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Rome, 15-19 June 2009
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1 Term of office until the conclusion of the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference, November 2009.
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INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. The Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session of the Council was held in Rome from 15 to 19 June 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Community and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session after adding an item on Draft Proposed Amendments to the FAO Constitution for the Reform of the Committee on World Food Security as proposed by France under “Reports of the 84th (2-4 February 2009), 85th (23 and 24 February 2009), 86th (7 and 8 May 2009) and 87th (25 and 26 May 2009) Sessions of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters”. 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

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Li Zhengdong (China), Enrique Moret Echeverría (Cuba) and Ms Rita Giuliana Mannella (Italy).

4. The Council elected Ms Lamya Ahmed Al-Saqqaf (Kuwait) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, China, France, Gabon, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Russian Federation, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

REPORT OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (2-6 MARCH 2009)

5. The Council commended the work of the 28th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), and endorsed its report and conclusions.

6. The Council expressed general support for the proposed six Organizational Results in the Strategic Objective C – Sustainable Management and Use of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources and requested further prioritization of the Programme of Work at the next Session of COFI. In addition, it underscored the importance of issues such as capacity-building and assistance for implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the related international plans of action, small-scale fisheries, effects of climate changes, in particular on the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing including early finalization of a legally-binding instrument on port State measures (PSMs), management of deep sea fisheries and conservation of marine biodiversity, sustainable aquaculture expansion, in particular in Africa, and role of FAO in the technical advice to WTO as well as CITES. The

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1 CL 136/1; CL 136/1-Add.1; CL 136/INF/1-Rev.1; CL 136/INF/5; CL 136/LIM/2; CL 136/PV/1; CL 136/PV/10.
2 CL 136/PV/1; CL 136/PV/10.
3 CL 136/2; CL 136/PV/1; CL 136/PV/10.
Council received the submission related to the World Ocean Conference held in Manado, Indonesia, in May 2009.

**REPORT OF THE 19TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY (16-20 MARCH 2009)**

7. The Council endorsed the report of the 19th Session of the Committee on Forestry, including the FAO Strategy for forests and forestry which was developed in consultation with all Member Nations and with the regional forestry commissions.

8. The Council supported FAO’s leadership of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.


10. The Council supported the need for increased resources to be provided to support FAO’s work in forestry.

11. The Council requested further prioritization of the Programme of Work at the next session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO).


12. The Council endorsed the report of the Sixty-seventh Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP).

13. The Council commended the work undertaken by FAO on a number of topics and recommended its continuation. It recommended that analysis continue on the effects of bio-fuel development on, and the relationship between, food and energy markets, including on the important efforts to develop second-generation bio-fuel technologies. It noted the importance of developments in the Doha Round Negotiations and of capacity-building to permit developing countries to participate better in them, and it looked forward to an ambitious, comprehensive and balanced conclusion of the Round. It recommended the continuation of analytical work on food price volatility and formulation of appropriate policies to counter its negative impact, and it welcomed the promise of further analyses on factors influencing food and commodities markets at the next session of the CCP.

14. The Council noted the important role that the CCP played in monitoring food markets and policies. It welcomed the proposal for a review of the roles and working arrangements of the CCP so that, as the reform of FAO proceeded, steps might be taken to maximise the effectiveness of the Committee. It welcomed also the agreement by the CCP, in the light of evolving patterns of commodity production and trade, to review the present and future roles of the International Commodity Bodies, in liaison with UNCTAD and the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC).


15. The Council endorsed the report of the 21st Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG). It supported the elements contained in “Matters requiring the attention of the Council” of the report.

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4 CL 136/3; CL 136/PV/1; CL 136/PV/10.
5 CL 136/4; CL 136/PV/2; CL 136/PV/10.
6 CL 136/5; CL 136/PV/2; CL 136/PV/10.
16. The Council supported the views of the Committee on the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB), underlining the multi-disciplinary nature of FAO’s work, and encouraging interdepartmental collaboration and further prioritization of the Programme of Work at the next session of COAG.

17. The Council endorsed FAO’s efforts for greater partnership with other United Nations Agencies and international organizations, national institutions and the private sector and recalled that more visibility needed to be given to partnerships.

18. The Council underlined the importance of FAO’s work on the livestock sector and urged that an item on livestock be included in the agenda of future COAG meetings. It also recommended that a greater share of resources be allocated to support the development of national livestock policies and institutions, in particular those related to poverty alleviation and small-scale livestock activities and those related to animal health, animal identification and traceability, as well as harmonized regional approaches to disease surveillance in close cooperation with the Office international des épizooties (OIE). With respect to the Code of Conduct for a Responsible Livestock Sector, the Council noted that the COAG Secretariat would provide background information for discussion at the next session of COAG.

