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## Introductory Items<sup>1</sup>

1. The 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council was held in Rome from 1 to 5 December 2014 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

### Tribute to the Late Ambassador Alberto Raúl Breccia Guzzo<sup>2</sup>

2. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of His Excellency Ambassador Alberto Raúl Breccia Guzzo, Permanent Representative of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay to FAO, who passed away on Monday, 1 December 2014.

### Tribute to the Late David A. Harcharik<sup>3</sup>

3. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of Mr David A. Harcharik, former Deputy Director-General of FAO, who passed away on Wednesday, 3 December 2014.

## Procedure of the Session

### Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable<sup>4</sup>

4. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and, after a statement by the Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session as amended. 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<sup>5</sup>

5. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Mafizur Rahman (Bangladesh), Ms Maria Laura da Rocha (Brazil) and Mr Serge Tomasi (France).

6. The Council elected Mr Jón Erlingur Jónasson (Iceland) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Jordan, Liberia, Pakistan, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Zimbabwe.

## Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

### Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 June 2014)<sup>6</sup>

7. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries and in particular:

- a) welcomed FAO's Strategic Objectives as the basis for focusing the Organization's work in fisheries and aquaculture on food security, poverty reduction and sustainable management of natural resources;
- b) welcomed the Blue Growth Initiative and encouraged its further enhancement in pursuing the Strategic Objectives;
- c) underlined the importance of FAO's continued work in support of effective implementation of Port State Measures, the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, the International Guidelines on Bycatch Management, as well as development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture;

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<sup>1</sup> CL 150/PV/1; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>2</sup> CL 150/PV/2; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>3</sup> CL 150/PV/7

<sup>4</sup> CL 150/1; CL 150/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 150/INF/3; CL 150/PV/1; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>5</sup> CL 150/PV/1; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>6</sup> C 2015/23; CL 150/PV/1; CL 150/PV/7

- d) welcomed the proposal for a Global Assistance Programme (GAP) to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines);
- e) welcomed the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance, which will contribute to the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing;
- f) acknowledged the importance of inland fisheries as a means towards meeting the strategic objectives on food security, sustainable development, poverty alleviation, stable markets and increased resilience; and
- g) encouraged FAO to support capacity development in the areas of data collection and analysis, stock assessment, management, post-harvesting and policy development.

8. The Council also welcomed the acknowledgement by FAO of countries which had achieved the targets of the World Food Summit (WFS) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), noting that the reorientation of the Organization's action over the past three years had given new impetus to the fight against hunger, notably through the promotion of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

### **Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (23-27 June 2014)<sup>7</sup>**

9. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry and welcomed the State of the World's Forests 2014 (SOFO 2014). In particular, the Council:

- a) stressed the need for FAO as a whole, and its forestry programme in particular, to continue to prioritize its activities in support of the reviewed Strategic Framework, and to continue strengthening the links between forestry and food security;
- b) recommended that FAO assist countries in strengthening tenure rights and governance processes, including through building capacity to implement the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of National Food Security;
- c) underscored the importance for FAO of the work of the Regional Forestry Commissions and the collaboration with other regional bodies, as well as to support the network of regional forest communicators;
- d) requested FAO to continue its leadership role of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), and in collaboration with other members, seek new ways of strengthening the CPF;
- e) encouraged FAO to lead the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLR), and continue to actively participate in the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD) and the review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF);
- f) supported the formulation of policy and planning, information exchange and dialogue, as well as access to funding, with a view to achieving zero illegal deforestation;
- g) acknowledged the need to strengthen Members' capacity to develop and implement evidence-based forest policies, as well as cross-sectoral programmes that take into consideration the role of forests in addressing the Zero Hunger Challenge;
- h) supported the development of appropriate targets and indicators on forests in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the development of indicators for the socio economic benefits of forests; and
- i) encouraged FAO to explore further possibilities for interdisciplinary work on boreal forests.

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<sup>7</sup> C 2015/24; CL 150/PV/1; CL 150/PV/7

### **Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (29 September-3 October 2014)<sup>8</sup>**

10. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture, and in particular:

- a) the key areas of work of the FAO Food Safety Strategy;
- b) the updated World Soil Charter;
- c) the support to Members in collecting new data for monitoring investment in agriculture by enhancing their capacity to collect, compile, manage and disseminate official agricultural statistics;
- d) the call on FAO to continue its work in the promotion of family farming and its integration in the FAO Strategic Framework and the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- e) the suspension by the International Rice Commission of all its activities, agreeing that a standing item on rice be included on the agenda of the regular session of the Committee on Agriculture as appropriate; and
- f) FAO's work in the food and agriculture sector under the reviewed Strategic Framework.

11. The Council, recognizing the importance of water governance for food security and sustainable agriculture, recommended that the Organization support Members in incorporating this issue in their national policies and priority frameworks.

12. The Council requested that FAO play a greater role in contributing to global food chain intelligence and in assisting countries to contain the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), as well as the potential negative impacts on food and agriculture. In this regard, the Council requested that antimicrobial resistance be on the agenda of the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Council, supported by a document setting out the role of FAO and its partners and that a related draft resolution be submitted to the 39<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference in June 2015.

13. The Council reiterated its general support for the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) and requested that the related budgetary implications be submitted to Members' review before the 39<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference in June 2015.

### **Report of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (7-9 October 2014)<sup>9</sup>**

14. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) and in particular:

- a) welcomed the Chair's summary of the Ministerial Meeting on Governance and International Commodity Markets (6 October 2014).
- b) commended FAO's role in providing up-to-date market information and promoting increased market transparency;
- c) called for close monitoring of trends and challenges facing food and agricultural commodities over the medium term, drawing particular attention to issues related to food labelling and standards;
- d) stressed the importance of medium-term commodity market projections as an essential tool for policy debate and planning, and welcomed OECD-FAO collaboration in this regard;
- e) welcomed FAO's technical assistance in relation to the WTO negotiations on agriculture;
- f) welcomed the priority afforded to the relationship between food stocks and price volatility, and encouraged FAO to continue carrying out research on factors influencing price volatility;

<sup>8</sup> C 2015/21; CL 150/PV/2; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>9</sup> C 2015/22; CL 150/PV/2; CL 150/PV/7

- g) recommended that technical assistance continue to be provided to developing countries on food imports in the context of higher global food prices, and to facilitate discussion and analysis on appropriate trade policy issues;
- h) agreed that:
  - i. the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea should continue to meet on a regular basis;
  - ii. the IGG on Hard Fibres and the IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres should continue to hold regular joint meetings; and
  - iii. the other IGGs (Grains; Rice; Oilseeds, Oils and Fats; Meat and Dairy Products; Bananas and Tropical Fruits; and Citrus) should meet as required; and
  - iv. a standing item on rice be included in the CCP's regular sessions' agenda, when appropriate.
- i) welcomed the progress made with regard to the implementation of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), noting its relevance to the activities of the Committee.

### **Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (5 November 2014)<sup>10</sup>**

15. The Council endorsed the report of the Joint Meeting, and:
- a) commended the progress made in implementation of the Strategies for partnerships with civil society and with the private sector, emphasized the need for neutrality, welcomed the risk management mechanisms, and invited the Organization to continue efforts in building partnerships with non-state actors at all levels, reiterating the request of the Joint Meeting for specific progress reports on each of the two Strategies in future; and
  - b) underlined the importance of increasing concrete efforts, covering all FAO languages, particularly Russian, Arabic and Chinese, to reach language balance in FAO products through pragmatic measures to ensure cost efficiency, and noted that a detailed update would be reviewed by the Joint Meeting at its next session.

### **Report of the 116<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (3-7 November 2014)<sup>11</sup>**

16. The Council endorsed the Report of the 116<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee, and:
- a) appreciated the information note provided by the Secretariat with consolidated information on priorities aligned with the Strategic Objectives as emerged in the relevant bodies during 2014;
  - b) underlined the importance of articulating areas of emphasis and de-emphasis, taking into account priorities arising from the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees;
  - c) looked forward to elaboration on the connection between the work of the Organization and the Post-2015 development process;
  - d) welcomed the indicative rolling work plan of strategic and programme evaluation for 2015-2017 and supported the thematic evaluations of the five Strategic Objectives and evaluation of Objective 6, including statistics and the cross-cutting themes of gender and governance;
  - e) welcomed the evaluation of FAO's contribution in crisis-related transition and looked forward to further refinement of Country Programming Frameworks in this regard;
  - f) welcomed the synthesis of evaluations of middle-income countries and encouraged FAO to continue in its proactive approach, including with regard to advocacy and South-South Cooperation;

<sup>10</sup> CL 150/6; CL 150/PV/3; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>11</sup> CL 150/5; CL 150/LIM/6; CL 150/PV/3; CL 150/PV/7

- g) commended FAO and WFP for the joint leadership of the food security cluster, and encouraged funding partners to further recognize the importance of cluster coordination for effective humanitarian assistance; and
- h) noted that the Programme Committee would continue to review options for ensuring timely dispatch of documents in all languages prior to its sessions.

