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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 145th Session of the Council

Executive Summary

The Multi-year Programme of Work of Council (CL 140/REP, Appendix H, Section F) requires Council to review the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 145th Session (Rome, 3-7 December 2012) and includes a reference to (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report and the background report/document in brackets; and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

Suggested action by the Council

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

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ACTION ARISING		Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
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Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters					
Programme Implementation Report 2010-11 ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
1.	Continue efforts to achieve a balanced geographical representation of Professional staff, while adhering to the requirements for competence (para. 7)		X		Progress reported to Finance Committee in March 2013 (see documents FC 148/12, CL 146/3) http://www.fao.org/bodies/fc/fc148 http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG229E.pdf
2.	Submit a more concise and focused Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 to the Council for consideration at its first session in 2014 with the improvements recommended in para. 8 of the Council Report http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf558e.pdf			X	End-of-biennium assessment and preparation of the PIR 2012-13 foreseen towards the end of 2013.
Progress Report on the Immediate Plan of Action Implementation ----- <i>Reporting Officer: David Benfield</i>					
3.	Ensure that any IPA actions not completed at the end of 2012 be mainstreamed and completed in 2013 (para. 11)		X		2013 IPA programme has been developed to complete all IPA-related activities by 2013. See document C 2013/26 (paras. 97 – 100) http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg067e.pdf

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4.	Expend any unspent balance from the 2012 IPA budget on IPA-related activities in 2013, to avoid any carry-over to 2014 (para. 11)		X		2013 IPA expenditure plan has been developed to complete all IPA activities. See document C 2013/26 (paras. 256 – 261) http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg067e.pdf
5.	Submit a comprehensive report on IPA implementation and the FAO reform process to the 38 th Session of the FAO Conference, through the 146 th Session of the Council, containing detailed information of a quantitative, qualitative, financial and budgetary nature and taking into account sustainability and the multiplier effects of IPA benefits (para. 11)	X			See document C 2013/26 - Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process.
6.	Present a Report on post-IPA arrangements in 2013, in a context of continuous and integrated reform (para. 11)	X			See document C 2013/26 - Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process.
7.	Implement Action 7.22: a major overhaul of the FAO Manual, with an approach similar to the one adopted by the Government of Mexico (para. 12)		X		Work included in 2013 IPA plan, with completion foreseen by December 2013, is under the responsibility of the ADG, CS. See document C 2013/26 (paras .236 (vi) and 259 (v))
8.	Present an overview on how gender objectives are being met to the 146 th Session of the Council (para. 12)	X			Information was provided to the 148 th Session of the Finance Committee. See document FC 148/12 (paras. 17 – 20) http://www.fao.org/bodies/fc/fc148
9.	Make available to staff and Member Nations a document on the revised Culture Change approach, together with the Policy Paper on Mobility (para. 12)	X			See document C 2013/26 - Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process (Annex VI)

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10.	Continue work on language balance and quality testing of automated translations (para. 12)		X		Work included in 2013 IPA plan, with foreseen completion date by December 2013, is under the responsibility of the Director, OCP. See document C 2013/26 (para. 238(iii)) http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg067e.pdf
11.	Finalize recruitment process for the Ombudsman (para. 12)		X		Finalization is foreseen by July 2013 under the responsibility of the Director, OHR. See document C 2013/26 (para. 237 (v))
12.	Indicate completed and closed actions in the Final Report on IPA Implementation with an asterisk, and supplement this with additional information (para. 12)	X			See document C 2013/26 - Final Management Report on IPA Implementation and the FAO Reform Process
Transformational Changes in the 2012-13 Biennium ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
13.	Implement transformational changes, and ensure full delivery of the approved Programme of Work and Budget for 2012-13 (para. 13(d))		X		This action is on track for completion in 2013. Progress was reported to Programme and Finance Committees in March 2013 (see documents PC 113/5 – FC 148/9, FC 148/10, CL 146/3, CL 146/4) http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG229E.pdf http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG212E.pdf
14.	Submit further transformational changes in the Medium Term Plan 2014-17 and the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15 for consideration (para. 13 (j))	X			These changes have been submitted and are included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf490e.pdf