19. The Council supported the Committee’s request of developing a global early warning system on the quality and quantity of water in agriculture.

20. The Council requested follow-up to the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD), and reaffirmed that increased emphasis should be devoted to smallholder farmers and rural development as reflected in the revised Strategic Objective G. The Council underlined the importance of FAO’s work on plant genetic resources, land-use and adoption of an eco-system approach to achieve sustainable food production.

21. The Council underlined FAO’s important role in the development of policies and instruments for the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change relating to agriculture. This would require a greater degree of inter-disciplinary work and better collaboration with the relevant UN Agencies.

22. The Council also reaffirmed the importance of FAO’s work in capacity-building and the dissemination of research knowledge. The Organization’s crucial role in providing technical advice at the country level, including advice on adaptation to climate change, was emphasized.

23. The Council underlined FAO’s role in standard-setting activities making use of bodies such as the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and Codex Alimentarius. Some Members expressed concern about the under-resourcing of the IPPC and the vacant post of the Secretary.

24. The Council also emphasised the importance of developing greater knowledge with respect to the relation between bio-fuel production and food security.

25. The Council supported the suggestions made by the 21st Session of COAG on future work methods, and agreed in principle with the structure of the agenda proposed for future sessions. Members requested that the next session of COAG pay more attention to the crops sector, agriculture inputs, post-harvest elements, contract farming, small-scale irrigation and rain-water harvesting.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD ON ITS ACTIVITIES IN 2007 AND 2008


27. The Council appreciated the efforts by WFP for the results achieved.

28. The Council encouraged WFP to further strengthen its cooperation with other Rome-based Agencies, as well as with other stakeholders.

REPORT OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (14-17 OCTOBER 2008)

29. The Council endorsed the Report of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The Council considered CFS reform to be crucial to the governance of world food security, with a view toward exploring synergies with the emerging Global Partnership for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition. It strongly commended the CFS Chair, Bureau and Secretariat on their efforts to reform CFS, expressing support for the open and participative reform process assisted by the Contact Group and its working Groups. It agreed that broad, inclusive participation in the reform process should be encouraged, but that the role of different stakeholders should be clearly defined, with decision-making remaining with governments. The Council indicated that mechanisms to ensure effective debate among major stakeholders should be strengthened. It pointed to the importance of strengthening the visibility of field level experience in the debate on hunger and food security.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 36TH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE

30. The Council examined the document prepared by the Secretariat (CL 136/12) and endorsed the arrangements proposed.

31. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference for approval the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in the Council document, 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;

   b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12.00 hours on Monday 16 November 2009.

Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council

32. 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 Monday 7 September 2009.

Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II

33. The Council noted that consultations had taken place among Heads of Delegations represented at the Council Session, and that there was consensus on the following:

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7 C 2009/INF/10; C 2009/INF/14; CL 136/PV/7; CL 136/PV/10.
8 CL 135/10; CL 136/PV/5; CL 136/PV/10.
9 CL 136/12; CL 136/PV10.
Chairperson of the Conference: United States of America

Chairperson of Commission I: Mr Noel D. De Luna, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines;

Chairperson of Commission II: Ms Agnes van Ardenne-van der Hoeven, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to FAO.

34. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that the theme of the general debate at the Thirty-sixth Session be based on Strategic Objective I: Improving Preparedness for, and Effective Response to, Food and Agricultural Threats and Emergencies.

PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


35. The Council noted that, among other matters, the Joint Meeting had addressed in May 2009 the concept of “Reform with Growth”. Many Members elaborated further on the initial elements submitted by the Joint Meeting to the Conference Committee for the Follow up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE), which was tasked with analyzing the concept and submitting proposals to the 2009 Conference. The Council recalled that the concept was subsequently discussed in the Working Groups of the CoC-IEE in early June. The Council observed that there were signs of increased shared understanding of the practical implications of the concept of “Reform with Growth”, which would well serve further inter-governmental discussions on the PWB 2010-11 ahead of decisions of the Conference in November 2009.


36. The Council considered matters addressed by the Programme Committee concerning the Technical Cooperation Programme and Evaluation.

37. Regarding the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), the Council noted the Committee's review of the proposals made by the Secretariat regarding the TCP project cycle and approval guidelines in accordance with the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA). It agreed with the Committee's endorsement of the proposed modifications to TCP approval criteria.

