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Rome, 11-15 April 2011



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Introductory Items ¹

1. The 141st Session of the Council was held in Rome from 11 to 15 April 2011 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Luc Guyau, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable ²

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights³ presented by the European Union and, after having agreed to add a Sub-item entitled *Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations)* under Item 24, adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee ⁴

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Javad Shakhs Tavakolian (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr Luis Calvo Merino (Spain) and Mr Deo K. Rwabita (Uganda).

4. The Council elected Ms Gothami Indikadahena (Sri Lanka) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, France, Gabon, Japan, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.

Programme and Finance Committees

Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Recommendation to Conference on budget level) ⁵

5. The Council considered the Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (MTP/PWB). It took into account observations and recommendations from the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee, and their Joint Meeting.

6. The Council noted that the information provided in the document broadly reflected the recommendations from the various Governing Bodies and lessons learned. It appreciated the supplementary information that had been made available by the Secretariat following the requests of the Programme and Finance Committee sessions of 21-25 March 2011, requested that future versions of the PWB contain similar information, and that documents be submitted in time for adequate review by the Governing Bodies.

7. Concerning the substance of the MTP/PWB, the Council:

- a) reiterated its support for the mainstreaming of the IPA in the Assessed Contributions of the PWB;
- b) reaffirmed the IPA target of 0.8 percent of the net appropriation for the budget of the Office of Evaluation and recommended to set the Evaluation budget at 0.7 percent of the net appropriation for the 2012-13 biennium;
- c) recommended to increase the budgetary allocation for Strategic Objective K (Gender) without impacting the overall budget level;
- d) appreciated the further information provided on anticipated cost increases and took note that the Secretariat would report on any significant changes to the cost increase assumptions and estimates prior to the Conference in June 2011;

¹ CL 141/PV/1; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

² CL 141/1; CL 141/INF/1; CL 141/INF/5 Rev. 1; CL 141/PV/1; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

³ CL 141/INF/5 Rev 1.

⁴ CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

⁵ C 2011/3; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/3; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

- e) agreed with the Finance Committee concerning the need to take additional steps to improve the financial situation of the Organization but noted that the incremental funding proposals did not appear feasible at the moment given the current economic situation, and recommended deferral to future biennia of replenishment of the Working Capital Fund and the Special Reserve Account, as well as the incremental funding of the Terminal Payments Fund past service liability;
 - f) for the 2012-13 biennium, recommended that the Organization continue to follow 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;
 - g) while noting that the results-based approach and its application in the PWB 2012-13 was still “work-in-progress”, reiterated the importance of the process of setting priorities, and requested that further improvements be implemented for the next planning cycle; notably the shifts in areas of priority (emphasis and de-emphasis), the budgetary implications of programmatic changes and the reasons for these changes should be discussed with relevant documentation;
 - h) agreed with the reformulation of Organizational Result Indicator B4.1 and the areas of emphasis for Organizational Result C01, as appended to the report of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee;
 - i) agreed to submit two proposals to the Conference on the Shared Services Centre:
 - i) consolidation of the hubs in one Centre in Budapest as detailed in the Management Report submitted to the Finance Committee, noting the statement in the PWB that it would lead to savings of USD 2 million per biennium, and,
 - ii) maintaining status quo of two hubs in Santiago and Bangkok with the Centre in Budapest.
8. As regarded the level of the budget for 2012-13, the Council:
- a) took note of the two options put forward by the Joint Meeting of (1) no decrease to the level of assessments proposed in the PWB 2012-13, or (2) a reduction in the level of assessments, heeding the appeal of the UN Secretary-General to do more with less and noting the proposed 3 percent reduction in the UN budget;
 - b) noted that as there was no consensus, recommended further consultations and agreed to hold informal meetings in a group of “Friends of the Chair” to support constructive dialogue prior to the Conference with interpretation.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee and the 138th Session of the Finance Committee ⁶

9. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee and the 138th Session of the Finance Committee. Specifically, the Council:
- welcomed the outline of the Resource Mobilization and Management Strategy and looked forward to the outcome of the review by the Joint Meeting of the final version of the strategy in October 2011;
 - appreciated the draft strategy on partnerships with the private sector and looked forward to the review by the Joint Meeting of the final version of the Strategy in October 2011;
 - endorsed the recommendation to earmark 0.4 percent of the TCP appropriation to facilitate reporting on results, and underlined the need for TCP projects to be strategic and more gender-balanced.

⁶ CL 141/10; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

Reports of the 105th (8-9 February) and 106th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Programme Committee ⁷

10. The Council endorsed the Reports of the 105th and 106th Sessions of the Programme Committee, and it:

- recognized that the process of setting priorities remained a work in progress, and requested that further improvements be implemented for the next planning cycle, including more information on resource shifts within and between Strategic and Functional Objectives;
- endorsed the new Capacity Development Strategy and Implementation Plan, and requested its reflection in the Programme of Work and Budget;
- welcomed the Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report 2010, and endorsed the recommendations for improving the structure and format of future reports;
- welcomed the Action Plan for sustainable animal health, and endorsed the request of the Programme Committee for additional information;
- endorsed the recommendations of the Programme Committee on the Evaluation of FAO's Regional and Sub-regional Offices for the Near East, including that similar evaluations take place in other regions, as it was very useful for the debate on Decentralization. It expressed concern about FAO's loss of credibility and visibility in the Region, as reported in the Near East evaluation;
- requested that the 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;
- welcomed the request of the Chair of the Programme Committee to the Director-General to consider extending the appointment of the Director of Evaluation, so that he could serve for a four-year term as foreseen in the Charter for the Office of Evaluation.

Reports of the 136th (8-9 February 2011), 137th (10-11 February 2011) and 138th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Finance Committee ⁸

11. The Council endorsed the reports of the 136th, 137th and 138th Sessions of the Finance Committee. In reviewing in depth the reports of the 137th and 138th Sessions, it provided the following specific guidance.

Audited Accounts 2008-09

12. The Council:

- welcomed the External Auditor's issuance of an unqualified opinion on the Organization's financial statements for 2008-09;
- welcomed the fact that the Finance Committee would review progress on follow-up actions to the recommendations contained in the accompanying Report of the External Auditor at its next regular session in October 2011;
- recommended the following Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference:

Draft Resolution for the Conference

FAO Audited Accounts 2008-09

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the 141st Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2008-09 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon:

Adopts the Audited Accounts

⁷ CL 141/4; CL 141/8; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

⁸ CL 141/5; CL 141/5 Add.1; CL 141/6; CL 141/6 Add.1; CL 141/9; CL 141/9 Add.1; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

*Status of Contributions and Arrears*⁹

13. The Council welcomed the improvement in the cash position of the FAO and the significant reduction in the level of arrears at the end of 2010, which was in fact the lowest level of arrears in nearly three decades. However, noting that 68 Members still had arrears outstanding from 2010 and previous years, the Council strongly urged all Member Nations to make timely payment of Assessed Contributions to ensure that FAO could continue to meet the operating cash requirements for the Programme of Work.

Scale of Contributions 2012-2013

14. The Council reviewed and endorsed the Scale of Contributions for 2012-13, and accordingly recommended the following Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference:

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Scale of Contributions 2012-13

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendation of the 141st Session of the Council;

Confirming that, as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different Membership of FAO:

1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2012-13 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2011;
2. **Adopts** for use in 2012 and 2013 the Scale as set out in Appendix C of this Report.

Other Matters Arising from the Reports

15. The Council adopted the following resolution appointing the incumbent External Auditor, the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines, as External Auditor of the Organization for a further period of two years commencing with the year 2012:

Resolution 1/141

Extension of the Appointment of the External Auditor

THE COUNCIL,

Noting that the current appointment of the External Auditor expires at the end of 2011, and that the Finance Committee recommended at its 138th Session the extension of appointment of the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as External Auditor of the Organization for a further two years;

Recalling the guidance from the 122nd Session of the Finance Committee regarding limitations on the term of office of the External Auditor¹⁰;

Reaffirming the importance of the principle of rotation:

Decides to appoint the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as External Auditor of the Organization for a further period of two years commencing with the year 2012.

(Adopted on 15 April 2011)

16. In addition, the Council:

- **recommended** the continued partial funding at a level of USD 14.1 million in 2012-13 towards the past After-Service Medical Coverage (ASMC) liability, and deferred to future biennia any

⁹ CL 141/LIM/1.