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	<p align="center">Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of the Medium Term Plan 2014-17</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i></p>				
15.	Implement amendments to Strategic Objective 1 as indicated in paragraph 15 of the Council Report (para. 15)	X			The amendments are included in document C 2013/7 - Reviewed Strategic Framework for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg015e.pdf
16.	Further develop the sixth Strategic Objective for maintaining and enhancing the technical quality of the Organization's work relating to norms, standard-setting, knowledge and provision of public goods, including performance indicators (para. 16(a))	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf490e.pdf
17.	Mainstream gender into all the Strategic Objectives (para. 16(b))	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council
18.	Take into account guidance from Regional Conferences and Technical Committees (para. 16(c))	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council
19.	Refine Action Plans by taking into account the revised Core Functions (para. 16(d))	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council
20.	Take into account the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (para. 16(f))	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council
21.	Ensure a clear overview of the organizational structure and of reporting lines, roles and responsibilities in the full draft	X			Included in document C 2013/3 MTP 2014-17/PWB 2014-15 for consideration by the 146 th Session of Council

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	MTP (2014-17) and PWB (2014-15) (para. 17 (b))				
	<p align="center">Enhancement of the Technical Cooperation Programme</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Laurent Thomas</i></p>				
22.	Submit a plan for implementing enhancement of the TCP consistent with the Strategic Thinking Process and Country Programming Frameworks to a Joint Meeting by the end of 2013 (para. 21)		X		<p>Work is proceeding on key risks/stakeholders/expected outputs and milestones covering, <i>inter alia</i>, three main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of Country Programming Frameworks (CPF) as a starting point for the prioritization of in-country TCP assistance in line with the Strategic Objectives; • greater role and responsibilities for Decentralized Offices; • further simplification and harmonization of procedures.
	<p align="center">Report of the 23rd Session of the Committee on Agriculture</p> <p align="center">(21-25 May 2012)</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Robert Guei</i></p>				
23.	Ensure coherence between FAO's work in Headquarters and on the ground within the framework of the Strategic Objectives in order to translate FAO's normative and standard-setting work into field activities with impact at country level (para. 22(a))		X		The Strategic Objective work plans will include the field activities in conjunction with the normative and standard-setting work at Headquarters. Most SO teams have undertaken consultations with the Regional Offices for priority-setting.
24.	Provide further information regarding the operating procedures of the Global Agenda for Action in Support of Sustainable Livestock		X		An initial Agenda set-up consisting of (i) an open Multi-Stakeholder Platform for consensus-building on priority issues and action; (ii) a

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	Sector Development and its relation to COAG and continue engagement in this multi-stakeholder initiative and act as its Secretariat if so requested (para. 22(b))				Guiding group for overall direction, guidance, and monitoring; (iii) Focus Area Groups to implement the work programme and (iv) a Support Group currently hosted by FAO, have been agreed. A Side-Event has been planned for the forthcoming 38 th Session of the FAO Conference (June 2013) to update Members and other stakeholders on progress regarding the Agenda, to create further awareness and buy-in from Governments and interested stakeholders, and to discuss the Agenda's alignment with FAO's new Strategic Objectives.
25.	Provide Members with sufficient, reliable and impartial information on the sustainable management of natural resources for food and agriculture in the context of climate change (para. 22(d))		X		The collection, updating and sharing of relevant information is ongoing. Recent highlights have included the transfer of the Global Agro-Ecological Zoning model and data from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) to FAO, and the publication of a global greenhouse gas emission database.
26.	Define Terms of Reference for the Coordination Unit on Regional and Global Perspectives on Natural Resources for Food and Agriculture to complement other organizations concerned, including the location and financial requirements, for submission to the FAO Governing Bodies (para. 22(e))			X	The nature and modalities of the Coordination Unit will be revisited following the approval of the proposed changes in the FAO structure.
27.	Forward the draft Conference Resolution on the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management to Conference for approval (para. 23)	X			Action has been completed. See documents C 2013/LIM/3 - <i>Draft Resolution on the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management</i> and C 2013/30 – <i>International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management</i> . http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg095e.pdf

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28.	Implement the Global Soil Partnership initiative (para. 24)		X		Rules of Procedure were developed and will be considered for approval during the first Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) (23-24 May 2013). The Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils will be appointed at the same session, and progress in developing action plans for the GSP Pillars will be reviewed.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Report of the 69th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (28-30 May 2012)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reporting Officer: Boubaker Ben Belhassen</i></p>				
29.	Take into account growing linkages among agricultural, financial and energy markets in CCP Secretariat analyses (para. 25(a))		X		Initial steps have been taken, and activities will start as soon as possible.
30.	Maintain and reinforce its assistance to Members in both policy and programmatic actions to effectively mitigate the negative effects of high and volatile food prices by building institutional capacity for negotiation (para. 25(c))		X		A number of sub-regional and national consultations on food price volatility are being organized. Preparatory and planning activities are ongoing.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Report of the 30th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 July 2012)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reporting Officer: Hiromoto Watanabe</i></p>				