38. In respect of the Committee’s observations on the evaluation of FAO’s role and work in statistics, the Council underlined the evaluation’s recommendation to shift and give priority focus to enhancement of national capacity. It was reassured that this was being addressed during the formulation of the MTP 2010-13/PWB 2010-11 proposals through the application of Core Function b) Assembly and provision of information, knowledge and statistics to the relevant Organizational Results, and the Impact Focus Area (IFA) on: Capacity-Building to strengthen information and statistics for decision-making for the sustainable management of agriculture, natural resources, food security and poverty alleviation (IFA-CBIS).

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10 CL 135/2; CL 135/3; CL 136/10; CL 136/PV/3; CL 136/PV/10.

11 CL 135/4; CL 135/5; CL 135/5-Add.1; CL 135/5-Add.2; CL 136/9; CL 136/9-Add.1; CL 136/PV/3; CL 136/PV/10.
39. In relation to remarks made by the Committee when considering a report on: FAO’s effectiveness at country level: a synthesis of evaluations (CL 135/4, paragraph 9), particularly in relation to the observed high number of vacant FAOR posts, the Council was advised of the measures being taken to redress this situation, while the MTP/PWB proposals would seek to propose more definitive remedies and also revisit the skill mix in various decentralized locations. The Council reiterated the central importance of the FAORs in the entire organizational structure and their being of requisite calibre and experience.

40. The Council noted the work programme of evaluations for 2009 and 2010, while specific interest was expressed on the topics of Water and Capacity Development in Africa. The Council took note of the request to ensure that thematic evaluations draw on the findings of evaluations from different countries in all regions. The Council also urged that evaluation teams should be balanced in terms of geographic representation.

41. The Council took note of ongoing development of the Evaluation Charter which provided the policy framework and arrangements for an independent evaluation function in FAO, as set out in the IPA. Finalization of the Charter was expected subsequent to further discussion in the Programme Committee and in consultation with the Director of Evaluation. The Council was informed that the recruitment process for the Director of Evaluation would be concluded soon. The Council requested that the recruitment process be carried out in accordance with the IPA.


Audited Accounts 2006–2007

42. The Council noted with satisfaction that the External Auditor had issued an unqualified opinion on the FAO Audited Accounts for the biennium 2006-2007. With reference to the External Auditor’s report on the results of audit, the Council noted that, for most recommendations, the Organization had taken necessary action and would report to the Finance Committee on the status of implementation of all recommendations. It called for FAO to implement all the recommendations in the Report of the External Auditor.

43. The Council, noting the comments and clarifications provided by the External Auditor and the Secretariat to the Finance Committee, decided to submit the Audited Accounts for the 2006-2007 biennium to the Conference for adoption.

44. The Council accordingly recommended the following draft resolution for adoption by the Conference:

Draft Resolution for the Conference

FAO Audited Accounts 2006-07

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the 136th Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2006-07 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor’s Report thereon

Adopts the Audited Accounts.

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12 CL 135/6; CL 135/7; CL 135/7 Add.1; CL 135/8; CL 136/6; CL 136/6 Add.1; CL 136/7; CL 136/7 Add.1; CL 136/8; CL 136/8 Add.1; CL 136/23; CL 136/PV/3; CL 136/PV/4; CL 136/PV/10.

13 C 2009/5 A; C2009/5 B; CL 136/PV/3; CL 136/PV/4; CL 136/PV/10.
Status of Contributions and Arrears

45. The Council considered the status of contributions and arrears of the Organization at 10 June 2009, and noted that 40 percent of the Membership of the Organization had made no payment towards their USD portion of 2009 assessments, and over 45 percent of the Membership had not made any payment towards their EUR portion of 2009 assessments. Members expressed concern at the financial situation of the Organization, the depletion of reserves and possible recourse to external borrowing.

46. The Council expressed concern over the high level of late payments and arrears, noting that fifty-four Member Nations still had arrears outstanding from 2008 and previous years and twenty-five owed arrears in such amounts as would prejudice their right to vote in accordance with Article III.4 of the Constitution. While appreciating the often-difficult financial situations of some countries, emphasis was placed on the importance for all Member Nations, irrespective of their size, to honour their financial obligations towards the Organization. The Council, therefore, urged all Member Nations to pay their contributions in full and on time, in order to enable the Organization to continue to fulfil its mandate.