¹⁰ CL 135/7, para. 53-55.

decision on the incremental funding proposals to improve the financial situation of the Organization;

- requested the Secretariat to take account of lessons learned with the first Mid-Term Review (MTR) process so as to improve the format and content of the next Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report, and to review best practices in implementation reporting by other UN Agencies;
- took note of the forecasted Budgetary performance for the 2010-11 biennium, recalled that any unspent balances in the Technical Cooperation Programme, Capital Expenditure and Security Expenditure Chapters would be transferred to the forthcoming biennium, and noted the forecasted budgetary Chapter transfers authorized by the Finance Committee as outlined in Annex II of document CL 141/9;
- recognized the cost estimates for the R12/IPSAS project, noted that these were reflected in the Capital Expenditure proposals of PWB 2012-13, and supported the high priority given to the synergistic project in the PWB proposals;
- endorsed the revised Terms of Reference and Composition of the Ethics Committee outlined in Annex III of the Report of the 138th Session of the Finance Committee;
- welcomed the progress made on the implementation of initiatives in the Human Resources Strategic Framework and Action Plan, and in this regard looked forward to the development of a mobility policy founded on a more mandatory model;
- noted the two alternative options proposed by the Finance Committee¹¹ on the basis of its deliberations following provision by the Secretariat of the in-depth review of the Shared Services Centre requested by the Council at its 140th Session. The Council resolved that this matter should be considered further within the context of consideration of the PWB 2012-13;
- endorsed the draft resolution relating to the Conditions of Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council for forwarding to the Conference, as outlined in Annex I of document FC 138/24;
- noted that background information would be prepared for the General Committee with a view to establishing the conditions for the Director-General to be elected by the Conference in June-July 2011, and recognized that the Joint Inspection Unit Report, whose recommendation had been accepted by the CEB and the Director-General, provided guidance for the establishment of the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General to be elected by the Conference in June 2011;
- endorsed the proposed amendment¹² of Staff Regulation 301.11.1 in relation to the FAO Appeals Committee as referred to in paragraph 88 of the Finance Committee Report (CL 141/9).

Regional Conferences

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)¹³

17. The Council reviewed the outcome of the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East held in Khartoum, Sudan from 4 to 8 December 2010, on the basis of the report and the oral presentation of the representative of the Chairperson of the Regional Conference.

18. The Council endorsed the Report, welcomed the Regional Priority Framework as approved by the Regional Conference and took note of the following recommendations of the Regional Conference to be considered through the PWB process:

- the need to further strengthen the Decentralized Offices network to better respond to Member Nation needs; and

¹¹ CL 141/9, para. 66.

¹² FC 138/23, Annex.

¹³ CL 141/2; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

- the need for technical assistance to upgrade agricultural and food security and nutrition policies; improve agriculture water management; enhance cooperation on issues of regional dimension; develop guidelines on international land acquisition and foreign direct investment in agri-business and develop national and regional interventions to monitor and control the transboundary pest and disease outbreaks.

Technical Committees

Programme and budget matters arising from the Report of the 29th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (31 January - 4 February 2011) ¹⁴

19. The Council commended the work of the 29th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), and endorsed its Report.
20. The Council expressed general support for the priorities proposed by COFI in the work of fisheries and aquaculture, especially in relation to food security and nutrition, in particular with regard to combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, small-scale fisheries, aquaculture and capacity-building in developing countries, and requested that those priorities be appropriately reflected into the PWB 2012-13.

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Report of the 92nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (7-9 March 2011) ¹⁵

21. The Council endorsed the Report of the 92nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).
22. The Council endorsed the amendments to the Financial Regulations proposed by the Finance Committee and the CCLM for the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The Council noted that the effective date of the amendments would be 1 January of the year for which IPSAS compliant statements would be issued, and that it was expected that this would be 1 January 2013. The Council endorsed the draft Conference Resolution set out in *Appendix D*, and agreed to forward it to the Conference for approval.
23. The Council noted that both the CCLM and the Finance Committee had endorsed a revision of the Charter of the Office of the Inspector-General containing a policy for the “*Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports*”. The Council further noted that the CCLM had examined an information document on the “*Whistleblower Protection Policy*” adopted by the Organization.
24. The Council endorsed the adoption by the CCLM and the Finance Committee of “*Terms of Reference and Composition of the Ethics Committee*”. The Council also noted that external members would be appointed subject to approval by the Council, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the CCLM at their sessions of Autumn 2011.
25. The Council concurred with the proposal by the CCLM that consultations with Regional Groups be held during the second part of 2011 and early 2012, with a view to agreeing on proposals regarding the functioning of the Regional Conferences to be referred to them in 2012, including possible amendments to Rule XXXV, paragraph 4 of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO).
26. The Council noted that the proposal to change the official name of FAO in Spanish so that the word “*food*” should precede the word “*agriculture*”, for the sake of consistency among the designations of the Organization in other language versions, would be referred to the Conference for approval.

¹⁴ CL 141/3; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

¹⁵ CL 141/7; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

Governance Matters

Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General ¹⁶

27. The six candidates for the post of Director-General addressed the Council in the following order:

Iraq	Mr Abdul Latif Rashid
Spain	Mr Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé
Brazil	Mr José Graziano da Silva
Austria	Mr Franz Fischler
Indonesia	Mr Indroyono Soesilo
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini.

Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report ¹⁷

28. The Council welcomed the progress report that included both quantitative and qualitative aspects of IPA implementation, and urged the full implementation of the IPA within the agreed timeframe.

29. The Council noted the good progress made to date and the future efforts that would be required to successfully deliver the IPA Programme, including the workload, risks, and associated risk mitigation measures.

30. The Council noted the integration of the IPA in the PWB 2012-13.

Report of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation ¹⁸

31. The Council welcomed the overall progress made during the three meetings of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation held in 2010-2011, and endorsed the proposals contained in document CL 141/14 on the working arrangements of the Technical Committees, the timeliness and accuracy of Governing Body documents, and modern technologies for Governing Body Sessions and inter-sessional work.

32. The Council also endorsed the recommendations made by the OEWG regarding the duration and format of the sessions of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), whereby COAG would be extended by one day and CCP by a half day, over two consecutive weeks, while maximising effectiveness and avoiding duplication in their deliberations.

Vision for the Structure and Functioning of Decentralized Offices ¹⁹

33. The Council took note of the overall thrust of the document which was the outcome of intensive discussions within the Governing Bodies in 2010 and 2011, with a view to fostering Functioning as One.

34. In this regard, the Council reaffirmed the importance of Decentralization and the need for Headquarters and Decentralized Offices to operate as a single Organization in a more efficient and effective way, emphasising the need to streamline performance at all levels, maintain continued and

¹⁶ CL 141/11; C 2011/14; CL 141/PV/5; CL 141/PV/8.

¹⁷ CL 141/13; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

¹⁸ CL 141/14; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

¹⁹ CL 141/15; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

careful monitoring and oversight via the Governing Bodies, strengthen skills and capabilities of Decentralized Offices by providing them with sufficient resources for undertaking delegated authorities, as well as qualified personnel within the context of a good Rotation and Mobility Policy.

35. The Council took note of the work remaining to be done, which would be discussed in Programme and Finance Committees, Council and Regional Conferences in 2011-2012, based on additional information to be provided by Management in this regard.

Conditions for the Appointment of the Director-General ²⁰

36. The Council welcomed document CL 141/INF/9 “Conditions for the appointment of the Director-General”.

37. The Council:

- Acknowledged that authority to determine the terms and conditions attached to the office of Director-General was vested in the General Committee and the Conference under Rule XXXVII.4 of the GRO;
- Noted that background information, including on practices of Rome-based organizations of the United Nations System, would be prepared for the General Committee with a view to establishing the conditions for the Director-General to be elected by the Conference in June 2011;
- Emphasized the need to ensure transparency and clarity on all terms of employment and emoluments (eg. accommodation) of the Director-General, and
- Agreed that the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit “Selection and conditions of appointment of the Executive Heads in the Organizations of the United Nations System Organizations” (JIU/REP/2009/8) provided guidance for the establishment of the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General.

Arrangements for the 37th Session of the Conference (25 June - 2 July 2011) ²¹

Draft Timetable for the Session

38. The Council agreed to submit the tentative Timetable set out in CL 141/12 to the Conference for approval.

Nomination of the Chairpersons of the Commissions of the Conference

39. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5 of the GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Chairperson of Commission I: Ms. Hedwig Wögerbauer (Austria)
- Chairperson of Commission II: nominee to follow (Nigeria)

Nomination of three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference

40. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5 GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Mr Pietro Sebastiani (Italy)
- Near East (nominee to follow)
- GRULAC (nominee to follow)

Nomination of Seven Members of the General Committee

41. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5 GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference: Brazil, Canada, Hungary, Jordan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Tunisia.