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31.	Provide more support to countries in data collection and quality control for the periodic report on the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (para. 26(a))		X		The Organization is seeking funds to support implementation of FAO Strategies that improve information on status and trends of capture fisheries (FishCode-STF project) and aquaculture (FishCode-STA), but there is a shortfall. FI is, however, collaborating with ESS on implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics through the inclusion of a fisheries and aquaculture component into the 2013 Work Plan.
32.	Increase efforts to facilitate the accessibility and effective implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its related instruments, including ongoing support to developing countries (para. 26(b))		X		<p>Continuous efforts have been made to facilitate the effective implementation of the Code of Conduct and related instruments, including improvement in the periodical questionnaire that monitors implementation. The Technical Consultation on Flag State Performance was successfully completed with the adoption of Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance, which are expected to be endorsed at the next Session of COFI.</p> <p>Through extra-budgetary funding, the Organization is assisting many Member Nations in the practical implementation of the Code via the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) and to Aquaculture (EAA), as well as via the specific aspects of the Code. FI is also collaborating with other international partners in developing a programme to address sustainability issues in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ).</p>
33.	With due consideration to budgetary implications, and within available resources, provide: i) additional support to the development of aquaculture in Africa and Small Island Developing States (SIDS);		X		<p>The consultative process for developing the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries including preparations of the Technical Consultation (Rome, Italy, 20-24 May 2013), is on-going.</p> <p>Regional aquaculture networks have been established in the Africa and</p>

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	<p>ii) technical support to regional and national fisheries institutions regarding small-scale fisheries and aquaculture in developing countries; and</p> <p>iii) financial and technical support, together with NGOs and other donors, to developing countries in strengthening their capacity to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing. (para. 26(d))</p>				<p>Latin America Regions. The same process was initiated in the Pacific Region to support SIDS there.</p> <p>Continuous efforts are being directed towards supporting Member Nations, especially developing countries, in combatting IUU Fishing. In particular, efforts are underway to secure necessary funding for continuation of the capacity-development programme associated to the 2009 FAO Port State Measures Agreement.</p>
34.	Assess the impact of eco-labelling schemes on fisheries management and economic returns (para. 26(h))		X		As requested by the 30 th Session of COFI, the Organization continues to monitor private standards and eco-labels in seafood trade, including applications of the draft Evaluation Framework of the FAO Guidelines for the Eco-labelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries.
35.	Carry out studies on the impact of industrial fishing activities on species corresponding to low trophic levels (para. 26(i))		X		A desk study, based on available literature and relevant research results, has been initiated. If funds become available, a more comprehensive assessment will also be undertaken based on case studies from developing countries, and an expert meeting to provide a synthesis and produce guidance to Member Nations on the management of small pelagic will be convened.
36.	Ensure that fisheries and aquaculture priorities are reflected in the Strategic Objectives and that the importance of FAO's core functions and comparative advantages, as well as the linkage with its normative and standard-setting work, are highlighted		X		Headquarters and Decentralized Offices are working to reflect fisheries and aquaculture priorities in the SOs when elaborating the MTP 2014-2017, as well as the PWB 2014-15. FI has also actively participated in the formulation of the SOs, establishing an internal Task

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	(para. 26(k))				Force to discuss and monitor them.
	<p align="center">Report of the 21st Session of the Committee on Forestry (24-28 September 2012)</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: Peter Csoka</i></p>				
37.	Continue playing an active role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) (para. 27(a))		X		FAO continued its contribution for several CPF initiatives, particularly the one on forest finance; coordinated the work on the CPF Report to the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF); initiated the revision and publication of CPF information documents; worked with UNFFS to support the celebration of the International Day of Forests; and initiated preparations for a CPF retreat to develop a strategy for future CPF actions and activities. FAO also convened physical and tele-meetings of CPF Members, and is preparing for the next meeting on the occasion of UNFF10.
38.	Promote the sustainable management of forests and trees in an integrated approach across the overall landscape, and clearly define the future role of FAO in the “Bonn Challenge” (para. 27(b))		X		FAO is organizing/participating in Side Events to promote forests and trees in an integrated landscape approach at international events such as UNFF, and has organized a Special Event celebrating the International Day of Forests. The theme of forest landscape restoration and how to effectively achieve the Bonn Challenge (150 M ha of degraded land restored by 2020) is a key topic discussed at such events. A new Forest and Landscape Restoration Facility (FLR) is being proposed in the Forestry Department that would serve to enhance implementation of FLR at country level by brokering new projects and programmes and by

