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Status of Implementation of Decisions Taken at the 141st and 142nd Sessions of the Council

Executive Summary

- The Multi-year Programme of Work of Council requires that Council review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
- Decisions taken by Council at its 141st (11 - 15 April 2011) and 142nd (4 July 2011) Sessions are listed on the left with a reference to the relevant paragraphs of the Council Reports. The status of implementation of the decisions is given on the right.

Guidance Sought from the Council

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

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| 141st Session of the Council (11-15 April 2011) | |
| Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Recommendation to Conference on budget level) | |
| Future versions of the PWB to contain any supplementary information requested by the Programme and Finance Committees, and documents to be submitted on time for adequate review by the Governing Bodies (para. 6) | To be implemented for the 2014-15 biennium. |
| Set the Evaluation budget at 0.7 percent of the net appropriation for the 2012-13 biennium (para. 7-b) | Completed and reflected in document CL 143/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13. |
| Increase the budgetary allocation of Strategic Objective K (Gender) without impacting the overall budget level (para. 7-c) | Completed and reflected in document CL 143/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13. |
| Report any significant changes to the cost increase assumptions and estimates to the PWB prior to the Conference in June 2011 (para. 7-d) | Completed. |
| Take additional steps to improve the financial situation of the Organization, and defer to future biennia the replenishment of the Working Capital Fund and the Special Reserve Account, as well as the incremental funding of the Terminal Payments Fund (para. 7-e) | Proposals reviewed by the Finance Committee at its 140th and 142nd sessions, Council at its 141st Session, and Conferences at its 37th Session. |
| Continue to follow, for 2012-13 biennium, the approach previously approved by the Conference of partial funding of USD 14.1 million towards the After-Service Medical Coverage past service liability, to be revisited in future biennia (para. 7-f) | Decided by Conference at its 37th Session. Approach will be revisited in preparing the PWB 2014-15. |
| Further improve the priority setting process in the next planning cycle, notably in the shifts in areas of emphasis and de-emphasis and the budgetary implications of programmatic changes (para. 7-g) | To be implemented in preparing the MTP 2014-17 and PWB 2014-15. |
| Reformulate Organizational Result Indicator B4 and the areas of emphasis for Organizational Result C01, as per the Report of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee (para. 7-h) | Completed. |

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| Submit two proposals to the Conference on the Shared Services Centre: consolidation of the hubs in one Centre in Budapest; and maintaining the status quo of two hubs in Santiago and Bangkok, with the Centre in Budapest (para. 7-i) | Completed and decided by Conference at its 37th Session (see C 2011/REP para 96 d) |
| Reports of the 105th (8-9 February) and 106th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Programme Committee | |
| Implement further improvements to priority setting for the next planning cycle, including more information on resource shifts within and between Strategic and Functional Objectives (para. 10) | To be implemented in preparing the MTP 2014-17 and PWB 2014-15. |
| Reflect the new Capacity-Development Strategy and Implementation Plan in the PWB (para. 10) | To be implemented in preparing the PWB 2014-15. |
| Improve the structure and format of future Mid-Term Review Synthesis Reports (para. 10) | To be implemented in preparing the MTR 2012. |
| Carry out evaluations similar to that of the Regional and Sub-regional Offices for the Near East in other regions (para. 10) | See proposals in paras 12, 17 and 26 of document PC 108/4. |
| Have Regional Groups continue their consultations regarding eligibility criteria for access to TCP on a grant basis, with the assistance of the Independent Chairperson of the Council (para. 10) | Meeting convened on 23 September. |
| Extend the appointment of the Director of Evaluation so that he can serve for a four-year term (para. 10) | Completed. |
| Reports of the 136th (8-9 February 2011), 137th (10-11 February 2011) and 138th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Finance Committee | |
| Forward a Draft Resolution on Audited Accounts 2008-09 to the Conference for adoption (para. 12) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 10/2011). |

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| Forward a Draft Resolution on the Scale of Contributions 2012-13 to the Conference for adoption (para. 14) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 11/2011). |
| Implement Resolution 1/141 on the Extension of the Appointment of the External Auditor (para. 15) | Completed. |
| Continue the partial funding at a level of USD 14.1 million in 2012-13 towards the past After-Service Medical Coverage liability, and defer to future biennia any decision on the incremental funding proposals to improve the financial situation of the Organization (para. 16) | Completed. |
| Take account of lessons learned with the first mid-Term Review (MTR) process to improve the format and content of the next Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report, and review best practices in implementation reporting by other UN Agencies (para. 16) | To be implemented in preparing the MTR 2012. |
| Develop a mobility policy founded on a more mandatory model (para. 16) | The mobility policy is undergoing the usual consultative process with Staff Representative Bodies and is expected to be tabled to the Human Resources Committee in September 2011 for implementation as of 1 January 2012. |
| Consider the two alternative options regarding the Shared Services Centre within the context of the PWB 2012-13 (para. 16) | Completed (see C 2011/REP para 96 d). |
| Programme and budget matters arising from the Report of the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Khartoum, Sudan, 4-8 December 2010) | |
| Further strengthen the Decentralized Offices Network in order to better respond to Member Nation needs (para. 18) | A document entitled, "Actions Arising from the Vision on the Structure and Functioning of FAO's Decentralized Offices Network" will be discussed by the Joint Meeting of the Programme Committee and Finance Committee on 12 October 2011. |
| Programme and budget matters arising from the Report of the 29th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (31 January - 4 February 2011) | |
| Have the priorities proposed by COFI in fisheries and aquaculture appropriately reflected in the PWB 2012-13 (para. 20) | Completed. |