### **Report of the 155<sup>th</sup> (27-28 October 2014) and 156<sup>th</sup> (3-7 November 2014) Sessions of the Finance Committee<sup>12</sup>**

17. The Council approved the reports of the 155<sup>th</sup> and 156<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Finance Committee, and in particular:

- a) On the Financial Position:
  - i. urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions to ensure that FAO continued to meet the operating cash requirements for the Programme of Work;
  - ii. welcomed the External Auditor's issuance of an unqualified opinion on the Organization's Financial Statements for 2012-13 and recommended that the Draft Resolution presented in paragraph 10 of document CL 150/4, set out in *Appendix C* to this report, be submitted to the 39<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference for adoption;
  - iii. noted the Finance Committee's decision to set a rate of zero per cent for use in determining the amount of discount for each Member Nation that had paid its contributions in full before 31 March 2014;
  - iv. encouraged the Secretariat's continued involvement in the UN Common System's search for an optimum and practicable solution to the complex matter of the After Service Medical Cost Liability, and requested the Secretariat to continue in its efforts to contain the costs of medical insurance;
- b) On Budgetary Matters:
  - i. welcomed the proposal of the Director-General for a more transparent and equitable cost recovery policy, which integrated better activities funded by extra budgetary resources into the programme of work, and looked forward to a detailed policy for implementation for consideration at its next session ;
- c) On Human Resource Matters:
  - i. noted with satisfaction the progress on Human Resource initiatives, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue in these efforts;
  - ii. supported the Finance Committee's reiteration of the importance of engagement by FAO Members with the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) in order to achieve meaningful containment of staff costs at FAO;
- d) On Oversight matters:
  - i. noted the importance, as stressed by the Finance Committee, for the Organization to have a strong and effective accountability and internal control framework including in relation to the Decentralized Offices Network, and encouraged the steps being taken by the Secretariat in this regard;
- e) On Other matters:
  - i. endorsed the Committee's guidance provided to the Secretariat on all other matters within its mandate, as well as initiatives to improve its own methods of work.

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<sup>12</sup> CL 150/11; CL 150/4; CL 150/LIM/2; C 2015/5 A; C 2015/5 B; CL 150/PV/3; CL 150/PV/7

## Committee on World Food Security

### Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (13-18 October 2014)<sup>13</sup>

18. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and in particular:
- a) encouraged FAO and other stakeholders to implement the recommendations from the policy round tables on “Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems” and “Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture for Food Security and Nutrition”;
  - b) supported the voluntary Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, and encouraged FAO and other stakeholders to disseminate the Principles and support their implementation;
  - c) noted that efforts for agreement on an Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises were ongoing, with a view to presenting a finalized document for endorsement at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CFS;
  - d) noted that a proposal on CFS activities to be carried out in 2016-17 would be developed, for endorsement by the CFS plenary in 2015;
  - e) noted the requests for the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) to undertake a study on "Sustainable agriculture development for food security and nutrition, including the role of livestock", for presentation to the CFS plenary in 2016; and a study on "Sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition" for presentation in 2017;
  - f) endorsed the amendments adopted by CFS to Rule IV and Rule V in the Rules of Procedures relating to the CFS Advisory Group and the HLPE;
  - g) welcomed the CFS endorsement of the third version of the Global Strategic Framework, incorporating policy recommendations endorsed at the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFS in 2013;
  - h) welcomed the effort to develop a framework for monitoring CFS decisions; and
  - i) encouraged FAO to actively disseminate information about relevant CFS products and their uses throughout the Organization.
19. The Council noted that the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security were adopted in 2004 and welcomed their significant contribution in guiding national governments in the design and implementation of food security and nutrition policies, programmes and legal frameworks over the last ten years.

## Constitutional and Legal Matters

### Report of the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (20-23 October 2014)<sup>14</sup>

20. The Council approved the Report of the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).
21. In particular, the Council:
- a) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution set out in *Appendix D* to this report entitled "*Amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization*", and decided to forward the Resolution to the Conference for approval;
  - b) noted that the CCLM agreed to consider the proposal to establish the Commission on Statistics at a future session;
  - c) mandated the Independent Chairperson of the Council to hold consultations with the regional groups, open to all Members, with a view to reaching agreement on the proposed rules for participation of Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector Representatives

<sup>13</sup> C 2015/20; CL 150/PV/2; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>14</sup> CL 150/2; CL 150/PV/4; CL 150/PV/7

- in FAO meetings, and noted that the CCLM would review a proposal and finalize its work only after agreement among Members had been reached;
- d) approved the Amended Agreement for the Establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), set out in *Appendix E* to this report;
  - e) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution set out in *Appendix F* to this report entitled "*Review of FAO Statutory Bodies*", decided to forward it to the Conference for approval and recommended that this Resolution, as well as Conference Resolution 13/97, be inserted in Volume II of the Basic Texts of the Organization;
  - f) adopted the Resolution on "*Abolition of the Caribbean Plant Protection Commission established in 1967 by Council Resolution 8/48*" set out in *Appendix G* to this report; and
  - g) noted the contribution of the Development Law Branch (LEGN) of the Legal Office to the Organization's mandate and its Strategic Framework, which should continue to respond to the priorities identified by the regions and countries, while ensuring the continued multilingual nature of its work.

## **Governance Matters**

### **Independent Review of Governance Reforms<sup>15</sup>**

22. The Council welcomed the Draft Report of the Independent Review of Governance Reforms and looked forward to an in-depth review of the contents at its next session, following finalization of the Report. It expressed appreciation for the presentation by the Independent Review team and provided preliminary comments on the Draft Report prior to its finalization.
23. The Council noted and agreed with the criteria and tools used by the Independent Review team to assess the implementation of the governance reforms.
24. The Council appreciated that reforms at FAO had led to more dynamic governing bodies and greater degree of trust among Members, and between the Membership and the Secretariat.
25. The Council endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, and requested that the Report be finalized accordingly, as well as on the basis of guidance provided during its debate, with particular attention to the following:
- a) ensure consistency with issues agreed by consensus by the Membership during the FAO reform process, including on the integrity and scope of the mandates of individual governing bodies, and the format of their reporting;
  - b) avoid proposals or recommendations which may undermine the trust dividend achieved so far, including on the notion of using external expertise;
  - c) avoid suggestions and recommendations which may lead to duplication or inefficiency in the governance flow, recalling in this context that the reviewed Strategic Framework provides for linkages between global policies, strategic priorities, major programmatic initiatives and implementation processes, as well as ensuring effectiveness in priority setting for the Organization;
  - d) recognize the contributions of Regional Conferences within the system of governing bodies, and their unequivocal and integral status within the governance framework of FAO;
  - e) refine the recommendations on the three outstanding IPA actions, notably as concerns the membership of Council;
  - f) clarify practicality and budgetary implications of recommendations;
  - g) reassess recommendations for the whole or partial abolition of MYPOWs of governing bodies;
  - h) reassess the role and mandate of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), taking into consideration the full array of its activities and contribution to the mission of FAO;
  - i) use terminology and definitions in line with language in the FAO Basic Texts; and

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<sup>15</sup> CL 150/9; CL 150/LIM/7; CL 150/PV/4; CL 150/PV/7

- j) include a graphic representation of progress made, current problems and recommendations to facilitate Members' discussions.

26. The Council noted that the Final Report would be made available to Members by the end of 2014 for discussion at the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council in March 2015.

**Arrangements for the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (including Provisional Agenda and a recommendation by Council on a theme for the general debate at Conference)<sup>16</sup>**

*A. Arrangements for the Session and Provisional Agenda*

27. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in document CL 150/8 for approval, and in particular recommended that:

- a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture; and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters; and
- b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12.00 hours on Monday 8 June 2015, and the election be held on Friday 12 June 2015.

28. The Council further agreed to recommend to the Conference that the theme of the General Debate at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session be "Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty and Hunger by Strengthening Rural Resilience: Social Protection and Sustainable Agricultural Development", and that statements by heads of delegation be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.

*B. Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council*

29. The Council decided to establish a deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council at 12.00 hours on Wednesday 8 April 2015.

*C. Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II*

30. The Council noted that in keeping with regional rotation, the FAO South West Pacific Regional Group had been approached with a view to nominating a representative of a South West Pacific Island State as Chair of the Conference at the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of Council in March 2015. Furthermore, it agreed that the Chairperson of Commission I be from a country not within the G77 and China Group; and the Chairperson of Commission II be from a country belonging to the G77 and China Group.

31. The Council agreed to defer to its 151<sup>st</sup> Session the nomination of candidates for the offices of:

- a) Chairperson of the Commissions of the Conference;
- b) Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
- c) Seven elected Members of the General Committee to the Conference; and
- d) Nine Members of the Credentials Committee.

32. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity.

**Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18<sup>17</sup>**

33. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2015-18, set out in *Appendix H* to this report.

34. The Council noted the living nature of the document and agreed to continue using the informal meetings convened by the Independent Chairperson of Council with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups as a forum for further discussion and refinement of the document.

<sup>16</sup> CL 150/8; CL 150/PV/4; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>17</sup> CL 150/7; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

35. The Council agreed that any suggested amendments would be forwarded to the Independent Chairperson of Council for circulation to Members and further discussion during the informal meetings.

### **Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council<sup>18</sup>**

36. The Council appreciated the document and took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 148<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> Sessions (respectively 2-6 December 2013 and 16-20 June 2014).

37. The Council encouraged the Secretariat to pursue the completion of decisions shown as ongoing.

38. The Council requested that item 3 regarding the progress reports on implementation of the partnership strategies with civil society organizations, the private sector and regional organizations be indicated as ongoing.

## **Other Matters**

### **Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board<sup>19</sup>**

39. Pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, the Council elected six members of the WFP Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017) with the following distribution:

- List A: Libya
- List B: Islamic Republic of Iran
- List C: Brazil
- List D: Australia and Denmark
- List E: Poland

### **Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2013<sup>20</sup>**

40. The Council welcomed and endorsed the Annual Report of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council on its activities in 2013 and noted that this report was presented for the first time in the form of the Annual Performance Report.