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					coordinating FAO efforts across Departments and DOs.
39.	Highlight ways to strengthen the links between forestry and agriculture in the various sectors and bodies and in land management policies to improve food security (para. 27(c)(ii))		X		In early 2013, FAO published “Advancing Agro-forestry on the Policy Agenda – a guide for decision-makers”, making the case for integrated land use systems where trees are managed together with crops and/or animal production systems. In 2013 the Organization also published “Toward the Assessment of Trees Outside Forests – A thematic Report in the framework of the Forest Resources Assessment – FRA” to help decision-makers take into account TOF resources and services provided to forestry, agriculture, environment and rural and urban development. Preparations are underway for the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition, in May 2013, with an inter-sectoral approach to strengthening the links between forestry, agriculture and food security.
40.	Support countries in achieving their development objectives in the field of wood energy (para. 27(c)(iii))		X		Support has been provided to ongoing field projects in Ghana and Montenegro.
41.	Support national efforts to strengthen the financial basis of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and increase support to the development of improved tools and mechanisms for enhanced financing of the forestry and rangeland programme(s) (para. 27(c)(iv))		X		The development of a guide for the establishment of national forest funds is underway, and a Regional Expert Workshop for Latin America has been conducted to obtain inputs. FAO also cooperated with CPF members to organize an organization-led initiative (OLI) on forest finance in support of the work of the UNFF, and contributed to the Ad-hoc Intergovernmental Expert Group on Forest Finance.

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42.	Strengthen governance mechanisms and promote the mainstreaming of forestry issues in key policies relating to the environment, biodiversity and land use at all levels, including support to the Forest and Farm Facility (para. 27(c)(v))		X		The Forest and Farm Facility has been officially launched in six pilot countries (Gambia, Liberia, Nepal, Myanmar, Nicaragua and Guatemala). An expert review of ways to strengthen synergies between REDD+ initiatives and initiatives related to forest law enforcement, governance and trade (FLEGT) in relevant countries has been conducted, and recommendations have been made regarding the way forward.
43.	Assist countries in strengthening national forest information systems in order to enrich the knowledge base, statistics and information on forestry for the purposes of better forest governance (para. 27(c)(vi))		X		Work is ongoing on integrating socio-economic parameters in national forest assessments, and an Expert Consultation is planned for May.
44.	Explore ways to enhance the effectiveness of future Multi-year Programmes of Work, particularly with regard to setting priorities, avoiding duplication of efforts and identifying resource requirements (para. 27(d))		X		The COFO Steering Committee will consider this issue at its May meeting, and will provide guidance to the Secretariat on the means of presenting it to the 22 nd Session of COFO in 2014.
45.	Seek ways to maximize the contribution of forests to greening the economy ¹ (para. 27(e))		X		Work is ongoing in support of sustainable forest industries, in strengthening the contribution of non-wood forest products to the economy and in promoting small forest enterprise development.
46.	Further develop the content of the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) toolbox to support countries in implementing SFM (para. 27 (f))		X		The building content of the SFM Toolbox is continuing through a series of actions leading to the SFM implementation, situation profiles, knowledge modules, and databases of relevant SFM tools inside and outside FAO. Actions taken so far include:

¹ C 2013/25 - *Report of the 21st Session of the Committee on Forestry* (paragraph 17): “noting that the green economy approach is not a rigid set of rules and is one of several approaches to sustainable development and poverty eradication”.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a Task Force • Finalization of a concept note of the initiative • Drafting of the core document “SFM Principles and approach to SFM implementation” in progress. • Compilation of relevant tools in progress. • Initial development of a “prototype SFM toolbox” for a specific user.
47.	Pay greater attention to the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable management of forests and trees in the development of Strategic Objectives, taking into account the Committee's guidance on each of the Strategic Objectives (para. 27 (g))		X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FO staff participate in the working groups of all five new Strategic Objectives. • Forestry issues have been taken into account in the text of the Strategic Objectives. • Sustainable forest management and conservation of biodiversity are particularly highlighted in SO-2 – Increased and improved production in a sustainable manner, and S0-5 – Resilience. <p>A major step in promoting implementation will be the presentation of the State of the World Forest Genetic Resources to the Commission on Genetic Resources in April 2013.</p>
48.	Make the best possible use of inputs from Regional Conferences and Commissions in future COFO Sessions (para. 27 (h))		X		<p>The Regional Forestry Commission was informed of the mandates arising from decisions of FAO Governing Bodies that called for alignment of the agendas of the next sessions with these obligations. The COFO Steering Committee at its next session in May will consider the experiences of the new coordination mechanism introduced in 2011, and will provide advice for the RFC bureau and the Secretariat on how to further enhance coordination. The Secretariat also participated in coordination meetings with Regional Conferences and other global Technical Committees to discuss ways and means of improved collaboration and coordination.</p>