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| Report of the 92nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (7-9 March 2011) | |
| Forward a Draft Resolution on Amendments to the Financial Regulations to the Conference for adoption (para. 22) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 9/2011).. |
| Revise the Charter of the Office of the Inspector-General regarding the policy for the "Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports" (para. 23) | Completed. |
| The Council to appoint external members of the Ethics Committee, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the CCLM at their autumn 2011 sessions (para. 24) | Council expected to approve appointment at its 143rd Session in November-December 2011. |
| Hold consultations with Regional Groups during the second part of 2011 and early 2012 to agree on proposals regarding the functioning of the Regional Conferences, including possible amendments to Rule XXXV, paragraph 4 of the General Rules of the Organization (para. 25) | Consultations have been held on the basis of an "issues paper"; implementation is proceeding as planned. |
| Refer to the Conference, for approval, the proposal to change the official name of FAO in Spanish so that the word "food" precedes the word "agriculture" (para. 26) | Completed. |
| Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report | |
| Proceed with the full implementation of the IPA within the agreed timeframe (para. 28) | Implementation proceeding within the agreed timeframe. |
| Report of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation | |
| Submit to the Conference, for endorsement, the proposals made on the working arrangements of the Technical Committees, the timeliness and accuracy of Governing Body documents, and the use of modern technologies for Governing Body sessions and inter-sessional work, as well as the duration and format of the sessions of the Committee on Agriculture and those of the Committee on Commodity Problems (paras. 31 and 32) | Completed. |

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| Conditions for the Appointment of the Director-General | |
| Ensure transparency and clarity on all terms of employment and emoluments (eg. accommodation) of the Director-General) (para. 37) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 12/2011).. |
| Arrangements for the 37th Session of the Conference (25 June - 2 July 2011) | |
| Submit the tentative Timetable set out in document CL 141/12 to the Conference for approval (para. 38) | Completed. |
| Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2010 | |
| Forward to the Conference for approval a Draft Resolution on the Revision of the General Regulations of WFP (para.45) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 7/2011).. |
| Use the Permanent Representatives Website to seek the opinion of the Members of the Council on the proposed change to Article XIV.6(a) of the WFP General Regulations (para. 45) | Completed. |
| Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO | |
| Forward a Draft Resolution on Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the Conference for adoption (para. 49) | Completed (see Conference Resolution 14/2011). |
| Working Methods of the Council | |
| Have the List of Delegates and Observers published henceforth as a web annex to the Council report (para. 51) | Completed. |
| Margarita Lizárraga Medal | |
| Have the Director-General present the Margarita Lizárraga Medal to the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and Pacific at the 37 th Session of the Conference (para. 52) | Completed. |

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| 142nd Session of the Council (4 July 2011) | |
| Matters Arising out of the Conference Session | |
| Approve at the 143 rd Session of the Council the updated Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and endorse or act upon any other recommendations adopted by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture at its 13 th Regular Session (July 2011) (para. 7) | Document to be tabled at the 143rd Session of the Council. See document CL 143/17. |
| Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO | |
| Follow-up actions, in particular through the Committee on World Food Security, as a result of the positive outcome of the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Food Security (para. 9) | In progress. |
| Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013 | |
| Submit the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other main Sessions for 2012 to the 143 rd Session of the Council for approval (para. 10) | See document CL 143/LIM/2. |
| Provisional Agenda for the 143rd Session of the Council (November 2011) | |
| Add a sub-item to item 11 of the draft provisional Agenda for the 143 rd Session of the Council on the Council Multi-year Programme of Work (para. 12) | Completed. |
| Consider the possibility of convening a Seminar on Rio+20: Greening the Economy with Agriculture, prior to the 143 rd Session of the Council (para. 13) | Informal Seminar on Rio+20 convened on 4 November 2011. |
| The Independent Chairperson of the Council to invite the Director-General Elect to attend the 143 rd Session of the Council (para. 15) | Completed. |
| Have FAO take a leading role in supporting women in agriculture and rural development, and have the Governing Bodies provide continuous attention to this matter (para. 16) | On-going. |