41. In particular, the Council:

- a) welcomed the efforts of WFP to strengthen collaboration with the other Rome-based Agencies, in particular with regard to the continued support provided to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS);
- b) welcomed WFP's involvement in partnership and coordination efforts, in line with its newly approved Corporate Partnership Strategy, its engagement with partners in the Zero Hunger Challenge and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well as its active participation in preparations for the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit;
- c) noted the important programmatic and structural changes implemented at WFP during the previous year under the Fit-for-Purpose Initiative;
- d) noted WFP's implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review reporting into its Annual Performance Report, with a particular focus on gender, capacity development, south-south and triangular cooperation, "Delivering as One", alignment

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<sup>18</sup> CL 150/LIM/4; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>19</sup> CL 150/3; CL 150/LIM/3; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>20</sup> C 2015/LIM/10-CL 150/12; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

- with United Nations Development Group, results-based management and harmonization and simplification of business practices; and
- e) noted WFP's strong performance in responding to humanitarian needs in level three complex emergencies.

### **Outcome of the Joint FAO/WHO Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)<sup>21</sup>**

42. The Council expressed satisfaction at the successful outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), jointly organized by FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) in Rome from 19 to 21 November 2014, and praised the efforts of all stakeholders involved in ensuring such success. It welcomed the adoption by ICN2 of its two outcome documents, namely the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and its companion Framework for Action.
43. The Council noted the high level global attention generated by the Conference, and thus the importance for FAO to enhance its comparative advantage in addressing malnutrition and food security. Accordingly, the Council:
- a) appreciated the request by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO to the UN Secretary-General to invite the UN General Assembly to endorse the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and the Framework for Action, and to consider declaring a Decade of Action on Nutrition from 2016 to 2025;
  - b) welcomed the initiative to establish an Action for Nutrition Trust Fund to support governments in transforming the ICN2 commitments into concrete actions;
  - c) encouraged further mainstreaming of nutrition as a cross-cutting theme within the reviewed Strategic Framework; and
  - d) encouraged FAO to develop, in cooperation with other UN partners, a coherent mechanism for monitoring progress on the implementation of the ICN2 outcomes.
44. The Council noted that efforts to improve UN system coordination on nutrition should be based on the strengthening of existing mechanisms. It welcomed further steps being considered to enable the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) to serve as the appropriate intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder global forum on nutrition.
45. The Council stressed that nutrition was a key element of sustainable development and looked forward to the integration of the Framework for Action into the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

### **Margarita Lizárraga Medal<sup>22</sup>**

46. The Council endorsed the nomination of the Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF) Working Group and proposed that the Medal be presented to the SIF Working Group by the Director-General during a special ceremony to be held before 31 December 2015.

### **Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-16<sup>23</sup>**

47. The Council approved the proposed calendar for 2015 and took note of the draft calendar for 2016.

### **Provisional Agenda for the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (March 2015)<sup>24</sup>**

48. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 151<sup>st</sup> Session (March 2015).

<sup>21</sup> CL 150/10; CL 150/PV/4; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>22</sup> CL 150/INF/6; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>23</sup> CL 150/LIM/1; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>24</sup> CL 150/INF/2; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

### **Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO<sup>25</sup>**

49. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following subjects:
- a) Renewed Partnership for a Unified Approach to end hunger in Africa by 2025 within the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Framework;
  - b) 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission;
  - c) Global Health Security Agenda;
  - d) UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit (New York, 23 September 2014);
  - e) Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) / Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (COP MOP);
  - f) Enhancement of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing: International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA);
  - g) Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda; and
  - h) Global Migration Group.

### **Working Methods of the Council<sup>26</sup>**

50. The Council welcomed the initiatives taken by the Secretariat to improve the methods of work of the Council, and encouraged further improvements.

### **Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee<sup>27</sup>**

51. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Council, on behalf of the Conference, confirmed the appointment of one alternate member to the Staff Pension Committee as follows:

- a) For the period ending 31 December 2017:

<u>Alternate</u>	Ms Roxana Oller Catoira, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to FAO
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to replace and complete the term of office of Ms Lorena Patiño, Alternate Permanent Representative of Paraguay to FAO, appointed by the Conference at its 38<sup>th</sup> Session for the period 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2017.

### **Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies<sup>28</sup>**

52. Ms Susan Murray for the Union of General Service Staff Bodies (UGSS) made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

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<sup>25</sup> CL 150/INF/4; CL 150/PV/6; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>26</sup> CL 150/INF/5; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>27</sup> CL 150/LIM/5; CL 150/PV/5; CL 150/PV/7

<sup>28</sup> CL 150/PV/6; CL 150/PV/7



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## **Appendix A**

### **Agenda for the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council**

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#### **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, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

3. Technical Committees - Programme and Budget Matters arising from:
  - 3.1 Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 June 2014)
  - 3.2 Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (23-27 June 2014)
  - 3.3 Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (29 September-3 October 2014)
  - 3.4 Report of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (7-9 October 2014)
4. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 116<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and the 156<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (5 November 2014)
5. Report of the 116<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (3-7 November 2014)
6. Reports of the 155<sup>th</sup> (27-28 October) and 156<sup>th</sup> (3-7 November 2014) Sessions of the Finance Committee

#### **Committee on World Food Security**

7. Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (13-18 October 2014)

#### **Constitutional and Legal Matters**

8. Report of the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (20-23 October 2014)

#### **Governance Matters**

10. Independent Review of Governance Reforms
11. Arrangements for the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (including Provisional Agenda and a recommendation by Council on a theme for the general debate at Conference)
12. Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18
13. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (16-20 June 2014)

#### **Other Matters**

14. World Food Programme
  - 14.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
  - 14.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2013

15. Outcome of the Joint FAO/WHO Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)
16. Margarita Lizárraga Medal
17. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-16
18. Provisional Agenda for the 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (March 2015)
19. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
20. Working Methods of the Council
21. Any Other Matters
  - 21.1 Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee
  - 21.2 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

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## Appendix B

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CL 150/4	Report of the 156 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (3-7 November 2014)
CL 150/5	Report of the 116 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (3-7 November 2014)
CL 150/6	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 116 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and the 156 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (5 November 2014)
CL 150/7	Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18
CL 150/8	Arrangements for the 151 <sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (23-27 March 2015) and the 39 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (6-13 June 2015)
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C 2015/21	Report of the 24 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (29 September-3 October 2014)
C 2015/22	Report of the 70 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (7-9 October 2014)
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**Appendix C**  
**Draft Resolution for the Conference**  
**FAO Audited Accounts 2012-13**

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**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Having considered** the report of the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, and

**Having examined** the 2012-13 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

**Adopts** the Audited Accounts



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**Appendix D**  
**Draft Resolution for the Conference**  
**Amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization**

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**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Recalling** that the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at its Fortieth Session, held in Rome from 7 to 11 October 2013, reviewed and endorsed a proposed amendment to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization;

**Having taken note** of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), at its Ninety-ninth Session (Rome, 20-23 October 2014) on the proposed amendment to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization;

**Considering** that the Council, at its Hundred and Fiftieth Session (Rome, 1-5 December 2014), endorsed the proposed amendment and agreed to transmit it to the Conference for approval;

**Decides** to amend Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**“Rule XXXIII**

**Committee on World Food Security**

A. Composition and participation

(...)

7. The Committee may meet in extraordinary (or special) session:

(a) if at any regular session the Committee so decides;

(b) if the Bureau so requests; *or*

(c) *if at least a majority of the Member Nations which are Members of the Committee so request.*”

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<sup>1</sup> Insertions are indicated using *underlined italics*.



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## Appendix E

### Amended Agreement for the Establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean<sup>1</sup>

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#### PREAMBLE:

The Contracting Parties,

~~Taking account of the~~ ***Recalling*** international law as reflected in relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ~~which entered into force on 16 November, 1994 (hereafter referred to as the United Nations Convention) and which requires all members of the international community to cooperate in the conservation and management of the living marine resources of 10 December 1982,~~

**Further recalling the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks of 4 December 1995, the Agreement to promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas of 24 November 1993, as well as other relevant international instruments concerning the conservation and management of living marine resources,**

~~Noting also the objectives and purposes stated in Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992 and~~ ***Taking into account*** the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference **at its Twenty-eighth Session on 31 October 1995, and related instruments adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference,** ~~Noting also that other international instruments have been negotiated concerning the conservation and management of certain fish stocks,~~

*Having a mutual interest in the development and the proper utilization of the living marine resources in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and connecting waters (hereafter referred to as the “**area of application**” “the Region”),*

**Acknowledging the specificities of the different subregions in the area of application,**

**Determined to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources and marine ecosystems in the area of application,**

**Recognizing the economic, social and nutritional benefits deriving from the sustainable use of living marine resources in the area of application,**

**Further recognizing that, under international law, States are required to cooperate in the conservation and management of living marine resources and the protection of their ecosystems,**

**Affirming that responsible aquaculture reduces stress on living marine resources and plays an important role in the promotion and better use of aquatic living resources, including food security,**

**Conscious of the need to avoid adverse impacts on the marine environment, preserve biodiversity and minimize the risk of long-term or irreversible effects of the use and exploitation of living marine resources,**

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<sup>1</sup> Note to the reader. In this document:

- (i) text in normal font comes from the GFCM Agreement currently in force. It is proposed to retain it;
- (ii) text which appears in ~~strike through~~ is found in the GFCM Agreement currently in force. It is proposed to delete it;
- (iii) text which appears in **bold and underlined** is new as opposed to the GFCM Agreement currently in force. It is proposed to include it.