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	<p>Report of the Joint Meeting of the 112th Session of the Programme Committee and the 147th Session of the Finance Committee (7 November 2012)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i></p>				
49.	Have a complete and updated version of The Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society submitted to the next Joint Meeting of the Finance and Programme Committees in March 2013, for approval by the Council in April 2013 (para. 31)	X			Document JM 2013.1/2 was discussed at the March 2013 Joint Meeting, as reflected in the Joint Meeting Report, see document CL 146/5 http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG211E.pdf
	<p>Report of the 112th Session of the Programme Committee (5-9 November 2012)</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i></p>				
50.	Provide further information on collaboration between FAO and other international organizations in work on nutrition (para. 32(a))		X		This information is included in MTP/PWB 2014-15. See document C 2013/3 (paras. 54.56; 59-87; 347-348; 370). http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf490e.pdf
51.	Increase FAO's cross-sectoral work in forestry, focusing on integrated land use and sustainable forest management (para. 32(c))		X		This information is included in MTP/PWB 2014-15. See document C 2013/3 (paras. 68; 74; 87-102)

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52.	Concentrate resource mobilization through the application of Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, in particular on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing (para. 32(d))		X		This information is included in MTP/PWB 2014-15. See document C 2013/3 (para. 564). http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf490e.pdf
53.	Promote language balance in the work of the Governing Bodies (para. 32(f))		X		This information is included in MTP/PWB 2014-15. See document C 2013/3 (paras. 281; 451; 460).
54.	Address the lack of internal evaluation focusing on lessons learned for use by Management, and (ii) problems of overlap, inconsistency and efficiency of oversight functions of the Organization (para. 33(c))		X		Document PC 113/4 was discussed at the March 2013 Session. See document CL 146/4. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG212E.pdf
55.	Report back to Members on the outcomes of Director-General's rapid review of FAO's evaluation function and address any shortcomings (para. 33(d))		X		Document PC 113/4 was discussed at the March 2013 Session. See document CL 146/4.
56.	Inform the Council on the implementation of the deliberations of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) regarding the Review of Article XIV Bodies (para. 34)		X		Document PC 113/INF/5 was submitted for information at the March 2013 Session as reflected in the Programme Committee Report (see document CL 146/4) and a proposal for reporting modalities for Article XIV Bodies was included in MTP/PWB 2014-15. See document C 2013/3.

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	<p align="center">Reports of the 146th (29-30 October 2012) and 147th (5-9 November 2012) Sessions of the Finance Committee</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><i>Reporting Officer: David McSherry</i></p>				
57.	Implement the revised General Service Salary Scale, as recommended by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) following the survey carried out in Rome in 2012, with respect to staff recruited on or after the date of promulgation by the Rome-based Organizations (para. 36(f))	X			On the basis of the findings of the 2012 ICSC Salary Survey, and following approval by the FAO Council at its 145 th Session, a new Salary Scale resulting from the survey was implemented with effect from 1 February 2013. As the new Salary Scale (referred to as the Secondary Scale) is 9.2 per cent lower than the current Salary Scale, which came into effect on 1 November 2010, it will only apply to staff members recruited on or after 1 February 2013. The current November 2010 Salary Scale will remain in effect for all General Service staff in service prior to the effective date of implementation of the Secondary scale, and who continue to remain employed without a break in service.
58.	Forward a Draft Conference Resolution on FAO Audited Accounts 2010-11 to the Conference for adoption (para. 37)	X			Action has been taken. See document C 2013/LIM/4. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg093e.pdf
59.	Have the Finance Committee examine the matter of the restoration of Voting Rights of Members in Arrears, taking into account the guidance provided by the Conference at its 33 rd Session in November 2005 (para. 39(f))	X			The matter of restoration of Voting Rights of Members in arrears was presented to the Finance Committee at its 148 th Session in March 2013. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mf847e.pdf

