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### Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 148<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council

#### Executive Summary

The Multi-year Programme of Work of Council requires the status of implementation of decisions taken at the preceding session to be reviewed.

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 148<sup>th</sup> Sessions (Rome, 2-6 December 2013) 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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Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters					
Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15 ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>					
1.	Provide information in due course of the efficiency savings within the total required budgetary savings diagnosed, but not yet implemented, for a total of USD 2.7 million (para. 7 c)		X		Update provided in document FC 154/9 and Report of the 154 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (CL 149/4)
2.	Further engage with the International Civil Service Commission to stress the need for greater vigilance with regard to increases in staff costs across the Common System (para. 7 e)		X		Update provided in document FC 154/11 and Report of the 154 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (CL 149/4)
3.	Further cooperate with the Rome-based agencies in particular by seeking convergence of financial, administrative and management systems and processes with a view to achieving further efficiency gains and savings (para. 7 f)		X		Update provided in document FC 154/9 and Report of the 154 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (CL 149/4)
4.	Reinstate the Globally Important Agriculture Heritage Systems (GIAHS) as an indicator for Strategic Objective 2 (para. 7 l)	X			The reference to GIAHS as an indicator for <a href="#">Strategic Objective 2 (SO2) Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner</a> is contained in document PC 115/2 and in the Report of the 115 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (CL 149/5)
Report of the 114 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (11-15 November 2013) ----- <i>ICN2 Reporting Officer: Jomo Sundaram</i>					
5.	Undertake further work on creating a common understanding of nutrition, paying due note to the importance of communication and partnerships in this regard (para. 10 c)		X		The preparation of the joint FAO/WHO ICN2, including the Preparatory Technical Meeting held in November 2013, is being carried out in cooperation with eight UN agencies and involves a broad range of stakeholders.

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6.	In preparation for ICN2 and in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), develop a roadmap that will allow for both an intergovernmental process and consultations with civil society and private sector organizations (para. 11 a)		X		As requested, a roadmap has been prepared for an intergovernmental process and consultation with Civil Society and Private Sector organizations is being implemented.
7.	The Independent Chairperson of the Council to facilitate the intergovernmental process (para. 11 b)		X		The Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) convened an Informal Meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on 16 January 2014 to launch the preparatory process and to request FAO nominations for the Joint Working Group (JWG). The ICC briefed Members on preparations for ICN2 on 17 February and convened three informal meetings of the Rome Chapter of the JWG on 3 and 19 March and 10 April 2014 to facilitate discussions on the draft Mandate and Arrangements Document as well as negotiations on the draft Political Outcome and draft Framework for Action documents with WHO counterparts.
<b>FAO's Work in Social Protection</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Robert Vos</i>					
8.	Build on internal expertise on social protection to ensure effective delivery against the Strategic Objectives and to leverage synergies consistent with its technical capacity and comparative advantages (para. 15)		X		<p>A Cross-Departmental Working Group on Social Protection, jointly chaired by ESP and ESN, is active in making contributions to the preparations for the ICN2, as well as in designing and implementing <a href="#">Strategic Objective 3(SO3), Reduce Rural Poverty</a>, activities.</p> <p>A Concept Note, aligned with agricultural and rural development policies, has been prepared to guide FAO's work on social protection. A training course has been created with the aim of strengthening FAO staff capacity (at both HQ and decentralized offices) in the design of social protection policies and programmes in support of food security and nutrition and rural poverty reduction. The course is being delivered in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) (United Kingdom) and the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) (South Africa). The course will be further developed to include</p>

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					capacity development among policy makers and other stakeholders in Member Countries.
9.	Initiate effective collaboration on social protection with Members and partners, including other UN agencies (para.16)		X		<p>The Cross-Departmental Working Group on Social Protection has been instrumental in initiating effective collaboration with Members and partners, including other UN agencies and members of the public comprising Civil Society and Private Sector organizations, in identifying FAO's work in social protection and its linkages with nutrition.</p> <p>In November 2013, FAO and ILO agreed on a joint work programme on Social Protection and a related roadmap for its implementation, which includes activities to be implemented during the 2014-2015 biennium. FAO is also a member of the Social Protection Inter-agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B), an inter-agency coordination mechanism, composed of representatives of international organizations and bilateral institutions, to enhance global coordination and advocacy on social protection issues and to coordinate international cooperation in country demand-driven actions. Within this framework, FAO is actively involved in the development of the Core Diagnostic Instrument (CODI) to assess national social protection policies. FAO is engaging with the Ford Foundation in South Africa in a joint programme to support countries in Southern Africa in strengthening social protection systems for food security and rural poverty reduction. In the context of the Protection to Production (PtoP) Programme, FAO is conducting, together with UNICEF and the World Bank, a regional study exploring the economic and productive impacts of cash transfer programmes in seven Sub-Saharan countries. A dialogue has recently started with the <i>Caisse Nationale d'Allocations Familiales</i> (CNAF), the family branch of the French social security system, on collaboration in policy support to francophone countries in Africa. Initiatives have been taken to strengthen partnerships with WFP both at the headquarter level and</p>

