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# COUNCIL

## Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session

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### Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 155<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (5–9 December 2016)

#### Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 155<sup>th</sup> Session (5-9 December 2016) and includes a reference to: (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report; and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

#### Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 155 <sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (5 – 9 December 2016)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	Not Yet Started	
<b>PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>				
<b>Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of Medium Term Plan 2018-21</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
1. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that the MTP 2018-21 include an annex that clearly compares the results framework used in 2014-17 with the proposed results framework for 2018-21 (para 8 c) and <u>recommended</u> that Objective 6 be retitled to better reflect its scope, as: <i>technical quality, statistics and cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender, governance and nutrition)</i> (para 8 e)	X			Reflected in document C 2017/3 at <a href="http://www.fao.org/pwb">www.fao.org/pwb</a>
<b>Report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (26-30 September 2016)</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Robert Guei</i>				
2. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the draft Resolution “Observance of World Bee Day” on 20 May, to be submitted to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption (para 12 a)	X			Draft Resolution reflected in document C 2017/LIM/11- Observance of World Bee Day.
3. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the draft Resolution “International Year of Plant Health” in 2020, to be submitted to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption (para 12 b)	X			Draft Resolution reflected in document C 2017/LIM/10 - International Year of Plant Health.
4. The Council (...) <u>recognized</u> the importance of camelids for food security and <u>supported</u> the principle of establishing an International Year of Camelids, while noting that further information was required and the proposal would be provided to the 156 <sup>th</sup> Session of Council in April 2017 for consideration (para 12 c)	X			Reflected in document CL 156/7 – International Year of Camelids.

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<b>Report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (11-15 July 2016)</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Hiromoto Watanabe</i>				
5. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the draft Resolution “Observance of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing” on 5 June, to be submitted to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption (para 15 a)	X			Draft Resolution reflected in document C 2017/LIM/12.
6. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the draft Resolution “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture” in 2022, to be submitted to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption (para 15 b)	X			Draft Resolution reflected in document C 2017/LIM/13.
<b>Report of the 120<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (7-11 November 2016)</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
7. The Council (...) noted that an updated Strategy for FAO’s work on climate change would be submitted to the Programme Committee at its March 2017 session (para 20)	X			Reflected in document <a href="#">PC 121/2</a>
8. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that an annex be dedicated to gender in future Strategic Objective evaluations and that FAO’s gender policy standards be used as a baseline (para 22 b)		X		Ongoing
9. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the planned informal briefing to Permanent Representatives in February 2017 on the Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization and its Addendum (para 22 f)	X			Informal Briefing of Permanent Representatives held on 9 February 2017.

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10. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing the final report of the Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization at headquarters and decentralized offices at its 156 <sup>th</sup> Session in April 2017 (para 22 f)	X			Documents C 2017/26 and C 2017/26 Sup. 1 to be reviewed by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committee in March 2017 prior to the 156 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Council.
11. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the dedicated Informal Seminar to Permanent Representatives on FAO's work on gender to be held on 15 December 2016 (para 22 g)	X			Informal Seminar to Permanent Representatives on FAO's work on gender was held on 15 December 2016.
<b>Report of the 162<sup>nd</sup> (23-25 May 2016), 163<sup>rd</sup> (2-3 November 2016) and 164<sup>th</sup> (7-11 November 2016) Sessions of the Finance Committee</b> ----- <b>Reporting Officer: David McSherry</b>				
12. The Council (...) <u>recommended</u> that the draft resolution of the FAO Audited Accounts 2015 be submitted to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference for adoption (para 23 e)	X			Draft Resolution reflected in document C 2017/LIM/3.
<b>Report of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24-26 October 2016)</b> ----- <b>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</b>				
13. The Council <u>agreed</u> (...) that with immediate effect, the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) and the FAO Secretariat would consult with the concerned Article XIV Bodies with a view to developing a proposal on procedures for the appointment of Secretaries of concerned Article XIV Bodies acceptable to the Bodies and to be submitted to the FAO Council by the end of 2018 (para 27 a)		X		Both the Independent Chairperson of the Council and the Secretariat have approached IOTC and the ITPGRFA about the implementation of this decision.
14. The Council agreed (...) that immediately, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, the Director-General would issue Vacancy Announcements for the appointment of two Secretaries (IOTC and ITPGRFA) (para 27 b)	X			Vacancy Announcements were issued and the selection process is ongoing.