²⁰ CL 141/INF/9; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

²¹ CL 141/12; C 2011/12; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

Nomination of Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

42. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5 GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference: Austria, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Nicaragua, Oman, San Marino, Thailand, United States of America.

Nomination of Seven Members of the Resolutions Committee

43. The Council noted that there was consensus on the following seven nominees for the Resolutions Committee: Australia, China, Greece, Guatemala, Mauritania, Syria, United States of America.

Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 140th Session of the Council²²

44. The Council noted the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 140th Session (November-December 2010).

Other Matters

Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2010²³

45. The Council:

- endorsed the WFP Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council for 2010 and expressed its appreciation for a well-written and comprehensive Report;
- commended WFP for the results achieved in 2010, and encouraged further expansion of its innovative food assistance tools and continued efforts to improve coherence and achieve efficiency savings;
- welcomed WFP's lead role in the logistics and emergency telecommunications clusters and expressed support for the safety and protection of WFP staff in humanitarian operations;
- commended the efforts made to enhance Rome-based agency collaboration, especially WFP co-leading the Global Food Security Cluster with FAO, and requested a further strengthening of WFP information systems and participation in the Committee on World Food Security;
- noted shortfalls in funding against assessed needs, and requested continued support for WFP operations;
- agreed to forward to the 37th Session of the Conference for approval the draft resolution on Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, as reproduced in *Appendix E* to this Report;
- endorsed the use of the Permanent Representatives Website to seek the opinion of the Members of Council on the proposed change to Article XIV.6(a) of the WFP General Regulations, in the period between the 6-10 June 2011 Session of the Executive Board and the 37th Session of the FAO Conference.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013²⁴

46. The Council reviewed the Calendar for 2011-2013, noting the changes made in 2011.

47. The Council at its 143rd Session (21-25 November 2011) will be requested to approve formally the Provisional Calendar for 2012 and take note of the proposed Calendar for 2013. The Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013 is reproduced in *Appendix F* to this Report.

²² CL 141/16; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

²³ C 2011/INF/11; CL 141/LIM/3; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

²⁴ CL 141/LIM/2; CL 141/PV/6; CL 141/PV/8.

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO ²⁵

48. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following subjects:
- The Hague Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (The Hague, 31 October - 5 November 2010).
 - FAO/World Health Organization Cooperation on Food Safety - World Health Assembly Resolution 63.3.
 - FAO's participation in the Commission on the Status of Women on Rural Women in 2012.
 - 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
 - Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Eco-system Services (IPBES).
 - Implications for FAO under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 16 held in Cancun, Mexico (November -December 2010).
 - World Water Forum and World Water Week.
49. The Council noted that a draft Resolution on IPBES will be submitted to the 37th Session of the FAO Conference (June-July 2011), together with a background document including cost implications.

Provisional Agenda for the 142nd Session of the Council (July 2011) ²⁶

50. The Council reviewed the draft Provisional Agenda for its 142nd Session (4-5 July 2011), set out in document CL 141/INF/4.

Working Methods of the Council

Revised Note on the Methods of Work of the Council ²⁷

51. The Council approved the revised *Note on the Methods of Work of the Council* reproduced in *Appendix G* to this Report, and decided that the List of Delegates and Observers would henceforth be published as a web annex to the Report rather than be included in the printed version.

Margarita Lizárraga Medal ²⁸

52. The Council endorsed the nomination of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and Pacific (NACA) in Thailand, and proposed that the Medal be presented to it by the Director-General as part of the proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Session of the Conference.

Any Other Matters

53. The Council took note of a proposal by Bolivia, supported by GRULAC, to declare an International Year of Quinoa in 2013.

Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations) ²⁹

54. The Director-General informed the Council that he intended to appoint a new Deputy Director-General (Operations), Mr Manoj Juneja.
55. The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Juneja as Deputy Director-General for Operations of FAO, after the retirement of Mr Changchui He at the end of June 2011.
56. The Council thanked Mr He for his excellent work and commitment to FAO goals.

²⁵ CL 140/INF/6; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

²⁶ CL 141/INF/4; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

²⁷ CL 141/17; CL 141/LIM/4; CL 141/PV/4; CL 141/PV/8.

²⁸ CL 141/INF/7; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/8.

²⁹ CL 2011/LIM/5; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

APPENDIX A**Agenda for the Hundred and Forty-first Session of the Council**

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programme and Finance Committees

3. Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Recommendation to Conference on budget level)
4. Report of the Joint Meeting (23 March 2011) of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee and the 138th Session of the Finance Committee
5. Reports of the 105th (8-9 February 2011) and 106th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Programme Committee
6. Reports of the 136th (8-9 February 2011), 137th (10-11 February 2011) and 138th (21-25 March 2011) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 6.1 FAO Audited Accounts 2008-09
 - 6.2 Status of Contributions and Arrears
 - 6.3 Scale of Contributions 2012-13
 - 6.4 Other Matters Arising from the Reports

Regional Conferences

7. 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)
8. Programme and budget matters arising from the Report of the 29th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (31 January - 4 February 2011)
9. Report of the 92nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (7-9 March 2011)
10. Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General
11. Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report

12. Report of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation
13. Vision for the Structure and Functioning of Decentralized Offices
14. Conditions for the Appointment of the Director-General
15. Arrangements for the 37th Session of the Conference (Recommendations to the Conference)
16. Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 140th Session of the Council

Other Matters

17. Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2010
18. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013
19. Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
20. Provisional Agenda for the 142nd Session of the Council (July 2011)
21. Working Methods of the Council
 - 21.1 Revised Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
22. Margarita Lizárraga Medal
23. Any Other Matters
 - 23.1 Appointment of the Deputy Director-General (Operations)

APPENDIX B**List of Documents**

CL 141/1	Provisional Annotated Agenda
CL 141/2 (C 2011/25)	Report of the 30 th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Khartoum, Sudan, 4-8 December 2010)
CL 141/3 (C 2011/20)	Report of the 29 th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (31 January-4 February 2011)
CL 141/4	Report of the 105 th Session of the Programme Committee (8-9 February 2011)
CL 141/5	Report of the 136 th Session of the Finance Committee (8-9 February 2011)
CL 141/5 Add.1	Changes in the Membership of the Finance Committee
CL 141/6	Report of the 137 th Session of the Finance Committee (10-11 February 2011)
CL 141/6 Add.1	Changes in the Membership of the Finance Committee
CL 141/7	Report of the 92 nd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (7-9 March 2011)
CL 141/7 Add.1	Change in the Membership of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CL 141/8	Report of the 106 th Session of the Programme Committee (21-25 March 2011)
CL 141/8 Add.1	Changes in the Membership of the Programme Committee
CL 141/9	Report of the 138 th Session of the Finance Committee (21-25 March 2011)
CL 141/9 Add.1	Changes in the Membership of the Finance Committee
CL 141/10	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 106 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 138 th Session of the Finance Committee (23 March 2011)
CL 141/11	Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General
CL 141/12	Arrangements for the 37 th Session of the Conference (Recommendations to the Conference)

CL 141/13	Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report
CL 141/14	Report of the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation
CL 141/15	Vision for the Structure and Functioning of Decentralized Offices
CL 141/16	Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 140 th Session of the Council
CL 141/17	Revised Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

CL 141 INF Series

CL 141/INF/1	Provisional Timetable
CL 141/INF/2	Provisional List of Delegates and Observers
CL 141/INF/3	Provisional List of Documents
CL 141/INF/4	Provisional Agenda for the 142 nd Session of the Council (July 2011)
CL 141/INF/5	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Members States
CL 141/INF/6	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 141/INF/7	Margarita Lizárraga Medal
CL 141/INF/8	Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2010-13
CL 141/INF/9	Conditions for the Appointment of the Director-General
CL 141/INF/10	Towards more Coherent United Nations System Support to Africa (JIU/REP/2009/5)
CL 141/INF/11	Offshoring in United Nations System Organizations: Offshore Service Centres (JIU/REP/2009/6)
CL 141/INF/12	Selection and Conditions of Service of Executive Heads in the United Nations system organizations (JIU/REP/2009/8)
CL 141/INF/13	The Role of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General and Resident Coordinators (JIU/REP/2009/9)
CL 141/INF/14	Ethics in the UN system (JIU/REP/2010/3)

