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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease  
(EuFMD) - Budget for 2014-2015**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Under the Financial Regulations of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) the administrative budget of the Commission is submitted to the Finance Committee for information. The document provides information on the administrative budget of the Commission (MTF/INT/011/MUL), as well as on multilateral trust fund MTF/INT/004/MUL.
- At its 85<sup>th</sup> Session, the Executive Committee of EuFMD requested the secretariat to begin discussions with FAO Corporate Services on issues pertaining to increased delegated authority for Article XIV Bodies. As part of its efforts to address specific functional requirements of Article XIV bodies, Management is examining the matter taking into account the guidance of the Council at its 146<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2103.

### GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to note the information presented in this document concerning the administrative budget of the EuFMD and on multilateral trust fund MTF/INT/004/MUL and that Management, as part of its efforts to address specific functional requirements of Article XIV bodies, is examining issues pertaining to increased delegated authority for the Commission, taking into account the guidance provided by the Council on the matter.

### Draft Advice

#### **The Committee:**

- **Took note of the administrative budget of the administrative budget the Commission (MTF/INT/011/MUL) and of the information provided on multilateral trust fund MTF/INT/004/MUL;**
- **Took note of discussions between the FAO Management and the EuFMD secretariat on issues pertaining to increased delegations of authority to the secretariat of EuFMD, taking into account the guidance provided by the Council on the matter.**

## Background

1. The European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) is a Commission established by treaty under Article XIV of the Constitution. Its secretariat is financed entirely from the contributions of its Member States through annual membership contributions that are set at the regular Sessions. The proposed administrative budget (MTF/INT/011/MUL) for 2014 – 2015 is attached hereto, and was approved by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the EuFMD held in Rome in April 2013.<sup>1</sup>
2. A four year financial agreement with the European Commission for support to activities of the EuFMD (Trust Fund MTF/INT/003/EEC) will terminate in September 2013. However, a new agreement covering a 24 month period for a total contribution of four million EUR is expected to be signed, for activities in the period October 2013 to September 2015.
3. The Commission has a Multilateral Trust Fund, MTF/INT/004/MUL, to manage additional voluntary contributions from Members of FAO for use mainly in activities coherent with the EuFMD Strategic Plan including response to FMD emergency situations or to support capacity building programmes. Considering the sporadic, often devastating, epidemic and largely unpredictable nature of recent FMD outbreaks in Europe, all expenditures from this Trust Fund cannot be predicted but it is considered important by the Commission to retain such a reserve.
4. In 2012-2013 the MTF/INT/004/MUL received funds (USD 412 945 equivalent to AUD 411 195) from Australia for capacity building (training programme) and this was managed through the use of a Baby Project account.
5. Under the Financial Regulations of the Commission (cf. Financial Regulation III, 7), as clarified by past practice, the administrative budget of the Commission is submitted to the Finance Committee. In line with past deliberations on the issue of the budgets of some bodies established under Article XIV of the Constitution, insofar as the budgets are approved by the concerned bodies themselves, the Finance Committee is invited to take note of the budget approved by the EuFMD.
6. At its 85<sup>th</sup> Session, held in February 2013, the Executive Committee requested the secretariat to begin discussions with the FAO Corporate Services on issues pertaining to increased delegated authority for the EuFMD Secretariat. Management, as part of its efforts to address specific functional requirements of Article XIV bodies, is examining the matter, taking into account the views expressed by the Finance Committee at its 148<sup>th</sup> Session in March 2013 and the Council at its 146<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2103. This review takes into account both the criteria for increased delegations for Article XIV bodies as proposed in document FC 148/21 and the fact that given FAO's general accountability for the operation of Article XIV bodies, there is a need for a prudent approach by recognizing the functional requirements of these bodies, while ensuring, in a pragmatic manner, observance of FAO's policies and procedures<sup>2</sup>.

## Suggested action by the Committee

7. The Finance Committee is invited to :
  - a) Take note of the administrative budget of the Commission (MTF/INT/011/MUL) and of the information provided on multilateral trust fund MTF/INT/004/MUL;
  - b) Take note of discussions between the FAO Management and the EuFMD secretariat on issues pertaining to increased delegations of authority to the secretariat of EUFMD taking into account the guidance provided by the Council on the matter.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the 40th General Session of the EuFMD Commission, page 5

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Report of the Hundred and Forty Sixth Session of the Council, 22-26 April 2013, paragraph 22 (j) and (k).

**TRUST FUND 904200 MTF/INT/011/MUL**

**2014 and 2015 budgets (USD) as endorsed by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session<sup>3</sup>**

<i><b>Exp.Codes</b></i>	<i><b>Components</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>
5011	Professional Staff	445 000	462 800
5013	Consultants	35 000	35 000
5014	Contracts	1 000	1 000
5021	Duty Travel	125 344	125 344
5028	GOE	12 000	12 000
5023	Training	10 000	10 000
5024	Expendable equip.	1 000	1 000
5025	Non-exp. Equipment	5 000	5 000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>634 344</b>	<b>652 144</b>

<sup>3</sup> For further details, refer to Report of the 40th General Session of the EuFMD Commission, Appendix 30