Recognizing the importance of fisheries conservation and management in the Region and of promoting cooperation to that effect,

**Mindful that effective conservation and management must be based on the best scientific information available and on the application of the precautionary approach,**

**Aware of the importance of coastal fishing communities and of the need to involve fishers, relevant professional organizations and civil society organizations in decision-making processes,**

**Determined to cooperate effectively and take action to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing,**

**Recognizing the special requirements of developing States to assist them to participate effectively in the conservation, management and farming of living marine resources,**

**Convinced that the conservation and sustainable use of the living marine resources in the area of application and the protection of the marine ecosystems in which those resources occur plays a major role in the context of blue growth and sustainable development,**

desiring to further the attainment of their objectives through international cooperation which would be furthered by the establishment of a **Recognizing** the need to establish for these purposes the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (**whose acronym shall be “GFCM”**) within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, under Article XIV of its Constitution,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1: Use of terms (new)**

**1. For the purposes of this Agreement:**

- a) **“1982 Convention” means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;**
- b) **“1995 Agreement” means the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks of 4 December 1995;**
- c) **“aquaculture” means the farming of aquatic living resources;**
- d) **“Contracting Party” means any State and regional economic integration organization comprising the Commission pursuant to Article 4;**
- e) **“Cooperating non-Contracting Party” means a Member or Associate Member of the Organization and such non-member States as are members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies not formally associated as a Contracting Party with the Commission which abides by measures referred to in Article 8(b);**
- f) **“fishing” means searching for, attracting, locating, catching, taking or harvesting of living marine resources or any activity which can reasonably be expected to result in attracting, locating, catching, taking or harvesting of living marine resources;**
- g) **“fishing capacity” means the maximum amount of fish that could be taken in a fishery or by a single fishing unit (e.g. a fisher, community, vessel or fleet) over a period of time (e.g. season, year), given the biomass and age structure of the fish stock and the present state of the technology, in the absence of any regulated catch limitations and if the means available are fully used;**
- h) **“fishing effort” means the amount of fishing gear of a specific type used on the fishing grounds over a given unit of time (e.g. hours trawled per day, number of hooks set per day or number of hauls of a beach seine per day); when two or more kinds of gear are used, the respective efforts must be adjusted to some standard type before being added;**
- i) **“fishing related activities” means any operation in support of, or in preparation for fishing activities, including landing, packaging, processing, transshipping or**

- transporting of fish, as well as provisioning of personnel, fuel, gear and other supplies;**
- j) **“illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing” refers to the activities set out in paragraph 3 of the 2001 FAO International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing;**
- k) **“maximum sustainable yield” means the highest theoretical equilibrium yield that can be continuously taken (on average) from a stock under existing (average) environmental conditions without affecting the reproduction process;**
- l) **“straddling stocks” means stocks which occur both within the exclusive economic zones and in areas beyond and adjacent to the exclusive economic zones;**
- m) **“vessel” means any vessel, ship of another type or boat used for, equipped to be used for, or intended to be used for fishing or fishing related activities.**

## **Article 2: Objective**

1. (*old Article I, 1*) The Contracting Parties hereby establish within the framework of the **Constitution** of the Food and Agriculture Organization (**hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”**) a Commission to be known as the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), for the purpose of exercising the functions and discharging the responsibilities set out in this Agreement ~~forth in Article III below.~~

2. (*old Article III, 1*) ~~The purpose of the Commission shall be to promote the development,~~ **The objective of the Agreement is to ensure** the conservation rational management and best utilization **and sustainable use, at the biological, social, economic and environmental level,** of living marine resources, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the ~~Region~~ **area of application.**

3. (*old Article II, 11*) ~~The seat~~ **The headquarters** of the Commission shall be **in Rome, Italy.** ~~at the headquarters of the Organization in Rome, or such other location as may be determined by the Commission.~~

## **Article: 3 Area of application ( new)**

1. **The geographical area of application of this Agreement comprises all marine waters of the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea.**

2. **Nothing in this Agreement, nor any act or activity carried out in pursuance of this Agreement, shall constitute recognition of claims or positions of any Contracting Party concerning legal status and extent of waters and zones by any such Contracting Party.**

## **Article 4: Membership**

1. (*old Article I, 2*) ~~The Members of~~ **Membership in** the Commission shall be open to ~~such~~ Members and Associate Members of the Organization and such non-member States as are members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies [~~or the International Atomic Energy Agency~~],

- a) that are:
- i) coastal States or Associate Members situated wholly or partly within the ~~Region~~ **area of application;**
  - ii) States or Associate Members whose vessels engage in fishing, **or intend to conduct fishing,** in the ~~Region~~ **area of application** for stocks covered by this Agreement; or
  - iii) regional economic integration organizations of which any State referred to in subparagraphs (i), or (ii) above is a member and to which that State has transferred competence over matters within the purview of this Agreement;
- b) and that accept this Agreement in accordance with the provisions **of Article 23 below.**

~~Article XIII below, it being understood that these provisions shall not affect the membership status in the Commission of such States that are not members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as may have become parties to this Agreement prior to 22 May 1963. As regards Associate Members, this Agreement shall, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV.5 of the Constitution and Rule XXI.3 of the General Rules of the Organization, be submitted by the Organization to the authority having responsibility for the international relations of such Associate Members.~~

2. (new) **For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “whose vessels” in relation to a Contracting Party regional economic integration organization means the vessels of a Member State of such Contracting Party regional economic integration organization.**

**Article 5: General principles** (*partly old Article III*)

The purpose of the Commission shall be to promote the development, conservation, rational management and best utilization of living marine resources, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Region **In giving effect to the objective of this Agreement, the Commission shall:**

- a) **adopt recommendations on conservation and management measures aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability of fishing activities, in order to preserve the marine living resources, the economic and social viability of fisheries, and aquaculture; in adopting such recommendations, the Commission shall give particular attention to measures to prevent overfishing and minimize discards. The Commission shall also pay particular attention to the potential impacts on small-scale fisheries and local communities;**
- b) **formulate, in accordance with Article 8(b), appropriate measures based on the best scientific advice available, taking into account relevant environmental, economic and social factors;**
- c) **apply the precautionary approach in accordance with the 1995 Agreement and the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries;**
- d) **consider aquaculture, including culture-based fisheries, as a means to promote the diversification of income and diet and, in so doing, ensure that living marine resources are used responsibly, that genetic diversity is conserved and adverse impacts on the environment and local communities are minimized;**
- e) **foster, as appropriate, a subregional approach to fisheries management and aquaculture development in order to better address the specificities of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea;**
- f) **take the appropriate measures to ensure compliance with its recommendations to deter and eradicate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities;**
- g) **promote transparency in its decision-making processes and other activities; and**
- h) **carry out such other relevant activities as may be necessary for the Commission to achieve its principles as defined above.**

**Article 6: The Commission** (*old Article II*)

1. Each Contracting Party shall be represented at sessions of the Commission by one delegate, who may be accompanied by an alternate and by experts and advisers. Participation in meetings of the Commission by alternates, experts, and advisers shall not entail the right to vote, except in the case of an alternate who is acting in the place of a delegate during his absence.

2. Subject to paragraph 3, each Contracting Party shall have one vote. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast, except as otherwise provided by this Agreement. A majority of the total membership of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

3. A regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission shall be entitled to exercise, in any meeting of the Commission or of any subsidiary body of the Commission, a number of votes equal to the number of its Member States that are entitled to vote in such meeting.

4. A regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission shall exercise its membership rights on an alternative basis with its Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Commission in the areas of their respective competence. Whenever a regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission exercises its right to vote, its Member States shall not exercise theirs, and conversely.

5. Any Contracting Party to the Commission may request a regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission or its Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Commission to provide information as to which, as between the Contracting Party regional economic

integration organization and its Member States, has competence in respect of any specific question. The regional economic integration organization or the Member States concerned shall provide this information on such request.

6. Before any meeting of the Commission or a subsidiary body of the Commission, a regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission, or its Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Commission shall indicate which, as between the regional economic integration organization and its Member States, has competence in respect to any specific question to be considered in the meeting and which, as between the regional economic integration organization and its Member States, shall exercise the right to vote in respect of each particular agenda item. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission or its Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Commission from making a single declaration for the purposes of this paragraph, which declaration shall remain in force for questions and agenda items to be considered at all subsequent meetings subject to such exceptions or modifications as may be indicated before any individual meeting.

7. In cases where an agenda item covers both matters in respect of which competence has been transferred to the regional economic integration organization and matters which lie within the competence of its Member States, both the regional economic integration organization and its Member States may participate in the discussions. In such cases the meeting, in arriving at its decisions, shall take into account only the intervention of the Contracting Party which has the right to vote.

8. For the purpose of determining a quorum of any meeting of the Commission, the delegation of a regional economic integration organization that is a Contracting Party to the Commission shall be counted to the extent that it is entitled to vote in the meeting in respect of which the quorum is sought.