CL 141 LIM Series

CL 141/LIM/1	Status of Contributions and Arrears
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CL 141/LIM/2	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013
CL 141/LIM/3	Amendments to WFP General Regulations
CL 141/LIM/4	Revised Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
CL 141/LIM/5	Curriculum Vitae of Mr Manoj Juneja

CL 141 REP Series

CL 141/REP/1 to 9	Draft Reports to Plenary
CL 141/REP/11 to 24	

CL 141 PV Series

CL 141/PV/1 to 8	Verbatim Records of Plenary
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CL 141 OD Series

CL 141/OD/1 to 5	Orders of the Day
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C 2011 Series

C 2011/3	Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Recommendation to Conference on budget level)
C 2011/5 A	FAO Audited Accounts 2008-09
C 2011/5 B	FAO Audited Accounts 2008-09 - Report of the External Auditor
C 2011/10	Applications for Membership in the Organization
C 2011/12	Arrangements for the 37 th Session of the Conference (Recommendations to the Conference)
C 2011/14	Appointment of the Director-General

C 2011 INF Series

C 2011/INF/11	Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2010
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APPENDIX C

Scale of Contributions 2012-2013
(2010-2011 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

Member Nation	Proposed Scale¹ 2012-13	Actual Scale² 2010-11
Afghanistan	0.004	0.001
Albania	0.010	0.006
Algeria	0.129	0.086
Andorra	0.007	0.008
Angola	0.010	0.003
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.288	0.327
Armenia	0.005	0.002
Australia	1.942	1.796
Austria	0.855	0.891
Azerbaijan	0.015	0.005
Bahamas	0.018	0.016
Bahrain	0.039	0.033
Bangladesh	0.010	0.01
Barbados	0.008	0.009
Belarus	0.042	0.02
Belgium	1.080	1.108
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.001
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.007	0.006
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.014	0.006
Botswana	0.018	0.014
Brazil	1.619	0.88
Bulgaria	0.038	0.02
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.002
Burundi	0.001	0.001

¹ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2010-2012 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009.

² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2007-2009 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006.

Cambodia	0.003	0.001
Cameroon	0.011	0.009
Canada	3.222	2.992
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.002	0.001
Chile	0.237	0.162
China	3.204	2.68
Colombia	0.145	0.106
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.003	0.001
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.034	0.032
Côte d'Ivoire	0.010	0.009
Croatia	0.098	0.05
Cuba	0.071	0.054
Cyprus	0.046	0.044
Czech Republic	0.351	0.282
D.P.Rep. of Korea	0.007	0.007
Democratic Republic of Congo	0.003	0.003
Denmark	0.740	0.743
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.042	0.024
Ecuador	0.040	0.021
Egypt	0.095	0.089
El Salvador	0.019	0.02
Equatorial Guinea	0.008	0.002
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.040	0.016
Ethiopia	0.008	0.003
Fiji	0.004	0.003
Finland	0.569	0.567
France	6.152	6.332
Gabon	0.014	0.008
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.006	0.003
Germany	8.056	8.619
Ghana	0.006	0.004
Greece	0.694	0.599
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.028	0.032
Guinea	0.002	0.001
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001

Guyana	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.003	0.002
Honduras	0.008	0.005
Hungary	0.292	0.245
Iceland	0.042	0.037
India	0.537	0.452
Indonesia	0.239	0.162
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.234	0.181
Iraq	0.020	0.015
Ireland	0.500	0.447
Israel	0.386	0.421
Italy	5.023	5.104
Jamaica	0.014	0.01
Japan	12.590	16.706
Jordan	0.014	0.012
Kazakhstan	0.076	0.029
Kenya	0.012	0.01
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.264	0.183
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.001
Lao People's Democratic Rep.	0.001	0.001
Latvia	0.038	0.018
Lebanon	0.033	0.034
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.130	0.062
Lithuania	0.065	0.031
Luxembourg	0.091	0.086
Madagascar	0.003	0.002
Malawi	0.001	0.001
Malaysia	0.254	0.191
Maldives	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.003	0.001
Malta	0.017	0.017
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.001	0.001
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	2.367	2.268
Micronesia, Federated States	0.001	0.001
Moldova	0.002	0.001
Monaco	0.003	0.003
Mongolia	0.002	0.001
Montenegro	0.004	0.001
Morocco	0.058	0.042

Mozambique	0.003	0.001
Myanmar	0.006	0.005
Namibia	0.008	0.006
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.006	0.003
Netherlands	1.864	1.882
New Zealand	0.274	0.257
Nicaragua	0.003	0.002
Niue	0.001	0.001
Niger	0.002	0.001
Nigeria	0.078	0.048
Norway	0.875	0.786
Oman	0.087	0.073
Pakistan	0.083	0.059
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.022	0.023
Papua New Guinea	0.002	0.002
Paraguay	0.007	0.005
Peru	0.091	0.078
Philippines	0.091	0.078
Poland	0.832	0.504
Portugal	0.514	0.53
Qatar	0.136	0.086
Korea, Republic of	2.271	2.184
Romania	0.178	0.07
Russian Federation	1.610	1.206
Rwanda	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003
St Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
St Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.834	0.752
Senegal	0.006	0.004
Serbia	0.037	0.021
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Slovakia	0.143	0.063
Slovenia	0.104	0.097
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.387	0.292
Spain	3.192	2.983

Sri Lanka	0.019	0.016
Sudan	0.010	0.01
Suriname	0.003	0.001
Swaziland	0.003	0.002
Sweden	1.069	1.076
Switzerland	1.135	1.222
Syrian Arab Republic	0.025	0.016
Tajikistan	0.002	0.001
Thailand	0.210	0.187
The Former Yug. Rep. Of Macedonia	0.007	0.005
Timor-Leste	0.001	0.001
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.044	0.027
Tunisia	0.030	0.031
Turkey	0.620	0.383
Turkmenistan	0.026	0.006
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.006	0.003
Ukraine	0.088	0.045
United Arab Emirates	0.393	0.304
United Kingdom	6.636	6.675
United Republic of Tanzania	0.008	0.006
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.027	0.027
Uzbekistan	0.010	0.008
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic	0.316	0.201
Viet Nam	0.033	0.024
Yemen	0.010	0.007
Zambia	0.004	0.001
Zimbabwe	0.003	0.008
	100.000	100.000

APPENDIX D

Draft Resolution for the Conference
Amendments to the Financial Regulations

Amendments to the Financial Regulations

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling that the Finance Committee, at its 135th Session held from 25 to 29 October 2010, proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations for transmission to the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters for endorsement and submission to the Council;

Considering that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its 92nd Session held from 7 to 9 March 2011, reviewed and endorsed the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations;

Noting that the Council, at its 141st Session held from 11 to 15 April 2011, agreed to transmit to the Conference, for its approval, the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations:

Decides to amend the Financial Regulations as provided for in the attached table:

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

In the text of the Financial Regulations reproduced below, the proposed changes regarding deletions are indicated using ~~struck out text~~ and the proposed changes regarding insertions are indicated using *underlined italics*.

C. Financial Regulations		Proposed Changes
Regulation VI Funds		
6.8	<p>The Director-General may enter into agreements with governments and donors providing for technical assistance in the context of development projects to be executed/implemented by the beneficiary government or other national entity. Under these modalities, referred to below as projects under Partnership in Development Agreements, the following shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where the funds are to be held and managed by the government or other national entity under national execution or implementation arrangements, FAO's participation shall be separately reported to the Finance Committee as Funds under Partnership in Development Agreements, and such funds shall not be included in the Financial Statements of the Organization. b. Where the funds are to be held in trust by FAO and transferred to the government or other national entity for the implementation of agreed activities, the funds shall be reported to the Finance Committee in the Financial Statements of the Organization as Funds held in Trust on behalf of beneficiary governments under Partnership in Development Agreements and shall be subject to the internal and external auditing procedures of the Organization. Funds held in trust by FAO that are subject to national implementation shall be expended in accordance with the national regulations and rules of the implementing government and shall be subject to certification by the responsible national authorities, provided that the Director-General shall satisfy himself before entering into the agreement with the government that such regulations and rules are consistent with the Financial Regulations of the Organization and provide adequate controls over the expenditure of the funds. These projects under Partnership in Development Agreements shall be subject to audit at least once a year by an independent auditor appointed with the agreement of both the government concerned and the Organization in accordance with the respective agreements. 	<p>The Director-General may enter into agreements with governments and donors providing for technical assistance in the context of development projects to be executed/implemented by the beneficiary government or other national entity. Under these modalities, referred to below as projects under Partnership in Development Agreements, the following shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where the funds are to be held and managed by the government or other national entity under national execution or implementation arrangements, FAO's participation shall be separately reported to the Finance Committee as Funds under Partnership in Development Agreements, and such funds shall not be included in the Financial Statements of the Organization. b. Where the funds are to be held in trust by FAO and transferred to the government or other national entity for the implementation of agreed activities, the funds shall be reported to the Finance Committee in the Financial Statements of the Organization as Funds held in Trust on behalf of beneficiary governments under Partnership in Development Agreements and shall be subject to the internal and external auditing procedures of the Organization. Funds held in trust by FAO that are subject to national implementation shall be expended in accordance with the national regulations and rules of the implementing government and shall be subject to certification by the responsible national authorities, provided that the Director-General shall satisfy himself before entering into the agreement with the government that such regulations and rules are consistent with the Financial Regulations of the Organization and provide adequate controls over the expenditure of the funds. These projects under Partnership in Development Agreements shall be subject to audit at least once a year by an independent auditor appointed with the agreement of both the government concerned and the Organization in accordance with the respective agreements.

