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## Thirty-ninth Session

Rome, 6-13 June 2015

### Review of FAO Statutory Bodies (Draft Resolution)

*Extract from the Report of the 150<sup>th</sup> Council Session (1-5 December 2014)*

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:

e) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution on “Review of FAO Statutory Bodies” [*below*] and 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.

#### Resolution \_\_/2015

#### Review of FAO Statutory Bodies

#### 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,

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**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.

(Adopted on ..... 2015)