Other Matters Arising out of the Reports

Scale of Contributions 2010-2011

47. The Council noted that in accordance with the decision of the Eighth Session of the Conference (1955), the FAO Scale of Contributions for the biennium 2010-11 had been derived directly from the latest available United Nations Scale of Assessments, in this case the one in force for the period 2007-09, as established by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 adopted on 22 December 2006.

48. The Council accordingly recommended the following Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference:

Draft Resolution for the Conference
Scale of Contributions 2010-11

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session of the Council;

Confirming that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different Membership of FAO;

1. Decides that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2010-11 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2007, 2008 and 2009;

2. Adopts for use in 2010 and 2011 the Scale as set out in Appendix D of this Report.

Adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards

49. The Council noted that in line with the revised project plan, the year 2012 would be the first full year of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) compliant operations to be submitted for External Audit. The Council reaffirmed the importance of IPSAS for better decision-making and governance and fully supported the adoption of IPSAS at FAO, recognizing that it would support numerous other reform initiatives. The Council noted that the IPSAS Project would require to be funded from the Capital Expenditure facility in the PWB 2010-11.
Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers

Annual Report on the Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2006-07 Biennium

50. The Council reviewed the Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2006-07 Biennium 16, as well as the report of the discussion of the Finance Committee at its 122nd Session in May 2008.

51. The Council took note that spending against the 2006-07 budgetary appropriation represented 99.8 percent of the USD 765.7 million appropriation 17 and that the surplus balance of USD 1.5 million was re-apportioned to cover part of the excess terminal payments in 2006-07. The Council acknowledged the Finance Committee’s approval of the budgetary Chapter transfers.

Annual Report on the Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2008-09 Biennium

52. The Council reviewed the Director-General’s Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2008-09 biennium 18, as well as the report of the discussion of the Finance Committee at its 126th Session in May 2009 19.

53. The Council took note of the Finance Committee’s approval of the adjustments to the Chapter distributions arising from the full allocation of further savings and efficiency gains of USD 22.1 million. It noted that the real efficiency gains identified so far in 2008-09 were USD 18.1 million, and stressed that measures to achieve the remaining share of the USD 22.1 million as per Conference Resolution 3/2007 should be vigorously pursued.

54. The Council took note of the tentative forecast transfers between budgetary chapters for the biennium. It recognized that the forecasts would be updated and the formal request for the transfers would be submitted to the Finance Committee at its July 2009 session, together with a detailed account of achieved efficiency gains and savings. It further noted that full utilization of the approved 2008-09 budgetary appropriation of USD 929.8 million was foreseen with the exception of Chapter 9, Security Expenditure, where a surplus would be carried over to the next biennium in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

55. The Council acknowledged the Committee’s approval in principle to re-apportion any fortuitous gains or overall budgetary surplus to reform-related Capital Expenditure projects in Chapter 8 of the PWB 2008-09 (e.g. IPSAS, HRMS) on the understanding that the USD 22.1 million savings and efficiency gains would be achieved and the PWB 2008-09 would be fully implemented.

56. With regard to the Finance Committee’s deliberations on the funding of the implementation of the IPA in 2009 20, the Council recalled the November 2007 Conference resolution on Budgetary Appropriations for the proposed Programme of Work 2008-09, and further recalled that in November 2008 the Conference decided that implementation of the IPA in 2009 required funding by extrabudgetary contributions 21.

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16 CL 135/7 Annex I
17 The performance assumed that Capital Expenditure (Chapter 8) and the Technical Cooperation Programme (Programme 4E) were fully spent, in accordance with the Financial Regulations that govern these Chapters.
18 CL 136/8, Annex I.
19 CL 136/8, paragraphs 25 to 29.
20 CL 135/8 para. 70, CL 136/7 para. 22, and CL 136/8 paras. 12 and 29.
21 Conference Resolution 1/2008.
57. The Council noted that in the unlikely event of forecast windfall gains within the 2008-09 budgetary appropriation, any proposals outside of the statutory treatment of an overall budgetary surplus would be first discussed by the Finance Committee, which would present its proposals for the consideration of Council.

**Human Resources Issues**

58. The Council noted that an effective human resources management function was key to the successful reform of FAO. In this regard, the Council was informed of the revised policy on the use of non-staff human resources (NSHR) which had been developed by the Secretariat in line with the IEE and IPA, and endorsed by the Finance Committee at its 126th Session. While acknowledging that the use of NSHR allowed for cost containment and offered greater flexibility in the delivery of programmes, the Council underscored the need for the Organization to ensure that non-staff human resources were recruited on as wide a geographical basis as possible as well as in a more gender equitable manner, and that they not be used for extended periods.

**Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)**

59. Regarding the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), the Council noted the progress made in the approval of projects against 2008-09 TCP appropriation but expressed some concern regarding the low level of expenditures against both 2006-07 and 2008-09 appropriations. The Council was, however, informed of the measures taken to accelerate the implementation of projects and of recent improvements in this regard. Many Members recalled their position that any surpluses, savings and efficiency gains should be used to strengthen TCP and to replenish the Organization’s Special Reserve Account.

60. The Council endorsed the Reports of the Finance Committee.

**ELEMENTS FOR THE DRAFT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK, MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2010-13, AND PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2010-11**

61. The Council considered the documentation under this item together with the advice of the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meeting. It noted that an Addendum had been issued, containing revised formulations for Strategic Objective G and Functional Objective X, superseding those in the main document.

62. The Council recalled that comments had been provided in relation to the substance of the draft results frameworks at the sessions of the three Technical Committees (COFI, COFO and COAG) and agreed that more precise advice was needed on priorities in the future. The Council observed that the draft revised Strategic Objective G had stemmed from a request from COAG taken up by CoC-IEE Working Group I, and that further discussions would take place. The Council noted that this could assist in improving the coverage of rural development, access to land and requirements of smallholders. The Council noted interest in an open dialogue between the Programme Committee and FAO senior managers on pressing technical issues as undertaken in the Programme Committee.

63. The Council endorsed the proposal from the Asia Group to strengthen the Asia Pacific Regional Office instead of establishing a new Sub-regional Office, and urged the FAO Secretariat to include this in the PWB 2010-11.

64. The Council endorsed the recommendation from the Programme and Finance Committees that the Strategic Framework and the MTP/PWB proposals be presented as two physically separate documents. The Council underlined that the elements submitted to its present session for the draft Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB constituted work in progress. Nevertheless, it considered that their contents provided a good basis for the elaboration of more definitive

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22 CL 136/16; CL 136/16 Add.1; CL 136/PV/2; CL 136/PV/10.
proposals, which would also include the critical resources dimension. The Council noted the expectations of the Finance Committee with regard to the elements that would be presented in the PWB, to be first seen by the CoC-IEE Working Groups and the Programme and Finance Committees in July.

65. The Council, therefore, looked forward to the results of further analytical work, stressing that intergovernmental agreement had still to reach more concrete shape in relation to several key areas, including structural arrangements at headquarters and in field locations, the refined formulation of Organizational Results with appropriate indicators, baselines and targets, and the concept of "Reform with Growth". The Council observed that achieving further progress in prioritization would require a long-term commitment from both Members and Management, while it would be well served by the application of enhanced results-based management principles.

66. The Council stressed that every effort should be made to maintain momentum in the ongoing implementation of the IPA, which was a long-term undertaking. It underlined the essential character of the Strategic Framework and MTP/PWB proposals in enabling decisions at the next Conference, including on implementation of reforms in the Organization.

IMMEDIATE PLAN OF ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE ROOT AND BRANCH REVIEW

67. The Council expressed its satisfaction with the good progress made on the implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) and commended FAO staff and management on their dedicated work and their positive attitude towards change. It stressed that among the achievements of the process was a significant increase in collaborative working relations between Members and Secretariat.

68. The Council also commended Management for the arrangements put in place for IPA implementation and the progress in a number of areas, including the establishment of a results-based management framework with due attention to partnerships, proposed changes to the Basic Texts, timely action on delayering at Headquarters, culture change and human resource policies.

69. It agreed with Management’s proposal to implement most of the Root and Branch Review (RBR) recommendations under the relevant IPA projects, and proposed that IPA actions and RBR recommendations be dealt with as a single package.

70. The Council recognized that the IPA was an integrated package of reform with actions that could not be implemented in isolation. It expressed concern regarding the serious shortage in voluntary contributions for the Trust Fund for the implementation of the IPA during 2009, which could endanger the implementation of the integrated set of measures. It encouraged those Members that had not yet contributed to do so.

71. It supported Culture Change as a fundamental part of the FAO Renewal which should be absorbed into all other aspects of the FAO reform effort, and their success should come hand-in-hand with new Human Resource policies, and should be enhanced in the Decentralized Offices. It noted the importance of partnerships, especially among the Rome-based Agencies, for service delivery and delivering at the country level.