C. Financial Regulations		Proposed Changes
Regulation XI The Accounts		
11.1	<p>The Director-General shall maintain such accounts as are necessary and shall prepare final accounts for each financial period showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The income and expenditure of all funds; b. The status of appropriations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the original budget appropriations; ii. any supplementary appropriations; iii. the appropriations as modified by any transfers; iv. credits, if any, other than the appropriations voted by the Conference; and v. the amounts charged against the appropriations and against any other credits; c. Statements of assets and liabilities at the close of the financial period. He shall also give such other information as may be necessary, to indicate the current financial position of the Organization. 	<p>The Director-General shall maintain such accounts as are necessary and shall prepare final accounts for each financial period <u>calendar year</u> showing <u>and which will include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The income and expenditure of all funds; b. The status of appropriations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the original budget appropriations; ii. any supplementary appropriations; iii. the appropriations as modified by any transfers; iv. credits, if any, other than the appropriations voted by the Conference; and v. the amounts charged against the appropriations and against any other credits; c. Statements of assets and liabilities at the close of the financial period <u>calendar year</u>. He shall also give such other information as may be necessary, to indicate the current financial position of the Organization.
11.2	<p>Besides the final accounts for the financial period, the Director-General shall prepare, where the nature of the accounts so warrants, or in exceptional cases as decided by the Finance Committee, interim accounts at the end of each of the intervening years.</p>	<p>Besides the final accounts for the financial period <u>calendar year</u>, the Director-General shall prepare, where the nature of the accounts so warrants, or in exceptional cases as decided by the Finance Committee, interim accounts at the end of each of the intervening years.</p>
11.4	<p>The final and any interim accounts of the Organization shall be presented in United States dollars. The accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director-General may deem necessary.</p>	<p>The final and any interim accounts of the Organization shall be presented in United States dollars. The accounting records may, however, be kept in such currency or currencies as the Director-General may deem necessary.</p>

C. Financial Regulations		Proposed Changes
11.5	The final and any interim accounts shall be submitted to the External Auditor not later than 31 March following the end of the period to which they relate.	The final and any interim accounts <i>for each calendar year</i> shall be submitted to the External Auditor not later than 31 March following the end of the period to which they relate.
Regulation XII External Audit		
<i>Reporting</i> 12.9	The External Auditor shall issue a report on the audit of the financial statements and relevant schedules, which shall include such information as he deems necessary in regard to matters referred to in Financial Regulation 12.4 and in the Additional Terms of Reference.	The External Auditor shall issue a report on the audit of the financial statements <i>for each calendar year</i> and relevant schedules, which shall include such information as he deems necessary in regard to matters referred to in Financial Regulation 12.4 and in the Additional Terms of Reference. <i><u>This report shall be submitted in time for review by the Finance Committee during a session in the year following the period to which the financial statements relate.</u></i>

APPENDIX E

Draft Resolution for the Conference**Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme***Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme***THE CONFERENCE**

Recalling its Resolution 9/95 of 1 November 1995, concerning the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme;

Recalling Resolution 65/266 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 7 March 2011, on the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme,

- 1) **Decides**, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:
 - a) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - e) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - f) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the pattern of rotation shall be as follows:
 - i. A State from list A to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term, starting from 1 January 2012;
 - ii. A State from list B to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2015;
 - iii. A State from list C to be elected to occupy the additional seat every fourth term, starting from 1 January 2021;

- 2) **Also decides** that the rotating seat will henceforth rotate on a permanent basis among the States included in lists A, B and C, as described in paragraph 1 (f) above, without the need for a further review, unless such a review is requested by a majority of the Board members, and, in any event, not before the completion of one full rotation scheme of four terms;
- 3) **Further decides** that, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2012.

APPENDIX F

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013

		2011		
JANUARY	29 COFI	31/01-04/02		
FEBRUARY	105 PC* 136 FC* 137 FC* WFP IFAD/GC * IFAD/IX(1)*	8-9 8-9 10-11 14-18 19-20 21		
MARCH	66 IFAD/EC* 92 CCLM 138 FC 106 PC	3 7-9 21-25 21-25		
APRIL	141 CL 67 IFAD/EC*	11-15 19-20		
MAY	118 IFAD/AC* IFAD/EB* 107 PC* 139 FC*	3 9-13 16-17 30-31		
JUNE	WFP IFAD/ IX(2)* 68 IFAD/EC* 119 IFAD/AC* 37 C	6-10 13-14 16 20 25/06-02/07		
JULY	142 CL 34 CODEX* 69 IFAD/ EC	4-5 4-9 (Geneva) 12-13		
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	120 IFAD/AC* IFAD/EB* UNGA 93 CCLM	8 12-16 13 21-23		
OCTOBER	70 IFAD/EC* 140 FC 108 PC WFD 37 CFS IFAD/ IX(3)*	7 10-14 10-14 17 (Monday) 18-22 24-25		
NOVEMBER	WFP 121 IFAD/AC* 143 CL	14-17 18 21-25		
DECEMBER	71 IFAD/EC* IFAD/EB* IFAD IX(4)*	2 12-14 15-16		

Easter: 24 April 2011
 Ramadan: 1-30 August 2011
 Eid Al-Fitr: 30 August 2011
 Eid Al-Adha: 6 November 2011

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/A	IFAD Audit Committee
C	Conference	C	
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EC	IFAD Evaluation Committee
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	IFAD/G	IFAD Governing Council
CL	Council	C	
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	IFAD/IX	IFAD IX Replenishment Session
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COFO	Committee on Forestry	PC	Programme Committee
ERC	Regional Conference for Europe	UNGA	United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
		WFD	World Food Day
		WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

* Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session

		2012		2013
JANUARY	27 ARC	30/01-03/02		
FEBRUARY	WFP IFAD/GC 31 NERC	13-17 20-24 26/02-01/03	IFAD/GC WFP 96 CCLM	11-15 18-22 25-27
MARCH	31 APRC 94 CCLM 32 LARC	12-16 19-21 26-30	143 FC 111 PC	18-22 18-22
APRIL	IFAD/EB 28 ERC	9-13 16-20	IFAD/EB 146 CL	8-12 22-26
MAY	141 FC 109 PC 69 CCP 23 COAG	7-11 7-11 21-23 23-26		
JUNE	WFP 144 CL	4-8 11-15	WFP 38 C 147 CL	3-7 15-22 24-25
JULY	35 CODEX 30 COFI*	2-7 (Rome) 9-13	36 CODEX	1-6 (Geneva)
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	95 CCLM IFAD/EB UNGA 21 COFO	10-12 10-14 18 24-28	UNGA IFAD/EB 97 CCLM	17 16-20 23-25
OCTOBER	142 FC* 110 PC* 38 CFS WFD	8-12 8-12 15-20 16 (Tuesday)	39 CFS WFD 144 FC 112 PC	7-11 16 (Wednesday) 21-25 21-25
NOVEMBER	WFP 145 CL	5-9 26-30	WFP 148 CL	4-8 25-29
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	10-14	IFAD/EB	9-13

Easter: 8 April 2012
 Ramadan: 20 July – 18 Aug. 2012
 Eid Al-Fitr: 19 August 2012
 Eid Al-Adha: 26 October 2012

Easter: 31 March 2013
 Ramadan: 9 July – 7 August 2013
 Eid Al-Fitr: 8 August 2013
 Eid Al-Adha: 15 October 2013

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/A	IFAD Audit Committee
C	Conference	C	
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APPENDIX G

Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

1. The text of this Note, originally adopted by the Council at its Sixtieth Session in June 1973¹, was last updated by the Council at its Hundred and Forty-first Session in April 2011².