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<b>GOVERNANCE MATTERS</b>				
<b>Rome-based Agencies Collaboration</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Mario Lubetkin</i>				
15. The Council <u>agreed</u> on the usefulness of holding joint meetings of governing bodies of the three Rome-based Agencies, and that a report on RBA collaboration be prepared on an annual basis (para 34)		X		Consultation on a joint governing bodies meeting is ongoing. Annual report on RBA collaboration will be presented by Rome-based Agencies during 2017.
<b>Arrangements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference</b> ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
16. The Council (...) <u>agreed</u> that the details of a proposal to hold a Special Event on Gender during the Conference, allowing for the dynamic participation of Members, be further discussed at Informal Meetings convened by the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) with the Chairs of the Regional Groups (para 35 c)	X			The proposed Special Event on Gender was discussed at the monthly ICC Informal Meetings held from February to April 2017.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 154 <sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (30 May – 3 June 2016)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	Not Yet Started	
<b>PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>				
<b>Programme Implementation Report 2014-15</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
17. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to further efforts to consolidate decentralization in the current biennium and the next PWB, including strengthening of the regional and other decentralized offices to respond to their demands and challenges (para 7 f)	X			Reflected in documents PC 121/3 – FC 166/6 Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report 2016 and C 2017/3 Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 published in February 2017.
18. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to adjustment of indicator targets and to further refinement of reporting on Outcomes and Outputs in the next PIR (para 7 m)		X		To be reflected in PIR 2016-17 (March 2018).
<b>Report of the Joint Meeting of the 119<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (16 May 2016)</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
19. The Council (...) <u>recalled</u> the guidance from its 153 <sup>rd</sup> Session for the Secretariat to undertake an independent assessment of the technical capacity of the Organization for consideration by the Conference in 2017 (para 13 a)	X			Final document being submitted to the Governing Bodies sessions prior to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference in July 2017.
20. The Council (...) <u>appreciated</u> that an informal briefing to Members would be arranged in early 2017 prior to finalization of the report of the assessment (para 13 c)	X			Informal briefing of Permanent Representatives held on 9 February 2017.
21. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing the outcome of the assessment at its April 2017 session, prior to submission to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (para 13 e)	X			Final document being submitted to the Governing Bodies sessions prior to the 40 <sup>th</sup> Session of Conference in July 2017.

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22. The Council <u>acknowledged</u> the need to ensure regular translation and interpretation in all FAO languages at the Plenary Assemblies of the Global Soil Partnership and <u>requested</u> the Secretariat to take measures in this regard, for consideration by the competent Governing Bodies of FAO when preparing the PWB 2018-19 (para 14)		X		Document C 2017/3 Web Annex 12: Scheduled sessions refers.
<b>Report of the 119<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (16-20 May 2016)</b> ----- <b>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</b>				
23. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the request for an evaluation of FAO's work on gender for consideration by the Conference in 2019 (para 15 d)			X	Planned for submission to the 41 <sup>st</sup> Session of Conference in 2019.



STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 153 <sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (30 November – 4 December 2015)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
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<b>PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>				
<b>Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
24. The Council (...) <u>stressed the importance</u> of the due attention to the cross-cutting themes, including gender, nutrition, climate change and governance, and <u>looked forward</u> to regular and systematic reporting on implementation of these priorities in the Mid-Term Review and Programme Implementation Reports (para 7 h)		X		Strategic Programme Leaders integrated cross-cutting themes in 2016-17 Strategic Programme work plans. Information provided to the Programme and Finance Committees and in the <a href="#">PIR 2014-15</a> , and further reporting provided in the Mid-Term Review (PC 122/3 – FC 166/6) in line with guidance from the Council.
25. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing at its session in March 2017 within the context of the Mid-Term Review 2016 the impact of management arrangements and adjustments to headquarters' structure on implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17, as well as their impact on the technical departments (para 7 l)		X		Mid-Term Review synthesis report - 2016 (PC 121/3 – FC 166/6) being submitted to the Programme and Finance Committees' Spring session.
<b>Report of the 118<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (2-6 November 2015)</b>				
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<i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
26. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's contribution on knowledge on food and agriculture and <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing progress on actions taken to address the recommendations and findings of the evaluation, notably as regards greater dissemination and outreach of knowledge products in all FAO languages (para 12 a)		X		In line with FAO's policy on evaluations, a follow-up report providing an update on the implementation of the actions set out in the Management Response will be provided to the Programme Committee at its November 2017 session.