72. The Council emphasized the need for further improvement of the language services and requested that the funding model be changed from backcharging to being incorporated into the regular budget in order to strengthen the assets of the Meeting, Programming and Documentation Service, as well as the quantity and quality of its services. The Council urged the management to initiate an internal study in full consultation with relevant Members.

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73. The Council noted that further attention was required on Decentralization, and recognized that further improvements would take place in a phased manner. It requested the Secretariat to provide further clarifications with regard to the Headquarters structure, in particular the Chief Information Office (CIO), and to give a more appropriate placement in the organigramme for the Human Resources function. It was informed of the actions taken to initiate a review of the administrative activities performed by the Office of the Director-General (ODG).

74. The Council endorsed the report on item 17 and item 14.

**FAO CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION**

75. The Council recalled the establishment, under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General, of the High-Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Global Food Security Crisis, with the FAO Director-General as Vice-Chair, and subsequent development of the Comprehensive Framework for Action (CFA).

76. The Council welcomed FAO’s prominent role in the global response to the recent food crisis, noting particularly FAO’s early warning on the risks of soaring food prices, its role in the elaboration of the CFA, the development of a food price information tool, FAO’s catalytic role in the partnership dynamic established among UN Agencies, the regional development banks and the World Bank and its associated support in the mobilization of financial resources to address the crisis.

77. The Council requested that FAO continue to catalyze resource mobilization for investments that had a mid- and long-term perspective on strengthening food security within national plans and strategies.

**High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition**

78. The Council considered the proposal for a High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE/FSN) as part of an effort to reform and revitalize the Committee on World Food Security. It took note of the initial action taken by FAO Management to engage Membership in the development of the proposed HLPE/FSN.

79. The Council agreed that there was a need for expert advice on policy, technical and scientific issues related to food security and nutrition to provide timely and reliable information to Member Nations and to the international community on prevailing and prospective food security and nutrition situations. The Council considered that the provision of expert advice and the generation and dissemination of information on food security and nutrition were core functions of FAO.

80. There was general agreement that the proposed HLPE/FSN should have a balanced mix of highly qualified and reputed experts in the various disciplines related to food security and nutrition, with due regard to gender and geographic representation.

81. A number of Members underlined the importance of having detailed information about the structure, governance, terms of reference, costs and funding sources for the HLPE/FSN before taking decision on its establishment.

82. The Council welcomed the decision taken by the CFS Bureau to entrust Working Group IV of the CFS Contact Group to address the questions that had been raised. The Working Group would begin work immediately.

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24 CL 136/14; CL 136/PV/4; CL 136/PV/10.
83. The Council supported the decision of the CFS Bureau to include the establishment of the proposed HLPE/FSN as part of the dialogue among Membership on the CFS reform. This dialogue should include the proposed terms of reference, structure and composition of the proposed HLPE/FSN.

**Proposed Summit on Food Security in 2009**

84. The Council agreed that a summit on food security, proposed in document CL 136/22, be held in November 2009, in close proximity to the FAO Conference, in view of, *inter alia*, the increasing number of hungry, the need to keep the challenge of food insecurity on top of the international agenda and that the role of FAO was fully recognized.

85. The Council underlined that the Summit should be fully funded from extrabudgetary contributions, in order that the FAO’s established Programme of Work was not negatively affected. It requested that the Secretariat report to the FAO Finance Committee at its July 2009 session on the detailed cost estimates and the status of extrabudgetary contributions for the Summit.

86. The Council agreed that Management would ensure that the organization of the Summit would not impede the ongoing reform process.

87. The Council directed Management to take necessary action for a transparent, participatory and Member-driven preparatory process, through the establishment of an Open-Ended Working Group to decide as soon as possible on necessary arrangements for the Summit, including its objectives and outcomes, and moving it one day either way depending on the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) meeting. The Council noted that Management proposed that the preparatory process would start as of the week immediately following the Council session.

**PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2006-2007**

88. The Council welcomed the more concise format of the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2006-07 and noted the coverage of non-technical work. It recognized that this would be the penultimate document reporting under the current programme framework.

89. The Council endorsed the request of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees to receive a proposal from the Secretariat for a results-based implementation report format to be used starting with the 2010-11 biennium. The Council recommended due consultations in order to assess expectations of the Membership in this regard.

90. The Council was concerned that the calculated level of under-recovery of administrative and operational support costs for extrabudgetary activities had been estimated at 37 percent for 2006-07, and urged further efforts to improve cost recovery. The Council emphasized the importance of implementing the policy of language balance for publications and meetings and of ensuring the quality of translations.