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					the country level. Initial steps have been taken to establish South South Cooperation (SSC), with a focus on intra-regional SSC in Africa. Finally, a programme of support to Member Countries in the context of Regional Initiatives has started in West Africa and the Horn of Africa, South-East Asia, and Central America.
<b>Committee on World Food Security</b>					
<b>Report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (7-11 October 2013)</b> ----- <b>Reporting Officer: Kostas Stamoulis</b>					
10.	Forward the endorsed proposed amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization to the 39 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2015 for approval (para. 18 i)		X		A Draft Resolution on the Amendment to Rule XXXIII paragraph 7 of the General Rules of the Organization will be submitted to the 39 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2015 for approval.
11.	Explore ways for the CFS to provide inputs to the decision-making process for the Post-2015 Development Agenda (para. 18 j)		X		At the request of the Bureau, the CFS Chair went on a fact finding mission to New York in February 2014 to explore possible synergies between CFS and the Post 2015 process. The Bureau and Advisory Group are following closely the Rome Based Agencies' participation in the process. The Post 2015 process is included in the agenda of the upcoming session of CFS in October 2014.
12.	Ensure that documents are available in all FAO languages by their applicable deadlines (para. 18 l)		X		The CFS Secretariat has established strict deadlines for the submission of documents and will ensure that stakeholders meet them to be able to submit drafts for translation on time, and thereby enable their timely distribution.

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<b>Constitutional and Legal Matters</b>					
<b>Report of the 97<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2013)</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>					
13.	Initiate a process for the reformulation of rules and procedures for the participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations in meetings of FAO (para. 20 f)		X		<p>Draft rules and procedures for participation of civil society organizations and private sector representatives in FAO meetings were reviewed by the <a href="#">98<sup>th</sup> CCLM</a> and are being submitted to the <a href="#">149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council</a> for approval (see CL 149/2). Such new rules and procedures will be submitted to the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2015 for approval before being added to the Basic Texts of the Organization.</p> <p>Limited consequential amendments to the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) would need to be adopted by the Conference to reflect the new rules and procedures.</p>
<b>Governance Matters</b>					
<b>Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>					
14.	The Independent Chairperson of the Council to convene Informal Meetings of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups for the purpose of the Independent Review (para. 22)		X		The Independent Chairperson of the Council convened an Informal Meeting with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups on 7 February 2014 with the purpose of introducing the Review Team, their proposed workplan and methodology. A second meeting was convened on 15 May 2014 to review the draft discussion paper in preparation for the 149 <sup>th</sup> Council.

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<b>Other Matters</b>					
<b>Report of the First Meeting of the Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (Rome, 11-12 June 2013)</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Ronald Vargas</i>					
15.	Submit regular reports on the implications of the main decisions and recommendations made by the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Plenary Assemblies to the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) (para. 29)		X		The Second Plenary Assembly will take place from 22 to 24 July 2014, and the report will be submitted to the upcoming 24 <sup>th</sup> Session of COAG (September/October 2014) for consideration and action.
<b>Annual Reporting of the World Food Programme to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>					
16.	WFP to consolidate its current annual reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review within its reporting on the implementation of the its strategic plan, and provide a thorough analysis, including through the selection and use of common UN funds and programme indicators that are fully aligned with the monitoring framework for the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to the Executive Board and the FAO Council, with a view to ensuring full implementation (para. 35)		X		WFP will consolidate its current annual reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and provide a thorough analysis to the FAO Council at its 150 <sup>th</sup> Session in December 2014, with a view to ensuring full implementation.



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<b>Proposed Technical Consultation on Low Levels of Genetically Modified Crops in International Food and Feed Trade</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Ren Wang</i>					
17.	Convene a Technical Consultation on Low Levels of Genetically Modified Crops in International Food and Feed Trade in 2014	X			The technical consultation was held on 20 and 21 March 2014 at FAO Headquarters ( <a href="http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/a-z-index/biotechnology/llp/en/0">http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/a-z-index/biotechnology/llp/en/0</a> )