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### Programme Implementation Report 2014-15

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6. The Council welcomed the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2014-15 and noted that transformational changes undertaken at the FAO since 2012 had led to delivery of positive results by the Organization within the reviewed Strategic Framework and Medium Term Plan 2014-17.
7. The Council:
- a) expressed overall satisfaction at the implementation of the programme of work in 2014-15 and underlined the major policy achievements aimed at addressing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition;
  - b) welcomed FAO's contribution to global policy making, notably through the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) and the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing;
  - c) welcomed the success of the International Year of Family Farming in 2014 and the International Year of Soils in 2015 and their linkage to food security;
  - d) welcomed the high proportion of results delivered at country and regional level and encouraged continued efforts focused through the Regional Initiatives;
  - e) underscored the importance of FAO's work on climate change and on statistics for evidence-based policies, and looked forward to continued focus in this regard in the current and next biennium;
  - f) was satisfied with the achievements in 2014-15 in relation to efforts to consolidate decentralization, and looked forward to further efforts in this regard in the current biennium and the next Programme of Work and Budget (PWB), including strengthening of the regional and other decentralized offices to respond to their demands and challenges;
  - g) appreciated the establishment and strengthening of strategic partnerships with Member governments, United Nations and other international organizations, private sector, civil society organizations and academia, and continued efforts in this regard;
  - h) expressed satisfaction at increased efficiency, including identification of USD 36.6 million in savings;
  - i) highlighted the importance of undertaking further efforts in achieving balance in language services;
  - j) appreciated FAO's work on statistics, noting its vital role for evidence-based decision-making and for delivering relevant Sustainable Development Goals, as well as

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- FAO's contribution to establishing indicators for the monitoring framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- k) stressed the importance of paying due attention to equitable representation and geographical distribution of staff<sup>1</sup>;
  - l) commended the positive trend in gender balance in FAO staff, particularly at headquarters, and looked forward to similar improvements at decentralized level; and
  - m) appreciated the improvements shown in the new format of the PIR document, and looked forward to adjustment of indicator targets and to further refinement of reporting on Outcomes and Outputs in the next PIR.
8. With regard to the cross-cutting theme of gender, the Council:
- a) expressed satisfaction on FAO's work and results under this cross-cutting theme, and looked forward to continued mainstreaming of gender in its programmes and activities; and
  - b) welcomed the Director-General's decision to hold an informal seminar dedicated to gender in 2016, and to elaborate further on FAO's work and achievements on gender in a document for the seminar.
9. The Council appreciated the positive trend of trust and collaboration between the Secretariat and Members, and looked forward to its continuation.
10. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 and recommended that it be submitted to the Conference in July 2017 for approval.

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<sup>1</sup> Conference Resolution 15/2003 "*Methodology for Equitable Geographic Distribution*"