91. The Council endorsed the document for transmission to the Conference.

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26 CL 136/22.

27 From the dates proposed by the Secretariat – CL 136/PV/10.

28 C 2009/8; CL 136/PV/6; CL 136/PV/10.
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

REPORT OF THE 84TH (2-4 FEBRUARY 2009), 85TH (23-24 FEBRUARY 2009), 86TH (7-8 MAY 2009) AND 87TH (25-26 MAY 2009) SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Changes to the Basic Texts Required for the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal

92. The Council reviewed the reports of the Eighty-fourth (2 to 4 February 2009), Eighty-fifth (23 and 24 February 2009), Eighty-sixth (7 and 8 May 2009) and Eighty-seventh (25 and 26 May 2009) Sessions of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters. The Council noted in particular that Appendix II to the Report of the Eighty-seventh (25 and 26 May 2009) Session of the CCLM contained a complete version of all proposed amendments. In considering the reports, the Council noted that the proposed amendments regarding the Committee on World Food Security would be examined under another sub-item and not in the context of the implementation of the IPA and that the Charter for the Office of Evaluation was still under discussion and would be reviewed by the Programme Committee.

93. The Council acknowledged with appreciation the significant progress made on the revision of the Basic Texts required for the implementation of the IPA and noted that it had been carried out under the guidance of the CoC-IEE. The Council commended the work accomplished by the CCLM and the secretariat which was fully consistent with the spirit of the IPA. The Council noted that a few specific issues would still be reviewed by the CCLM at its next session.

94. The Council endorsed the substance of the proposed amendments, and noted that the amendments would be set out in appropriate draft Conference resolutions which would be reviewed by the Council at its Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session and referred to the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference for approval.

95. The Council noted that the proposed amendments to the Constitution would be circulated to Members in the course of the month of July, that is, at least 120 days before the opening of the session of the Conference.

Draft Proposed Amendments to the FAO Constitution for the Reform of the Committee on World Food Security

96. The Council took note of the proposed constitutional amendments submitted by France contained in document CL 136/LIM/2 and mandated the Contact Group of the CFS to further discuss these amendments and advise the Conference in November, through the CCLM, to take a decision on the said amendments, in light of the outcome of the discussions of the Contact Group of the CFS, the legal advice of the CCLM, as well as the response of the United Nations regarding the forwarding of the CFS reports to the General Assembly.

97. Meanwhile, without prejudging the outcome of the discussions and the decision of the Conference, the Council noted that the draft amendments would be circulated to the Members of the Organization as required by Article XX, paragraph 4 of the Constitution.

30 CL 136/1-Add. 1; CL 136/LIM/2; CL 136/PV/9; CL 136/10.
OTHER MATTERS

CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS
2009-2011

98. The Council considered the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other Main Sessions 2009-2011 and made the following adjustments to the schedule of sessions for 2010-2011 (Appendix E):

- 30th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (6 to 10 September 2010);
- 27th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (10-14 May 2010);
- 139th Session of Council (17 to 21 May 2010);
- 30th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East to be scheduled, in consultation with the Host Country, in the latter part of March 2010;
- 29th Session of the Committee on Fisheries to be scheduled in last week of January or first week of February 2011 (exact dates to be decided at the 137th Session of Council);
- No session of Council in the first quarter of 2011;
- An informal briefing on extrabudgetary contributions in the context of the preparation for the Programme of Work and Budget would be convened.

99. The Council at its Hundred and Thirty-eighth Session (23 November 2009) would be requested to approve formally the Provisional Calendar for 2010, and take note of the Proposed Calendar for 2011.

MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL

100. The Council endorsed the nomination of Honourable Abraham Iyambo, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources in Namibia and proposed that the Medal be presented to him by the Director-General as part of the proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference.

DEVELOPMENTS IN FORA OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE MANDATE OF FAO

101. This sub-item was added in keeping with Action 2.31 of the Immediate Plan of Action, to ensure that the Council was kept abreast of developments in other fora of importance for FAO’s mandate and that dialogue was maintained with other Governing Bodies as appropriate, in particular the Governing Bodies of the Rome-based food and agriculture agencies.