**9. The principle of cost-effectiveness shall apply to the frequency, duration and scheduling of sessions and other meetings and activities held under the auspices of the Commission.**

**Article 7: The Bureau**

(old Article II, 9) The Commission shall elect a ~~Chairman and two Vice Chairmen~~ **Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons** by a two-third majority. **The three shall constitute the Bureau of the Commission which will operate in accordance with the terms of reference set out in the Rules of Procedure.**

~~The Chairman of the Commission shall normally convene a regular session of the Commission every year unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Members. The site and date of all sessions shall be determined by the Commission in consultation with the Director General of the Organization.~~

**Article 8: Functions of the Commission (partly old Article III)**

**In accordance with its objectives and general principles, the Commission shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:**

- a) regularly review **and assess** the state of living marine resources; ~~to keep under review the state of these resources, including their abundance and the level of their exploitation, as well as the state of the fisheries based thereon;~~
- b) **formulate and recommend, in accordance with the provisions of Article V Article 13,** appropriate measures, including:
  - i) for the conservation and ~~rational~~ management of living marine resources **found in the area of application;**
  - ii) **to minimize impacts for fishing activities on living marine resources and their ecosystems;** regulating fishing methods and fishing gear; prescribing the minimum size for individuals of specified species;
  - iii) **to adopt multiannual management plans applied in the totality of the relevant subregions based on an ecosystem approach to fisheries to guarantee the maintenance of stocks above levels which can produce maximum sustainable yield, and consistent with actions already taken at the national level;**
  - iv) **to establish** open and closed fishing seasons and **fisheries restricted** areas **for the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems, including but not limited to nursery and**

**spawning areas, in addition to or to complement similar measures that may already be included in management plans;**

v) **to ensure, if possible through electronic means, the collection, submission, verification, storing and dissemination of data and information, consistent with relevant data confidentiality policies and requirements;**

vi) **to take action to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, including mechanisms for effective monitoring, control and surveillance;**

vii) **to resolve situations of non-compliance, including through an appropriate system of measures. The Commission shall define this system of measures and the way to implement them in its Rules of Procedure;**

For the implementation of these recommendations

c) ~~promote programmes for marine and brackish water~~ **the sustainable development of aquaculture and coastal fisheries development and enhancement;**

d) ~~to keep under~~ **regularly review** the socioeconomic aspects of the fishing industry and recommend any measures aimed at its development, **including by obtaining and evaluating economic and other data and information relevant to the work of the Commission;**

e) ~~to encourage, recommend, coordinate and, as appropriate, undertake training~~ **promote the development of institutional capacity and human resources, particularly through education, training and vocational extension activities in areas of competence of the Commission** ~~in all aspects of fisheries;~~

f) **enhance communication and consultation with civil society concerned with aquaculture and fishing;**

g) encourage, recommend, coordinate and, undertake research and development activities, including cooperative projects in the areas of fisheries and the protection of living marine resources; ~~to assemble, publish or disseminate information regarding exploitable living marine resources and fisheries based on these resources;~~

h) adopt and amend, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, its Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations and **such other internal administrative regulations as may be necessary to carry out its functions;**

i) **approve its budget and programme of work and** exercise any other function as may be necessary for achieving the objective of this Agreement.

#### **Article 9 : Subsidiary bodies of the Commission (old Article VII)**

1. The Commission may establish, **as necessary**, temporary, special or standing ~~committees~~ **subsidiary bodies** to study and report on matters pertaining to the purposes of the Commission and working parties to study and recommend on specific technical problems. **The mandate of established subsidiary bodies shall be set out in the Rules of Procedure taking in consideration the need for a subregional approach. The Commission may also establish specific mechanisms for the Black Sea region which will endeavour to ensure a full participation of all riparian States, in accordance with their status within the Commission, to fisheries management related decisions.**

2. ~~The committees~~ **subsidiary bodies** and working parties referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be convened by the ~~Chairman~~ **Chairperson** of the Commission at such times and places as are determined by the ~~Chairman~~ **Chairperson** in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization, as appropriate.

3. The establishment by the Commission of **subsidiary bodies** ~~committees~~ and working parties referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be subject to the availability of necessary funds ~~in the relevant chapter of the approved budget of the Commission~~ and, before taking any decision involving expenditure ~~and the recruitment or appointment of specialists~~, the Commission shall have before it a report from the Executive Secretary on administrative and financial implications.

4. **Each Contracting Party shall be entitled to appoint one representative to any subsidiary body and working party, who at sessions may be accompanied by alternates, experts and advisers.**

**5. Contracting Parties shall provide available information relevant to the functioning of each subsidiary body and working party in such a way as to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.**

**Article 10: The Secretariat (old Article XI)**

**1. The Secretariat shall be composed of the Executive Secretary and such staff serving the Commission. The Executive Secretary and the staff of the Secretariat shall be appointed and governed in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures laid down in the Administrative Manual, Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of the Organization, as generally applicable to other staff members of the Organization.**

2. The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the Commission, or in the event of appointment between regular sessions of the Commission, with the approval of the Contracting Parties.

3. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for ~~implementing~~ **monitoring the implementation of** the policies and activities of the Commission and shall report thereon to the Commission, **according to the terms of reference set out in the Rules of Procedure**. The Executive Secretary shall also act as Executive Secretary to other subsidiary bodies established by the Commission, as required.

~~The Commission shall transmit, after each session, to the Director-General of the Organization, a report embodying its views, recommendations and decisions, and make such other reports to the Director-General of the Organization as may seem to it necessary or desirable. Reports of the committees and working parties of the Commission provided for in Article VII of the Agreement shall be transmitted to the Director-General of the Organization through the Commission.~~

**Article 11: Financial arrangements (old Article IX)**

~~The Commission may adopt and amend, as required, its own Financial Regulations by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties, which shall be consistent with the principles embodied in the Financial Regulations of FAO. The Financial Regulations and amendments thereto shall be reported to the Finance Committee of FAO which shall have the power to disallow them if it finds that they are inconsistent with the principles embodied in the Financial Regulations of FAO.~~

1. At each regular session, the Commission shall adopt its autonomous budget **for three years, which may be reviewed on a yearly basis at the regular session. The budget will be adopted** by consensus of its Contracting Parties, provided however that if, after every effort has been made, a consensus cannot be reached in the course of that session, the matter will be put to a vote and the budget shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of its Contracting Parties.

2. Each Contracting Party shall undertake to contribute annually its share of the autonomous budget based on the scale of contributions determined in accordance with a scheme which the Commission shall adopt or amend by consensus. The scheme shall be set out in the Financial Regulations.

3. Any non-member of the Organization that becomes a Contracting Party shall be required to make such contribution towards the expenses incurred by the Organization with respect to the activities of the Commission as the Commission may determine.

4. Contributions shall be payable in freely convertible currencies unless otherwise determined by the Commission with the concurrence of the Director-General of the Organization.

5. The Commission may ~~also~~ accept donations and other forms of assistance from organizations, individuals and other sources for purposes connected with the fulfilment of any of its functions. **The Commission may also accept voluntary contributions generally or in connection with specific projects or activities of the Commission which shall be executed by the Secretariat. Voluntary contributions, donations and other forms of assistance received shall be paid into a trust fund to be established and administrated by the Organization in conformity with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization.** ~~Contributions and donations and other forms of assistance received shall be placed in a trust fund administered by the Director-General of the Organization in conformity with the Financial Regulations of the Organization.~~

6. A Contracting Party which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission shall have no vote in the Commission if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years. The Commission may, nevertheless, permit such a Contracting Party to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay was due to conditions beyond the control of the Contracting Party but in no case shall it extend the right to vote beyond a further two calendar years.

**Article 12: Expenses (old Article X)**

~~The expenses of delegates and their alternates, experts and advisers occasioned by attendance at sessions of the Commission and the expenses of representatives sent to subsidiary bodies of the Commission shall be determined and paid by the respective Contracting Parties.~~

1. The expenses of the Secretariat, including publications and communications and the expenses incurred by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, when performing duties on behalf of the Commission between sessions of the Commission, shall be determined and paid from the budget of the Commission.

2. The expenses of research and development projects undertaken by individual Contracting Parties, whether independently or upon recommendation of the Commission, shall be determined and paid by the Contracting Parties concerned.

3. The expenses incurred in connection with cooperative research or development projects undertaken, unless otherwise available, shall be determined and paid by the Contracting Parties in the form and proportion to which they shall mutually agree. ~~Contributions for cooperative projects shall be paid into a trust fund to be established by the FAO and shall be administered by the FAO in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the FAO.~~

4. The expenses of experts invited to attend meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies in their individual capacity shall be borne by the budget of the Commission.

~~The Commission may accept voluntary contributions generally or in connection with specific projects or activities of the Commission. Such contributions shall be paid into a trust fund to be established by the FAO. The acceptance of such voluntary contributions and the administration of the trust fund shall be in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the FAO.~~

5. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid out of its autonomous budget except those relating to such staff and facilities as can be made available by the Organization. The expenses to be borne by the Organization shall be determined and paid within the limits of the biennial budget prepared by the Director-General and approved by the Conference of the Organization in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization.

6. Expenses incurred by delegates, their alternates, experts and advisers when attending, as government representatives, sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the expenses incurred by observers at sessions, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations. **In recognition of the special requirements of developing States Contracting Parties, according to Article 17 and subject to the availability of funds, the expenses could be borne by the budget of the Commission.**

**Article 13: Decision making (old Article V)**

1. The recommendations referred to in ~~Article III, paragraph 1(b)~~ **Article 8(b)**, shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties of the Commission present and voting. The text of such recommendations shall be communicated by ~~the Chairman of the Commission~~ **the Executive Secretary** to each Contracting Party, **cooperating non-Contracting Party and relevant non-Contracting Party.**

2. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Contracting Parties of the Commission undertake to give effect to any recommendations adopted under ~~Article III, paragraph 1(b)~~ **Article 8(b)**, from the date determined by the Commission, which shall not be before the period for objection provided for in this Article has elapsed.