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Committee on World Food Security ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Kostas Stamoulis</i>					
Report of the 39th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (15-20 October 2012)					
60.	Develop a strong and effective communication strategy to ensure optimum dissemination among all stakeholders of its decisions and activities in support of food security and nutrition (para. 38(h))		X		<p>The CFS communications strategy that is being developed has three main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To raise awareness of the model and the work of the CFS; to promote the use of its products and to receive feedback on their effectiveness. Each CFS priority will have its own communication and outreach strategy developed according to its needs. 2. To identify and be part of communities of practice and multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms at global, regional and country levels that can use or refer to the work of the Committee and receive their inputs on its effectiveness. 3. To improve internal communication between the Bureau, Advisory Group and Secretariat.
61.	Take the conclusions of the Report of the 39 th Session of the CFS into consideration when preparing the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2014-15, including the need for extra-budgetary resources (para. 38(i))		X		<p>Several items in the CFS 39 Final Report are included in the proposed PWB for 2014-15, such as: follow-up to the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, the consultation process on principles for responsible agricultural investments, and support to the consultation process to develop an “Agenda for Action for Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises”. A mapping exercise was also conducted to address</p>

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					the consistency between FAO's Strategic Objectives and the Policy and Programme Recommendations of CFS Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition.
62.	Consider improving the working methods of the CFS by: i) reducing and prioritizing agenda items; ii) making the most of the time allotted to work in Plenary to deepen discussion on the issues, especially at the policy Round Tables; iii) limiting the number of Side Events (para. 38(j))		X		The CFS Bureau has approved the draft timetable for CFS 40 that is reduced in length and whose agenda items are more focused. The Secretariat is working with the Bureau and Advisory Group to develop guidelines to clarify the policy Round Table process and to optimize the time available in Plenary. Side Events allocation and selection criteria have been agreed in the Bureau to optimize the timing and numbers of Side Events.
Constitutional and Legal Matters ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>					
Report of the 95th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (8-11 October 2012)					
63.	Forward the draft Conference Resolution on "Amendments to Rules XXXVII and XL of the General Rules of the Organization forwarded to the Conference for adoption (para. 39(d))	X			Action has been taken. See document C 2013/LIM/5. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg106e.pdf
64.	Report to the 146 th Session of Council (April 2013) through the Programme and Finance Committees on the implementation of greater administrative and financial authority of Statutory Bodies under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution (para. 39(e))		X		Action has been taken. See document CL 146/3 (paras. 49-50). http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG229E.pdf

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65.	Forward the draft Conference Resolution on “Amendments to Rules XXIX.2, XXX.2, XXXI.2 and XXXII.2 of the General Rules of the Organization” to Conference for adoption (para. 39(i))	X			Action has been taken. See document C 2013/LIM/6. http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/mg108e.pdf
Governance Matters ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>					
Arrangements for the 38th Session of the Conference					
66.	Establish the deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council at 12.00 hours on Monday, 8 April 2013 (para. 41)	X			Action has been taken. Member Nations informed through a Circular State Letter dated 15 April 2013.
67.	Recommend to the Conference, in line with past practice, that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity (para. 43(b))	X			Recommendation will be made though the First Report of the General Committee during the Conference
68.	Recommend to the Conference that the theme of the General Debate at the 38 th Session be “Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition”(para. 43(c))	X			Recommendation will be made though the First Report of the General Committee during the Conference
Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2013-16					
69.	Update amendments made to the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) for 2017 and submit to the Council Session in December 2013 for adoption (para. 44)	X			Action will be taken for the December Council Session. Document CL 146/9 presents updates on other issues (IPA): http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/027/MG286E.pdf

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	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 144th Session of the Council				
70.	Implement the decisions taken at the 144 th Session of the Council effectively and rapidly (para. 47)	X			All decisions have been implemented
	Other Matters ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
	Provisional Agenda for the 146th Session of the Council (22-26 April 2013)				
71.	Include an item on International Years: (i) International Year of Pulses; and (ii) International Year of Soil (para. 53)	X			Action has been taken. These two additional items have been added to the Agenda of the Council. See documents CL 146/7A: http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/Mg054E.pdf CL 146/7B: http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/028/MG317E.pdf
	Observance of World Soil Day ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Ronald Vargas</i>				
72.	Forward a Draft Resolution to the 38 th Session of the Conference in June 2013 for adoption, calling on the Director-General to transmit the Resolution to the United Nations General Assembly in order to institutionalize the annual observance of World Soil Day on 5 December (para. 56)	X			Action has been taken. See document C 2013/36.