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

2. Between sessions of the Conference, the Council acts on behalf of the Conference as its executive organ and makes decisions on matters specifically entrusted to it, taking into account the advice of subsidiary bodies as appropriate. In particular, the Council should:

- D) Regarding the world food and agriculture situation and related matters –
 - a) draw up a provisional agenda for review by the Conference of the state of food and agriculture, drawing attention to specific policy issues which would require Conference consideration or could be the subject of a formal recommendation by the Conference, taking into account policy issues and instruments relating to food and agriculture being developed in other fora than FAO as appropriate;
 - b) examine and advise on issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation and related matters, especially any such issues of an urgent nature, which could call for action by the Conference, the Regional Conferences, the Technical Committees or the Director-General, taking into account developments in other fora of importance to FAO's mandate as appropriate.
 - c) examine and advise on any other issues pertaining to or arising out of the world food and agriculture situation and related matters which may have been referred to the Council in accordance with decisions of the Conference or any applicable arrangements, taking into account developments in other fora of importance to FAO's mandate as appropriate.

- II) Regarding the current and prospective activities of the Organization, including its Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget –
 - a) examine and make recommendations to the Conference on the Strategic Framework, the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme of Work and Budget, ensuring that a consultative process through the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees is observed in their preparation by the Secretariat, and that:
 - the Strategic Framework takes into account new global and regional challenges and gives consideration to events in other fora with implications on food and agriculture;
 - the Medium Term Plan is consistent with the Strategic Framework and provides clear guidance for the preparation of the biennial Programme of Work and Budget;
 - the Programme of Work and Budget is built on lessons learned from the Programme Implementation Reports and takes into account the findings and recommendations of strategic evaluations;

¹ CL 60/REP, paras 170-179 and Appendix G.

² CL 141/REP, para 51 and Appendix G.

- b) make a recommendation to the Conference regarding the level of the budget, taking into consideration both assessed contributions and voluntary contributions;
 - c) take any necessary action, within the approved Programme of Work and Budget, with respect to the technical activities of the Organization and report to the Conference on such policy aspects thereof as may require decisions by the Conference, drawing on the advice of the Programme Committee and Finance Committee as appropriate;
 - d) decide on any required adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget, in the light of the decisions of the Conference on the budget level, ascertaining justification of changes in the Programme of Work and Budget approved by the Conference;
 - e) review the reports on programme and budget matters of the Committee on Commodity Problems, the Committee on Fisheries, the Committee on Forestry, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on World Food Security, ensuring that their inputs are provided in a timely manner, in accordance with the agreed schedule of Governing Body sessions;
 - f) review the reports on programme and budget matters of the Regional Conferences, ensuring that their inputs are provided in a timely manner, in accordance with the agreed schedule of Governing Body sessions.
3. The Council should focus on its functions relating to administrative matters and financial management of the Organization, as well as constitutional matters, including making recommendations to the Conference on amendments to the Basic Texts of the Organization, ensuring that the Organization operates within its legal and financial framework.
4. The Council should elect members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM, and propose candidates for the offices of the Conference. The Council should also elect members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.
5. In reviewing the activities of its subsidiary bodies, the Council should ensure that:
- a) they give the necessary attention to the matters falling within their respective mandates;
 - b) they do not duplicate each other's work; and
 - c) their discussions are not repeated in the Council, except when this is necessary to enable a decision to be reached.
6. The Council should exercise its functions with full involvement and interaction of its Members, in the course of its sessions as well as during the inter-sessional periods, with active facilitation and coordination by the Independent Chairperson to drive forward continuous improvement in the efficiency, effectiveness and ownership of governance by the membership.

AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION

7. The Provisional Agenda should be prepared in consultation with the Independent Chairperson of the Council, taking into account suggestions made by the Members and the Regional Groups. It should be issued together with the invitation letters 60 days before the date of commencement of the Council Session and documents for Council sessions should be issued in sufficient time for Members to examine them before the session (see paragraph 11 below), and in a form that shall facilitate the Council's consideration.
8. A Provisional Annotated Agenda should be issued prior to the Council Session providing under each proposed agenda item the following information:
- a) the documentation required for the discussion of that item;
 - b) an indication whether the item is submitted to Council for decision, discussion or information.
9. Council documents should normally follow a standard format and contain an executive summary with a clear indication of any action the Council is requested to take. As appropriate, they should be submitted with a draft decision for consideration by the Council.

10. The length of Council documents should normally not exceed 5,000 words. All documents should be issued in the languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).
11. Unless the timing of the sessions of the bodies concerned makes it impossible, all documents should be dispatched at least four weeks before the opening of the session in question.
12. Sessions of other bodies whose reports must be considered by the Council should, as far as possible, be held in sufficient time to meet the deadline indicated in the previous paragraph.
13. To facilitate decision-making by the Council, the reports of subsidiary bodies should clearly list the points requiring the Council's decision or consideration.
14. Reports of subsidiary bodies and other documents which do not contain points requiring consideration or decision by the Council should be presented for information only.

CONDUCT OF DEBATE

15. The summaries contained in Council documents should provide clear introductory material. Oral introductions should be concise and focused, and highlight any important new developments which have occurred since the documents were issued.
16. The Chairpersons of the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee and the CCLM, as well as the Chairpersons of the Regional Conferences and, when available, of the Technical Committees should be invited to introduce the reports of the Committees they chair.
17. Interventions should be brief and centred on key issues highlighted in the document. Unless extended debate is required to develop a consensus, speakers should not restate views already expressed and only indicate their agreement or disagreement with points raised by previous speakers.
18. In respect of items on which a decision is required, if preliminary debate indicates that there is likely to be difficulty in reaching agreement, the Independent Chairperson should suspend the debate and allow for informal consultations or set up a sessional working party to examine the matter and make recommendations to the Plenary.
19. Except as otherwise provided in the Basic Texts, the decisions of the Council are taken by a majority of the votes cast, bearing in mind that the Independent Chairperson of the Council shall take steps to facilitate and achieve consensus among Members. Voting arrangements at Council meetings are spelled out in Annex 1.
20. With the exception of the provisions of the previous paragraph, debate on any item should normally be completed before debate on the next item begins.
21. Information items or documents will be listed at the end of the Agenda. Any delegation wishing to refer to these items or documents may do so under the agenda item "Any other matters".
22. The Chairpersons of the Committees and the Regional Conferences and the Secretariat should have the right of reply to the essential points made in the debate.
23. At the end of the debate on each item, the Chairperson should make a summary of the conclusions, decisions and recommendations emerging from the debate as an input to form the basis of the draft Council report.

REPORTS AND RECORDS

24. Verbatim records shall be kept of Council plenary meetings and accordingly Council reports, while recording in an unambiguous manner all decisions reached by the Council, should be as concise as possible.

25. A draft report should normally be prepared by a Drafting Committee or through another suitable arrangement agreed by the Council, with Secretariat assistance.
26. The reports of the Council should be written in clear and unambiguous terms to avoid potential misunderstandings on the type of follow-up action required.
27. Reports should consist of the conclusions, decisions and recommendations on matters discussed by the Council. The action taken by the Council should be clearly specified using the formula “The Council agreed/decided/recommended/requested/urged, ...” and the verb should be underlined in the report.
28. To the extent possible, the views of “a few” or “several” should be avoided. If the views of “some” or “many” members are included in reports, the verb should not be underlined to ensure that they are not mistaken for decisions of the Council.
29. Reports should not generally record the views of individual delegations by name, since the verbatim records include all interventions made in plenary meetings.
30. The Secretary-General of the Conference and Council should provide the Council at each session with a document regarding the implementation of decisions taken at the preceding session.

ADHERENCE TO THE METHODS OF WORK

31. These methods of work should be available to delegations during the sessions of the Council and posted on the Council Web page and the Permanent Representatives Website.
32. The Chairperson should draw this Note to the attention of Members at each session of the Council.

ANNEX 1 VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

Constitution

Article V - Council of the Organization

[...]

5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Constitution or by rules made by the Conference or Council, all decisions of the Council shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast.