3. Any Contracting Party of the Commission may, within one hundred and twenty days from the date of notification of a recommendation, object to it and, in that event, shall not be under obligation to give effect to that recommendation. **The objection should include a written explanation of reasons for objecting, and where appropriate, proposals for alternative measures.** In the event of an objection being made within the one hundred and twenty days period, any other Contracting Party may similarly object at any time within a further period of sixty days. A Contracting Party may also, at any time, withdraw its objection and give effect to a recommendation.

4. If objections to a recommendation are made by more than one-third of the Contracting Parties of the Commission, the other Contracting Parties shall be relieved forthwith of any obligation to give effect to that recommendation; nevertheless any or all of them may agree among themselves to give effect to it.

5. ~~The Chairman of the Commission~~ **The Executive Secretary** shall promptly notify each Contracting Party immediately upon receipt of each objection or withdrawal of objection.

**6. In exceptional circumstances, when required by a Contracting Party as determined by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson, if urgent matters require Contracting Parties to take decisions between sessions of the Commission any rapid means of communication, including electronic means of communication, may be used for decision-making with respect to procedural and administrative matters of the Commission only, including any of its subsidiary bodies, other than matters relating to the interpretation of and the adoption of amendments to the Agreement or its Rules of Procedure.**

**Article 14: Obligations relating to the implementation of decisions by the Contracting Parties.** *(new)*

1. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Contracting Parties of the Commission undertake to give effect to any recommendations made by the Commission ~~under Article 8(b), Article III, paragraph 1(b), Article 7(b);~~ **under Article 8(b),** from the date determined by the Commission, which shall not be before the period for objection provided for in **Article 13** has elapsed.

2. **Each Contracting Party shall transpose, as appropriate, adopted recommendations into national laws, regulations or appropriate legal instruments of the regional economic integration organization. They shall report annually to the Commission indicating how they have implemented and/or transposed the recommendations, including providing such relevant legislative documents in connection with these recommendations as may be required by the Commission and information on the monitoring and control of their fisheries. The Commission shall use this information to assess whether the recommendations are uniformly implemented.**

3. **Each Contracting Party shall take measures and cooperate to ensure that their duties as flag States and port States are fulfilled in accordance with relevant international instruments to which it is a party and with recommendations adopted by the Commission.**

4. **The Commission, through a process leading to the identification of cases of non-compliance, will address Contracting Parties which fail to comply with recommendations adopted by the Commission with a view to resolving situations of non-compliance.**

5. **The Commission shall define through its Rules of Procedure appropriate measures which may be taken by the Commission when Contracting Parties are identified as being in prolonged and unjustified non-compliance with its recommendations.**

**Article 15: Observers** *(new)*

1. **In accordance with the Rules of the Organization, the Commission may invite or, upon their request, allow in observer capacity regional or international governmental organizations and regional or international or other non-governmental organizations, including from the private sector, which have interests and objectives common with those of the Commission or whose activities are pertinent to the work of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies.**

**2. Any Member or Associate Member of the Organization that is not a Contracting Party may, upon its request, be invited as an observer at sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. It may submit memoranda and participate without vote in discussions.**

**Article 16: Cooperation with other organizations and institutions (partly old Article VIII)**

1. The Commission shall cooperate ~~closely~~ with other international organizations and institutions in matters of mutual interest.

**2. The Commission shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with other relevant organizations and institutions, including entering into memoranda of understanding and partnership agreements.**

**Article 17: Recognition of the special requirements of developing States Contracting Parties (new)**

**1. The Commission shall give full recognition to the special requirements of developing States Contracting Parties to this Agreement, in accordance with relevant provisions in the 1995 Agreement.**

**2. The Contracting Parties may cooperate, either directly or through the Commission, for the purposes set out in this Agreement and provide assistance for identified needs.**

**Article 18: Non-Contracting Parties (new)**

**1. The Commission, through the Secretariat, may invite non-Contracting Parties whose vessels engage in fishing in the area of application, with particular reference to coastal States, to cooperate fully in the implementation of its recommendations, including by becoming cooperating non-Contracting Parties. The Commission may accept by consensus of its Contracting Parties any application for granting cooperating non-Contracting Party status provided however that if, after every effort has been made, a consensus cannot be reached, the matter will be put to a vote and the cooperating non-Contracting Party status will be granted by a two-thirds majority of its Contracting Parties.**

**2. The Commission, through the Secretariat, shall exchange information with respect to vessels engaged in fishing or fishing related activities in the Agreement area that are flying the flags of non-Contracting Parties to this Agreement and identify and address, as appropriate, including through the application of sanctions, consistent with international law, which shall be defined in the Rules of Procedure, cases of activities by non-Contracting Parties adversely affecting the objective of the Agreement. Sanctions may include non-discriminatory market-related measures.**

**3. The Commission shall take measures, consistent with international law and with this Agreement, to deter the activities of such vessels which undermine the effectiveness of applicable recommendations, and shall regularly report on any action taken in response to fishing or fishing related activities in the Agreement area by non-Contracting Parties.**

**4. The Commission shall draw the attention of any non-Contracting Parties to any activity which, in the opinion of any Contracting Party, negatively affects the implementation of the objective of the Agreement.**

**Article 19: Settlement of disputes on the interpretation and application of the Agreement (partly old Article XVI)**

**1. In the event of a dispute between two or more of Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement, the Parties concerned shall consult among each other with a view to seeking solutions by negotiation, mediation, inquiry or any other peaceful means of their own choice.**

**2. If the parties concerned cannot reach agreement in accordance with paragraph 19.1, they may jointly refer the matter to a committee composed of one representative appointed by each of the party of the dispute, and in addition the Chairperson of the Commission. The findings by such**

committee, while not binding in character, shall constitute the basis for renewed consideration by the Contracting Parties concerned of the matter out of which disagreement arose.

**3. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement not resolved under paragraphs 19.1 and 19.2 may, with the consent in each case of all parties to the dispute, be referred for settlement to arbitration. The results of the arbitration procedure shall be binding upon the parties.**

**4. In cases where the dispute is referred to arbitration, the arbitral tribunal shall be constituted as provided in the Annex to this Agreement. The Annex forms an integral part of this Agreement.**

**Article 20: Relationship with other agreements (old Article XIII, 8)**

References in this Agreement to the 1982 Convention or to other international agreements do not prejudice the position of any State with respect to signature, ratification, or accession to the 1982 Convention or with respect to other agreements, **nor the rights, jurisdiction and duties of Contracting Parties under the 1982 Convention or the 1995 Agreement.**

**Article 21: Official languages of the Commission (new)**

**The official languages of the Commission shall be such official languages of the Organization as the Commission itself may decide. The delegations may use any one of these languages at sessions and for their reports and communications. The use of official languages for simultaneous interpretation and translation of documents in the statutory sessions of the Commission shall be specified in the Rules of Procedure.**

**Article 22: Amendments (old Article XII)**

1. The Commission may amend this Agreement by a two-thirds majority of all the Contracting Parties. Subject to paragraph 2 below, amendments shall come into force as from the date of their adoption by the Commission.

2. Amendments involving new obligations for Contracting Parties shall come into force after acceptance by two-thirds of the Contracting Parties and with respect to each Contracting Party only on acceptance of it by that Contracting Party. The instruments of acceptance of amendments involving new obligations shall be deposited with the Director-General of the Organization, who shall inform all the Members of the Organization, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the receipt of acceptance and the entry into force of such amendments. The rights and obligations of any Contracting Party that has not accepted an amendment involving additional obligations shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Agreement as they stood prior to the amendment.

3. Amendments to this Agreement shall be reported to the Council of the Organization which shall have the power to disallow any amendment which it finds to be inconsistent with the objectives and purposes of the Organization or the provisions of the Constitution of the Organization. If the Council of the Organization considers it desirable, it may refer the amendment to the Conference of the Organization which shall have the same power.

**Article 23: Acceptance (old Article XIII)**

1. This Agreement shall be open to acceptance by Members or Associate Members of the Organization.

2. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, admit to membership such other States that are members of the United Nations, or any of its specialized as have submitted an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept this Agreement as in force at the time of admission.

3. Participation in the activities of the Commission by Contracting Parties which are not Members or Associate Members of the Organization shall be contingent upon the assumption of such proportionate share in the expenses of the Secretariat as may be determined in the light of the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization.

4. Acceptance of this Agreement by any Member or Associate Member of the Organization shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization and shall take effect on receipt of such instrument by the Director-General.
5. Acceptance of this Agreement by non-members of the Organization shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of the Organization. Membership shall become effective on the date on which the Commission approves the application for membership, in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article.
6. The Director-General of the Organization shall inform all Contracting Parties of the Commission, all Members of the Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of all acceptances that have become effective.
7. Acceptance of this Agreement **by non-Contracting Parties** may be made subject to reservations which shall become effective only upon **approval by two thirds of** the Contracting Parties. Contracting Parties **whose relevant competent authorities** have not replied within three months from the date of the notification shall be deemed to have accepted the reservation. Failing such approval, the nation or regional economic integration organization making the reservation shall not become a party to this Agreement. The Director-General of the Organization shall notify forthwith all Contracting Parties of any reservations.

**Article 24: Entry into force (old Article XIV)**

This Agreement shall enter into force as from the date of receipt of the fifth instrument of acceptance.

