST (31 JANUARY -1 FEBRUARY 2008), HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND (22-30 MAY 2008) AND HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD (6-10 OCTOBER 2008) SESSIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Establish a dedicated Trust Fund as a mechanism to collect voluntary contributions for the implementation of the IPA in 2009 (para. 16)

Action completed - FAO has established a Multiple Donor Trust Fund ("the trust fund"), MTF/GLO/240/MUL, according to the Action 4.10 of the IPA. FAO has also produced a standard Memorandum of Understanding which is made available to Member States who are willing to make a contribution to provide support to the implementation of the IPA. The Trust Fund is managed by TCA, and the Chair of the Reform Support Group is the budget holder.

Convene a Special Session of the Finance Committee, to be held no later than March 2009 to review the use of the Trust Fund established for the implementation of the IPA in 2009 (para. 17)

Action completed - FC 125 convened on 9 and 10 March 2009, and discussed under Item 2 the Review of the Trust Fund for the Immediate Plan of Action (doc. FC 125/2).

Present proposals for the replenishment of the Special Reserve Account to the 36th Session of the Conference (14-21 November 2009) (para 18)

Proposals for replenishment of the Special Reserve Account will be developed and presented to the Governing Bodies within the 2010-11 Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) submission.

OTHER MATTERS

CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2008-2009

Convene the Thirty-fifth Session of the Committee on World Food Security during the second half of 2009 (para. 25) Preparations have begun for the 35th Session of CFS, which is planned to be held in conjunction with World Food Day, 14-17 October, 2009. The agenda is still under finalization in consultation with the CFS Bureau and in close consultation with the Regional Groups. The intention is to consider ways to strengthen CFS towards a more policy-relevant agenda while addressing the challenges posed to food security by the global financial and economic crisis, and propose policy options to deal with them.