General Rules of the Organization

Rule XII - Quorum and Voting Arrangements at Meetings of Conference and Council

1. Subject to the Constitution and these Rules, the following shall govern the procedure in relation to voting and elections in the Conference and the Council:
2.
 - a) Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution or these Rules, in the Conference a majority of the Member Nations and in the Council a majority of the Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
 - b) Before proceeding to a vote or election, the Chairperson shall announce the number of delegates or representatives present. If less than the number required for a quorum is present, the vote or election shall not be held.
3.
 - a) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Rules, the required majority for any decision or for any election to fill one elective place shall be more than one half of the votes cast.
 - b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, in the case of an election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the required majority shall be the smallest number of whole votes necessary to elect no more candidates than there are seats to be filled. This majority shall be obtained by the following formula:

$$\text{Required majority} = \frac{\text{number of votes cast}}{\text{number of seats} + 1} + 1$$

(disregarding any resultant fraction).
 - c) Subject to the provisions of Article XX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, when a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required by the Constitution or these Rules for a decision to be taken by the Conference, the total number of affirmative and negative votes cast shall be more than one half of the Member Nations of the Organization. If these conditions are not fulfilled, the proposal shall be considered as rejected.³

³ In the case of approval of agreements and supplementary conventions and agreements by the Council and the addition of items to the Council's agenda during a session, a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Council is required (i.e., at least 33 Council Members in favour).

4.
 - a) For the purpose of the Constitution and these Rules the phrase "votes cast" shall mean affirmative and negative votes, and shall not include abstentions or defective ballots.
 - b) In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the phrase "votes cast" shall mean the total number of votes cast by the electors for all elective places.
 - c) Abstentions shall be recorded:
 - i. in a vote by show of hands, only for those delegates or representatives who raise their hands in response to the Chairperson's request for abstentions;
 - ii. in a roll call vote, only for those delegates or representatives who reply "Abstention";
 - iii. in a secret ballot, only for such ballot papers deposited in the ballot box as are either blank or marked "Abstention";
 - iv. in a vote by electronic means, only for those delegates or representatives who indicate "Abstention".
 - d)
 - i. Any ballot paper carrying votes for more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, or carrying a vote for an individual, nation or locality not validly nominated, shall be considered defective.
 - ii. In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place any ballot paper carrying votes for less candidates than there are vacancies to be filled shall also be considered defective.
 - iii. The ballot paper shall carry no other notation or mark than those required for the purpose of indicating the vote.
 - iv. Subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a ballot paper shall be considered valid when there is no doubt as to the intention of the elector.
5. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Rules, the nomination of any candidate for an elective place to be filled by the Conference or Council shall be made by the government of a Member Nation or by its delegate or representative. Subject to the procedure for nomination provided in the Rules, the appointing body shall determine the nomination procedure.
6. Voting shall be by show of hands, roll call or secret ballot.
7.
 - a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Rule, a vote by roll call shall be taken either upon request of a delegate or representative, or if a majority of two-thirds is required by the Constitution or these Rules. Voting by roll call shall be conducted by calling in English alphabetical order the names of all Member Nations entitled to vote. The name of the first nation to be called shall be designated by lot drawn by the Chairperson. The delegate or representative of each Member Nation shall reply "Yes", "No", or "Abstention". At the conclusion of any roll call, the name of any Member Nation whose delegate or representative failed to answer shall be called again. The vote of each Member Nation participating in any vote by roll call shall be inserted in the record of the meeting.
 - b) The count and recording of votes by show of hands or by roll call shall be conducted by or under the supervision of the Conference or Council elections officer, appointed by the Director-General in accordance with the terms of paragraph 17 below.

- c) If for two successive ballots by roll call the name of the same Member Nation is drawn, the name of another Member Nation shall be designated by lot or lots drawn by the Chairperson.
8. When the Conference or Council votes by electronic means, a vote without recording names shall replace a vote by show of hands and a nominal vote shall replace a roll call. In the case of a nominal vote, the procedure of calling out the names of the Member Nations shall not be applicable unless the Conference or Council otherwise decides. The vote of each Member Nation participating in a nominal vote shall be inserted in the record.
- 9.
- a) For the purpose of the Rules, the term "election" means the selection or appointment of one or more individuals, nations or localities. The election of Council Members shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule XXII, paragraph 10 (g). In other cases, more than one elective place shall be filled at the same election, unless the Conference or Council decide otherwise.
- b) When one elective place is to be filled, the method of election by secret ballot shall be as provided in paragraph 11 of this Rule. When more than one elective place is to be filled at the same election, the method of election by secret ballot shall be as provided in paragraphs 12 and 13 of this Rule.
- 10.
- a) The appointment of the Chairperson of the Council and of the Director-General, the admission of additional Member Nations and Associate Members shall be decided by secret ballot. Other elections shall likewise be decided by secret ballot, except that in the case of an election in which there are not more candidates than vacancies the Chairperson may submit to the Conference or Council that the appointment be decided by clear general consent.
- b) Any other matter shall be decided by secret ballot if the Conference or Council so determines.
- c)
- i. For the purpose of a secret ballot, the Chairperson of the Conference or Council shall appoint two tellers from among the delegates or representatives, or their alternates. In the case of a secret ballot for an election, the tellers shall be delegates or representatives, or their alternates, who are not parties directly interested in the election.
- ii. The duties of the tellers shall be to supervise the balloting procedure, count the ballot papers, decide on the validity of a ballot paper in any case of doubt, and certify the result of each ballot.
- iii. The same tellers may be appointed for successive ballots or elections.
- d) Ballot papers shall be duly initialled by an authorized officer of the secretariat of the Conference or Council. The elections officer shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement. For each ballot only one blank ballot paper shall be given to each delegation entitled to vote.
- e) For a vote by secret ballot, one or more voting booths shall be set up, supervised in such a manner as to ensure complete secrecy of the ballot.
- f) Should any delegate invalidate his ballot paper, he may, before leaving the precinct of the polling booths, request a new blank ballot paper, which shall be delivered to him by the elections officer on the surrender of the invalidated ballot paper. The invalidated ballot paper shall remain in the custody of the elections officer.

- g) Should the tellers withdraw from the presence of the delegates or representatives in order to carry out the count of the votes, only the candidates or scrutineers appointed by the candidates may attend the count, but they shall not take part in the count.
 - h) Members of delegations and of the secretariat of the Conference or Council who are responsible for the supervision of any vote by secret ballot shall not disclose to any unauthorized person any information which might tend, or be presumed to tend, towards destroying the secrecy of the ballot.
 - i) The Director-General shall be responsible for the safe custody of all ballot papers until the elected candidates take office or for three months after the date of the ballot, whichever is the longer period.
11. In any election for one elective place, other than that of the Director-General, if a candidate fails on the first ballot to obtain a majority of the votes cast, successive ballots shall be taken at such time or times as the Conference or Council shall decide, until a candidate obtains such a majority.
12. In any election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the following shall apply:
- a) Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.
 - b) Any candidate who receives the required majority of the votes cast as defined in paragraph 3(b) of this Rule shall be declared elected.
 - c) If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot.
 - d) This procedure shall continue until all the elective places have been filled.
 - e) If in any ballot no candidate received the required majority, the candidate having received the smallest number of votes in that ballot shall be eliminated and a further ballot held, in accordance with (c) above, between the remaining candidates.
 - f) If in any ballot no candidate receives the required majority and more than one candidate receives the smallest number of votes, a separate ballot between these candidates shall be held and the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.
 - g) If in the separate ballot provided for in (f) of this paragraph more than one candidate again receives the smallest number of votes, the above operation shall be repeated with respect to those candidates until one candidate is eliminated, provided that if all the same candidates receive the smallest number of votes in two successive separate ballots, such candidates as will have been designated by lot shall be eliminated.
 - h) If at any stage in an election other than a separate ballot all remaining candidates receive the same number of votes, the Chairperson of the Conference shall formally announce that if in the two following ballots the votes are again equally divided he will suspend balloting for a period which he shall determine and then hold two further ballots. If after applying this procedure the final ballot again results in an equally divided vote, such candidate as will have been designated by lot shall be declared elected.
13. In any election by the Council to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the following shall apply:
- a) Two thirds of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum and more than one half of the number of Council Members casting valid votes shall constitute the required majority.
 - b) Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.