**Article 25: Reservations (new)**

1. **Acceptance of this Agreement may be made subject to reservations, which shall not be incompatible with the objectives of the Agreement and shall be made in accordance with the general rules of public international law as reflected in the provisions of Part II, Section 2 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969.**

2. **The Commission shall regularly assess if a reservation may create issues of non-compliance with the recommendations adopted under Article 8(b) and may consider appropriate measures, as foreseen in its Rules of Procedures.**

~~The Members of the Commission shall, when accepting this Agreement, state explicitly to which territories their participation shall extend. In the absence of such a declaration, participation shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Member is responsible. Subject to the provisions of Article XVI below, the scope of the territorial application may be modified by a subsequent declaration.~~

**Article 26: Withdrawal (old Article XVI)**

1. Any Contracting Party may withdraw from this Agreement at any time after the expiration of two years from the date upon which the Agreement entered into force with respect to that Contracting Party, by giving written notice of such withdrawal to the Director-General of the Organization, who shall immediately inform all the Contracting Parties and the Members of the Organization of such withdrawal. Notice of withdrawal shall become effective three months from the date of its receipt by the Director-General of the Organization.
2. A Contracting Party may give notice of withdrawal with respect to one or more of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. When a Contracting Party gives notice of its own withdrawal from the Commission it shall state to which territory or territories the withdrawal is to apply. In the absence of such a declaration, the withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Contracting Party is responsible, with the exception of Associate Members.
3. Any Contracting Party that gives notice of withdrawal from the Organization shall be deemed to have simultaneously withdrawn from the Commission, and this withdrawal shall be deemed to apply to all the territories for the international relations of which the Contracting Party concerned is responsible, except that such withdrawal shall not be deemed to apply to an Associate Member.

**Article 27: Termination** *(old Article XVIII)*

This Agreement shall be automatically terminated if and when, as the result of withdrawals, the number of Contracting Parties drops below five, unless the remaining Contracting Parties unanimously decide otherwise.

**Article 28: Certification and registration** *(old Article XIX)*

The text of this Agreement was originally formulated at Rome on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine in the French language. Two copies in the Arabic, English, French and Spanish languages of this Agreement and of any amendments to this Agreement shall be certified by the Chairperson of the Commission and by the Director-General of the Organization. One of these copies shall be deposited in the archives of the Organization. The other copy shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration. In addition, the Director-General shall certify copies of this Agreement and transmit one copy to each member of the Organization and to such non-member of the Organization that are or may become Contracting Parties to this Agreement.

### Arbitral Tribunal

**1. The arbitral tribunal referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 19 shall be composed of three arbitrators who shall be appointed as follows:**

a) **The Contracting Party commencing proceedings shall communicate the name of an arbitrator to the other Contracting Party which, in turn, within a period of forty days following such notification, shall communicate the name of the second arbitrator. In disputes between more than two Contracting Parties, parties to the dispute with the same interest shall appoint one arbitrator jointly by agreement. The Contracting Parties shall, within a period of sixty days following the appointment of the second arbitrator, appoint the third arbitrator, who shall not be a national of either Contracting Party and shall not be of the same nationality as either of the first two arbitrators. The third arbitrator shall preside over the tribunal;**

b) **If the second arbitrator has not been appointed within the prescribed period, or if the Contracting Parties have not reached agreement within the prescribed period on the appointment of the third arbitrator, that arbitrator shall be appointed, at the request of either Contracting Party, by the Director-General of the Organization within two months from the date of receipt of the request.**

**2. The arbitral tribunal shall decide where its headquarters will be located and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.**

**3. The arbitral tribunal shall render its decisions in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and international law.**

**4. The award of the arbitral tribunal shall be made by a majority of its members, who may not abstain from voting.**

**5. Any Contracting Party which is not a Party to the dispute may intervene in the proceedings with the consent of the arbitral tribunal.**

**6. The award of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding on Contracting Parties to the dispute and on any Contracting Party which intervenes in the proceedings and shall be complied with without delay. The arbitral tribunal shall interpret the award at the request of one of the Contracting Parties to the dispute or of any intervening Contracting Party.**

**7. Unless the arbitral tribunal determines otherwise because of the particular circumstances of the case, the expenses of the tribunal, including the remuneration of its members, shall be borne by the Contracting Parties to the dispute in equal shares.**

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## Appendix F

### Draft Resolution for the Conference

#### Review of FAO Statutory Bodies

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#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Recalling** resolution 13/97 on the “Review of FAO Statutory Bodies” adopted by the Conference at its Twenty-ninth Session, in which the Conference recognized “*the continuing need to enhance the efficiency of the Organization and its governance in a time of financial challenge, to eliminate Statutory Bodies that are obsolete, to ensure more flexible task-oriented and time-bound working arrangements for those that remain and to limit the creation of new Bodies to those that are strictly necessary*”,

**Also recalling** the earlier consideration by the Conference and the Council of matters concerning the abolition and establishment of Statutory Bodies, including, *inter alia*, Resolution 12/79 adopted by the Conference at its Twentieth Session,

**Recalling** further the *Principles and Procedures which should govern Conventions and Agreements concluded under Articles XIV and XV of the Constitution, and Commissions and Committees established under Article VI of the Constitution*, as contained in the *Basic Texts* of the Organization,

**Conscious** that, while substantial progress has been made in the implementation of Resolution 13/97, further efforts are required in order to achieve its objectives,

1. **Reaffirms** the validity and relevance of Resolution 13/97, in particular the procedures set forth therein relating to the establishment and abolition of statutory bodies;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to take an active role in identifying statutory bodies that the Council or Conference may wish to abolish because they are inactive or are mandated to discharge functions that could be undertaken through more flexible task-oriented and time-bound working arrangements, as called for by Resolution 13/97;
3. **Requests** the Director-General to continue to explore methods to enhance cost efficiencies for statutory bodies, in particular, in relation to the meetings of such bodies;
4. **Authorizes** the Director-General, where possible, and following any consultations that may be required under the applicable Rules of Procedure and relevant decisions:
  - (a) to recommend to the Members of a statutory body established under Article VI of the Constitution not to hold a session when, in his considered judgement, effective decision-making will not be possible because a quorum will not be achieved and, in the absence of objection from the minimum number of Members that would represent a quorum, to decide not to convene the session; and
  - (b) to consider organizing *ad hoc* technical consultations to address matters falling within the mandates of such bodies in the place of the sessions, as required;
5. **Decides** that any proposal to establish a new body under Articles VI or XIV of the Constitution shall be accompanied by a document setting forth in detail:
  - (a) the objectives that are to be achieved through the establishment of the body;
  - (b) the manner in which the body will carry out its functions and any impact that its creation may have on current or future programmes of the Organization;
  - (c) the financial implications of the establishment of the body for the current biennium, as well as a forecast of the financial implications for the future biennia;

- (d) a specific assessment of whether the objectives of the proposed statutory body could be met through a different type of working arrangement, such as the organization of *ad hoc* technical consultations or other task-oriented and time-bound arrangements; and
- (e) whether there are any existing statutory bodies covering the same, similar or related fields as those to be addressed by the proposed new statutory body.

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## Appendix G

### Resolution 1/150

#### Abolition of the Caribbean Plant Protection Commission established in 1967 by Council Resolution 8/48

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**THE COUNCIL,**

**Recalling** that the Caribbean Plant Protection Commission was established under Article VI.1 of the FAO Constitution by Resolution 8/48 adopted by the Council at its Forty-eighth Session in 1967;

**Noting** that the purpose of the Commission was to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation in plant quarantine in the Caribbean area in order to prevent the introduction of destructive plant pests and diseases, and to preserve the existing plant resources of that area and that not having such purpose fulfilled may carry out risks for the plant health of the sub-region;

**Noting** that the Commission has undertaken limited activities and that its last regular Session took place in 2001;

**Recalling** Resolution 13/97 adopted by the FAO Conference, at its 29<sup>th</sup> Session, whereby, *conscious of the continuing need to enhance the efficiency of the Organization and its governance in a time of financial challenge*, the Conference proposed to eliminate Statutory Bodies that are obsolete;

**Hereby abolishes** the Caribbean Plant Protection Commission.

Adopted on 5 December 2014



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## Appendix H

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### **Council Multi-year Programme of Work Revised version covering the 2015-18 period**

#### **I. Overall Objective for the Council**

The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. In accordance with the Basic Texts and Conference Resolution 8/2009, the Council also plays a dynamic role in the development of the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization and has an oversight and monitoring function over the implementation of governance decisions. In particular, the Council has a major role in deciding and advising on matters pertaining to the implementation of the PWB. The Council also elects the members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters biennially and six Members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme annually and provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in Section II G below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

#### **II. Results**

##### **A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning**

Result: Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are aligned with FAO's Strategic Objectives as reflected in its Programme of Work and are based on Council guidance.

Indicators and targets:

- Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- In examining and adopting the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation by Council regarding strategy, priorities and the budget of the Organization<sup>1</sup>.
- Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues receives Conference approval.
- Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions which provide guidance on membership priorities for addressing food security issues in the context of FAO's Strategic Objectives as reflected in its Programme of Work, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Governing and technical bodies to ensure that they are directly related to FAO's mandate, including:
  - Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
  - Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
  - Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.

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<sup>1</sup> Basic Texts, Volume II, Section D, Resolution 8/2009, *Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Council*

- Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation as necessary.
- Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
- Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution, including the content and level of the budget.
- Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
- Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.
- Development of a set of member's priorities for an organizational work plan.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

### **B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions**

Result: Advise Conference through decisions on governance that directly support FAO's Strategic Objectives and regularly monitor the implementation of those decisions.

