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FAO's Views on the Integrated Roadmap of the World Food Programme

1. FAO had submitted both to the 163rd Session of the Finance Committee and to the 155th Session of the FAO Council a document entitled "FAO's Views on the Integrated Roadmap of the World Food Programme" (CL 155/13).
2. Some developments occurred since the completion of this document.
3. Following discussions with the World Food Programme (WFP) a number of concerns expressed by Members and by FAO have been addressed in the revised WFP Strategic Plan 2017-2021. In particular, it is noted that WFP does not intend to expand its mandate and that response to food security related emergencies and provision of direct humanitarian assistance shall remain WFP's primary focus. The revised Strategic Plan emphasizes that collaboration among Rome-based agencies (RBAs) shall be an essential element to maximize results for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, as reflected in its proposed draft decision.
4. In addition, the joint paper on RBAs collaboration was finalized and constitutes a document agreed-upon among the three RBAs in a forward-looking spirit. Given the importance of the paper, including the immediate future, it provides a basis for future action.
5. Despite these developments, FAO continues to have concerns in relation to areas of actual and potential duplication or overlapping with WFP and to issues regarding the relationship with the Programme. Dialogue between FAO and WFP, as well as Members and stakeholders, as appropriate, is required to address these matters in the future.
6. The Integrated Roadmap states that the pilot phase of WFP Country Strategic Plans will start in January 2017. This will give the opportunity for RBAs to build upon concrete measures on collaboration at country level, set out in the Joint RBA paper, and to jointly monitor progress in translating the agreed-upon measures into tangible action in the field.
7. In light of the above, the submission of document CL 155/13 is being deferred. FAO will submit a revised version of the document to the February 2017 session of the Finance Committee and, as appropriate, to the April 2017 session of the Council. FAO will consult WFP in connection with the preparation of that document.

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