- c) The candidates who receive the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in a number equal to the number of elective places to be filled, provided they have received the required majority defined in paragraph (a) above.
 - d) If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot. This procedure shall be continued until all the elective places have been filled.
 - e) If, at any stage during the election, one or more of the vacant elective places cannot be filled because of an equal number of votes having been obtained by two or more candidates, a separate ballot shall be held among such candidates to determine which of them will be elected, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) above. Such procedure will be repeated if necessary.
- 14.
- a) If a vote is equally divided on a matter other than an election, a second vote shall be taken at a subsequent meeting to be held not less than one hour after the conclusion of the meeting at which the equally divided vote occurred. If the second vote is also equally divided the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.
 - b) At any stage in an election after the first ballot has been held, further balloting may be postponed by the Chairperson with the concurrence of the Conference or Council.
15. Once voting has commenced, no delegate or representative may interrupt the voting except to rise to a point of order in connection with the voting.
- 16.
- a) Any delegate or representative may challenge the result of a vote or election.
 - b) In the case of a vote by show of hands or roll call vote, should the result be challenged, the Chairperson shall cause a second vote to be taken forthwith.
 - c) A vote by show of hands or by roll call may be challenged only immediately after the result has been announced.
 - d) A secret ballot may be challenged at any time within three months of the date upon which it took place or until the elected candidate takes office, whichever is the longer period.
 - e) Should a vote or election by secret ballot be challenged, the Director-General shall cause the ballot papers and all relevant record sheets to be re-examined and shall circulate the result of the investigation, together with the original complaint, to all Member Nations of the Organization or of the Council, as appropriate.
17. An officer of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General for each Conference or Council session, who shall be known as the elections officer, shall, with the assistance of a deputy or deputies, be responsible for the following duties:
- a) to ensure that the provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization regarding voting and electoral procedure are correctly carried out;
 - b) to be responsible for all arrangements for voting and elections;
 - c) to advise the Chairperson of the Conference or Council on all matters pertaining to voting procedures and mechanics;
 - d) to supervise the preparation of ballot papers and be responsible for their safe custody;
 - e) to report to the Chairperson of the Conference or Council the presence of a quorum before any vote is taken;
 - f) to maintain records of all election results, ensuring that they are faithfully recorded and published;
 - g) to undertake such other relevant duties as may arise in connection with voting and elections.
18. If a decision is to be taken on a matter other than an election, for which a two-thirds majority is not required by the Constitution or these Rules, the Chairperson may submit to the

Conference or Council that the matter be decided by general consent without recourse to a formal vote.

19. Parts of a proposal or of an amendment shall be voted on separately if a delegate or representative requests such division, provided that, if objection is made, the question of division shall be decided by the Conference or Council. In addition to the delegate or representative requesting the division, two delegates or two representatives may speak for, and two against, the motion for division. If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the proposal or of the amendment which are subsequently approved shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal or of the amendment have been rejected, the proposal or the amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

20. The Conference or Council may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times any delegate or representative may speak on any question. When debate is limited and a delegate or representative has spoken his allotted time, the Chairperson shall call him to order without delay.

21. During the discussion of any matter, a delegate or representative may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the Chairperson. A delegate or representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairperson, in which event the appeal shall immediately be put to the vote and the Chairperson's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the votes cast. A delegate or representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

22. During the discussion of any matter, a delegate or representative may move the suspension or adjournment of the meeting. Such motion shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the meeting. At any meeting the same delegate or representative may not move the suspension or adjournment of the meeting more than once during the discussion of any one matter.

23. During the discussion of any matter, a delegate or representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two delegates or two representatives may speak for, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. The Chairperson may limit the time allowed to these speakers.

24. A delegate or representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other delegate or representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the Conference or Council is in favour of the closure, the Chairperson shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairperson may limit the time allowed to speakers under this paragraph.

25. The following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting, except a point of order:

- a) to suspend the meeting;
- b) to adjourn the meeting;
- c) to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion; and
- d) for the closure of the debate on the item under discussion.

26. When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the Conference or Council so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

27. When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the Conference or Council shall first vote on the amendment deemed by the Chairperson to be furthest removed in substance from the

original proposal, and then on the amendment next removed therefrom, and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon. A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from, or revises part of that proposal, but not if it negatives the proposal. An amendment by way of substitute shall not be voted on until the vote has been taken on the original proposal and any amendments thereto.

28. Subject to paragraph 27, any motion calling for a decision by the Conference or Council on its competence to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

29. Associate Members shall have the right to participate with Member Nations in matters pertaining to the conduct of business of meetings of the Conference, its commissions and committees, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs of this Rule, subject, however, to the limitations on voting and the holding of office stipulated in paragraph 1 of Article III of the Constitution, paragraph 3 of Rule XIII, paragraph 1 of Rule XIV and paragraph 1 of Rule XV of the General Rules of the Organization.

ANNEX 2
RULES APPLICABLE TO COUNCIL PROCEDURES

The main rules pertaining to the structure, functions and procedures of the Council are to be found in Article V of the FAO Constitution, in Rules XXII to XXV of the General Rules of the Organization, and in the Council's Rules of Procedure. However, other provisions of the *Basic Texts* of the Organization are also relevant. Therefore, a detailed list of the appropriate subject matters and relevant provisions is provided below.⁴

AGENDA	GRO XXV.6 ; RC II
AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS	Const. XIV, XV; GRO XXI
ALTERNATES	Const. V.1
CHAIRPERSON	
• Appointment	Const. V.2; GRO II.2(c)(viii); GRO X.2(j); GRO XII.10(a); GRO XXIII
• Functions	GRO XXVI.6; GRO XXVII.6;RC I.2
• Nomination	GRO XXIII.1 (b); GRO XLIV
• Term of Office	GRO XXIII.1 (a)
• Voting Rights	GRO XXIII.2; RC IV.2
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	
• Sessional	GRO XXV.10 ; RC V
• Standing	Const. V.6; GRO XXVI; GRO XXVII; GRO XXVIII.3; GRO XXIX; GRO XXX; GRO XXXI; GRO XXXII; GRO XXXIII; GRO XXXIV
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CONVENING OF	GRO XXXVIII.2 (b); see also SESSIONS
CONVENTIONS	see AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS
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DOCUMENTATION	GRO XXV.7 (a); RC VI

⁴ "Const." stands for Constitution; "GRO" for General Rules of the Organization; "RC" for Rules of Procedure of the Council; "Vol. II" for Volume II of the FAO Basic Texts.

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NOMINATIONS	see ELECTION OF
PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS BY	
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– Competence	Const. II.4-7; GRO XLII
– Holding of Office	Const. II.9; GRO XLIV
– Membership Rights	Const. II.8-10; GRO XLIV; GRO XLV.2
– Quorum	see this heading
– Voting	Const. II.10; GRO XLV

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VOTING	Const. V.5; GRO XII; RC IV see also PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS BY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
WITHDRAWAL AND RESIGNATION	GRO XXII.7, 8, 9,

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Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2011

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Colombia (C)
Denmark (D)
Egypt (A)
Slovenia (E)
Ireland (D)²

Angola (A)
China (B)
Czech Republic (E)
Guatemala (C)
Japan (D)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2012

Kenya (A)
Jordan (B)
Philippines (B)
Mexico (C)
Netherlands (D)
United States of America (D)

Burkina Faso (A)
France (D)
India (B)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Luxembourg (D)
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2013

Cameroon (A)
Canada (D)
Germany (D)
Haiti (C)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Australia (D)
Cuba (C)
Morocco (A)
Norway (D)
Republic of Korea (B)
Sudan (A)

¹ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2000-2002), List B (2003-2005), List A (2006-2008) and List C (2009-2011).

² Switzerland resigned from the WFP Executive Board on 31 December 2010, and agreed that Ireland would occupy this List D seat for the remainder of the term of office to 31 December 2011.

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Argentina	Guinea-Bissau	Portugal
Armenia	Guyana	Qatar
Australia	Haiti	Republic of Korea
Austria	Honduras	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Romania
Bahamas	Iceland	Russian Federation
Bahrain	India	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Lucia
Belarus	Iraq	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Ireland	Samoa
Belize	Israel	San Marino
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Bhutan	Jamaica	Saudi Arabia
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Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jordan	Serbia
Botswana	Kazakhstan	Seychelles
Brazil	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Slovenia
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cameroon	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Lebanon	Spain
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Liberia	Sudan
Chad	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Suriname
Chile	Lithuania	Swaziland
China	Luxembourg	Sweden
Colombia	Madagascar	Switzerland
Comoros	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Congo	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Cook Islands	Maldives	Thailand
Costa Rica	Mali	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Côte d'Ivoire	Malta	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Marshall Islands	Togo
Cuba	Mauritania	Tonga
Cyprus	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic	Mexico	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Turkey
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Denmark	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Montenegro	Uganda
Dominica	Morocco	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Egypt	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
El Salvador	Nauru	United States of America
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	Uruguay
Eritrea	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
Estonia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
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Fiji	Nigeria	Yemen
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Gambia	Pakistan	
Georgia	Palau	