Indicators and targets:

- Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
- The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions explaining Council's views and priorities on the implementation of governance decisions made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation.<sup>2</sup>
- Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
- Recommendations and decisions on the need to convene Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
- Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
- Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.
- Independent Review of the outcome of the governance reforms to inform the final assessment by the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2015.

Working methods:

- Feedback method to Conference via reports on implementation of governance decisions.
- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

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<sup>2</sup> C 2011/28

### **C. Exercise of oversight functions**

Result: Well-functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
- Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
- The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
- Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
- The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms with the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions and recommendations made to Conference that support legal, ethical, financial and administrative aspects of FAO's work plan.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
- Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
- Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
- Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years (first review in 2016) – report to management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee.

Working methods:

- Advice from the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
- In-depth review of one substantive issue related to FAO's Strategic Framework to be chosen by the Council once every two years.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

### **D. Monitoring of Management performance**

Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
- Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings.

- Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
- On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
- Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.

Working methods:

- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Informal seminars and consultations among Members.
- Presentations by the Secretariat on management strategies and policies to Council.

### **E. Work planning and working methods**

Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.

Indicators and targets:

- Council agendas are focused.
- Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
- Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
- Council documents are issued 4 weeks before a session opens.

Outputs:

- A MYPOW for Council.
- A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
- Annual briefing for new Council Members.
- Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.

Activities:

- Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
- Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
- Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
- Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
- Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.

Working methods:

- Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
- Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
- Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
- As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

### F. Outstanding IPA Actions

The 144<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (June 2012) requested that the MYPOW include IPA actions which had not been completed:

IPA Action No. and Description	End-date		
	The Council		
2.18	The Council shall make a clear recommendation to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution including the budget level	For attention by Members	Pending.
	Further Actions to Improve the Effectiveness of FAO Governance		
2.74	The Conference will assess the workings of the governance reforms, including the role and functioning of the Regional Conferences with an independent review as an input to this process.	June 2015	See document CL 150/9 – <i>Independent Review of FAO Governance Reforms</i>
	Appointment and Term of Office of the Director-General		
2.100	c) The FAO Conference will consider for approval desirable qualifications for the post of Director-General developed by the CoC-IEE in 2009.	For attention by Members	Pending.
	Governing body follow-up		
4.4	... any changes found desirable in the size and regional representation in the membership of the Council and propose with advice from the CCLM any necessary changes in the Basic Texts to the 2009 Session of the Conference;	For attention by Members	Pending.

### **G. Sessions and Work plan of Council**

1. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:
  - a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
  - b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework (every four years), MTP and PWB;
  - c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and Members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
  - d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.
2. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including inclusion of effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.
3. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
4. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
5. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
  - Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
  - Human resources;
  - Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
  - Decentralization issues;
  - Contracting and purchasing issues;
  - Information and communication technology issues;
  - Strategic evaluations and management responses;
  - United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

### 151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council, March 2015

#### **Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Medium Term Plan 2014-17 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2016-2017
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (March 2015)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (March 2015)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (March 2015)

#### **Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters**

- 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (February 2015)

#### **Governance Matters**

- 6) Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General
- 7) Assessment of Governance Reforms, including consideration of the Independent Review Report
- 8) Arrangements for the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference
- 9) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18
- 10) Status of implementation of Council decisions

#### **Other Matters**

- 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-2016
- 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council
- 14) Working Methods of Council

### 152<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council, June 2015

#### **Election of Committees**

- 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee
- 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
- 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

#### **Other Matters**

- 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session
- 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-2016
- 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

<b>153<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2015</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (October 2015)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (October 2015)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (October 2015)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Committee on World Food Security</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2015)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (September 2015)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee</li> <li>• Programme Committee</li> <li>• CCLM</li> <li>• Regional Conferences</li> <li>• Technical Committees</li> <li>• Council</li> </ul> </li> <li>8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19</li> <li>9) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) World Food Programme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and</li> <li>ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2014</li> </ol> </li> <li>11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO</li> <li>12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-2017</li> <li>13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</li> <li>14) Working Methods of Council</li> </ol>

<b>154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, June 2016</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Programme Implementation Report 2014-2015</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
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<b>155<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2016</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Review of the Strategic Framework</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
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<b>156<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, April 2017</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
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<b>157<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, June/July 2017</b>
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<b>158<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2017</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
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<b>160<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2018</b>
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<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) Arrangements for the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference)</li> <li>11) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22</li> <li>12) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
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## Appendix I

### Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-2016

	2015		2016	
<b>JANUARY</b>	15 CGRFA	19-23		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	WFP IFAD/GC <b>100 CCLM</b>	9-13 15-19 <b>23-25</b>	WFP IFAD/GC <b>34 LARC</b>	8-12 15-19 <b>22-26</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>157 FC</b> <b>117 PC</b> <b>151 CL</b>	<b>9-13</b> <b>9-13</b> <b>23-27</b>	<b>33 APRC</b> <b>102 CCLM</b>	<b>7-11</b> <b>14-16</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	IFAD/EB	20-24	<b>29 ARC</b> IFAD/EB <b>33 NERC</b>	<b>4-8</b> 11-15 <b>17-21</b>
<b>MAY</b>	WFP	25-29	<b>30 ERC</b> <b>159 FC</b> <b>119 PC</b> WFP <b>154 CL</b>	<b>2-5</b> <b>16-20</b> <b>16-20</b> 23-27 <b>30/5 – 3/6</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>39 C</b> <b>152 CL</b>	<b>6-13</b> <b>15</b>	<b>39 CODEX</b>	<b>27/6-2/7 (Rome)</b>
<b>JULY</b>	38 CODEX	6-11 (Geneva)	<b>32 COFI</b> <b>23 COFO</b>	<b>11-15</b> <b>18-22</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB <b>101 CCLM</b>	14-18 <b>28-30</b>	IFAD/EB	19-23
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>42 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b>	<b>12-17</b> <b>16 (Friday)</b>	<b>25 COAG</b> <b>71 CCP</b> <b>WFD</b> <b>43 CFS</b> <b>103 CCLM</b>	<b>3-7</b> <b>10-12</b> <b>17 (Monday)</b> <b>17-22</b> <b>24-26</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>158 FC</b> <b>118 PC</b> WFP <b>153 CL</b>	<b>2-6</b> <b>2-6</b> 9-13 <b>30/11-04/12</b>	<b>160 FC</b> <b>120 PC</b> WFP	<b>7-11</b> <b>7-11</b> 14-18
<b>DECEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB	14-18	<b>155 CL</b> IFAD/EB	<b>5-9</b> 12-16

Easter:	5 April 2015	Easter:	27 March 2016
Ramadan:	18 June – 16 July 2015	Ramadan:	6 June – 5 July 2016
Eid Al-Fitr:	17 July 2015	Eid Al-Fitr:	6 July 2016
Eid Al-Adha:	23 September 2015	Eid Al-Adha:	11 September 2016

ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	COFO	Committee on Forestry
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	ICN2	International Conference on Nutrition
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CL	Council	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	PC	Programme Committee
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFD	World Food Day
		WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board



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## WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2014

### Term of office expiring

31 December 2014

### Elected by FAO Council

Belgium (D)<sup>1</sup>  
Brazil (C)  
Ghana (A)<sup>2</sup>  
Slovakia (E)  
Sweden (D)<sup>1</sup>  
Tunisia (A)

### Elected by ECOSOC

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

31 December 2015

Afghanistan (B)  
Italy (D)  
Mexico (C)  
Philippines (B)  
Uganda (A)  
United States of America (D)

India (B)  
Iraq (B)  
Netherlands (D)  
Russian Federation (E)  
Sierra Leone (A)  
Switzerland (D)

31 December 2016

Canada (D)  
Colombia (C)  
Equatorial Guinea (A)  
Germany (D)  
Saudi Arabia (B)  
South Africa (A)

Burundi (A)  
Cuba (C)  
Ethiopia (A)  
Norway (D)  
Pakistan (B)  
Spain (D)

<sup>1</sup> Belgium and Sweden stepped down from the WFP Executive Board on 31 December 2013 and were replaced by Australia and Luxembourg for the remainder of the term of office.

<sup>2</sup> This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2012-2014), List B (2015-2017), List A (2018-2020) and List C (2021-2023).

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**194 Member Nations**  
**2 Associate Members**  
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Albania	Germany	Paraguay
Algeria	Ghana	Peru
Andorra	Greece	Philippines
Angola	Grenada	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Portugal
Argentina	Guinea	Qatar
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Korea
Australia	Guyana	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Haiti	Romania
Azerbaijan	Honduras	Russian Federation
Bahamas	Hungary	Rwanda
Bahrain	Iceland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bangladesh	India	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Indonesia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Samoa
Belgium	Iraq	San Marino
Belize	Ireland	Sao Tome and Principe
Benin	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Bhutan	Italy	Senegal
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jamaica	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Seychelles
Botswana	Jordan	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Somalia
Cabo Verde	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Africa
Cambodia	Latvia	South Sudan
Cameroon	Lebanon	Spain
Canada	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Liberia	Sudan
Chad	Libya	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	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritius	(Associate Member)
Czech Republic	Mexico	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Monaco	Tunisia
Denmark	Mongolia	Turkey
Djibouti	Montenegro	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Morocco	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Uganda
Ecuador	Myanmar	Ukraine
Egypt	Namibia	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Nauru	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Netherlands	United States of America
Estonia	New Zealand	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
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Faroe Islands (Associate Member)	Nigeria	Venezuela
Fiji	Niue	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Finland	Norway	Viet Nam
France	Oman	Yemen
Gabon	Pakistan	Zambia
Gambia	Palau	Zimbabwe
	Panama	