102. The Council noted with appreciation the six presentations on:

- Inter-agency Collaboration on Nutrition: the Role of FAO;
- Decisions of the Fortieth Session of the UN Statistical Commission on Agricultural Statistics;
- Developments on Issues of World Fisheries in the United Nations and other International Fora, including the Annual Consultations for United Nations General Assembly Resolutions;
- Agriculture, Land Use and the Climate Change Negotiations;

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31 CL 136/INF/6; CL 136/PV/8; CL 136/PV/10.
32 CL 136/INF/7; CL 136/PV/7; CL 136/PV/10.
33 CL 136/PV/6; CL 136/PV/10.
- UN Reform - Governance, Funding, Gender Architecture and Delivering as One: Opportunities and Challenges;
- FAO Collaboration with the African Union (AU) and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).

103. The Council requested that in future sessions more time be allocated to this item, and that a seminar for Permanent Representatives be organized to further inform on these and other fora of importance for the mandate of the Organization.
APPENDIX A

AGENDA FOR THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

II. ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

3. Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (2-6 March 2009)

4. Report of the 19th Session of the Committee on Forestry (16-20 March 2009)

5. Report of the 67th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (20-22 April 2009)


7. Annual Reports of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2007 and 2008


9. Preparations for the 36th Session of the FAO Conference

   9.1 Arrangements for the Session and Provisional Timetable

   9.2 Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of Council

   9.3 Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference, and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II

III. PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10. Reports of the Joint Meeting (28 May 2008, 8 October 2008 and 13 May 2009) of the Programme Committee and the Finance Committee

11. Reports of the 99th (28-30 May 2008), 100th (6-10 October 2008) and 101st (11-15 May 2009) Sessions of the Programme Committee
12. Reports of the 121st (31 January - 1 February 2008), 122nd (22-30 May 2008), 123rd (6-10 October 2008), 124th (5 and 6 February 2009), 125th (9 and 10 March 2009), 126th (11-15 May 2009) and 127th (27-28 May 2009) Sessions of the Finance Committee

12.1 Audited Accounts 2006-07

12.2 Status of Contributions and Arrears

12.3 Other Matters Arising Out of the Reports

13. Elements for the draft Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan 2010-13, and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11

14. Management Response to the Root and Branch Review

15. FAO Contribution to the Implementation of the Comprehensive Framework for Action

15.1 High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security

15.2 Proposed Summit on Food Security in 2009


17. Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

18. Reports of the 84th (2-4 February 2009), 85th (23 and 24 February 2009), 86th (7 and 8 May 2009) and 87th (25 and 26 May 2009) Sessions of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

18.1 Changes to the Basic Texts required for the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal

18.2 Draft Proposed Amendments to the FAO Constitution for the Reform of the Committee on World Food Security

V. OTHER MATTERS

19. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other Main Sessions 2009-2011

20. Any Other Matters

20.1 Margarita Lizárraga Medal

20.2 Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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Ramadan begins: 22 August 09
Eid Al-Fitr: 21 Sept 09
Eid Al-Adha: 28 Nov 09

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ARC Regional Conference for Africa
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CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
CTS Committee on World Food Security
CL Council
COAG Committee on Agriculture
COFI Committee on Fisheries
COFO Committee on Forestry
ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)

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Ramadan: 11 Aug-9 Sept 2010
Eid Al-Fitr: 9 September 2010
Eid Al-Adha: 16 November 2010
Easter: 24 April 2011
Ramadan: 1-30 August 2011
Eid Al-Fitr: 30 August 2011
Eid Al-Adha: 6 November 2011

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ERC Regional Conference for Europe
FC Finance Committee
IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
IFAD/VII Replenishment Consultations
LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
PC Programme Committee
UNGA United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
WFD World Food Day
WFP World Food Programme Executive Board
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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE  
(November 2007 – November 2009)

Chairperson Members
United Kingdom (Vic Heard) Afghanistan (Abdul Razak Ayazi) Canada (James Melanson)  
Angola (Carlos Alberto Amaral) Egypt (Abdelaziz M. Hosni) Equatorial Guinea (Pascual Bacale Mbiang)  
Argentina (Ms Maria del Carmen Squeff) Australia (Ms Fiona Barlett) India (Ramalingam Parasuram)  
Brazil (José Antonio Marcondes Carvalho) Japan (Seiichi Yokoi)  

1 Replaced by Renato Mosca de Souza at the Hundredth Session.  
2 Replaced by Marco Valicenti as of the Hundred and first Session.  
3 Replaced by Kazumasa Shioya as of the Hundredth Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(November 2007 – November 2009)

Chairperson Members
Egypt (Yasser Sorour) Cameroon (Moungui Medi) Mexico (Jorge Eduardo Chen Charpentier)  
China (Li Zhengdong) Pakistan (Aamir Ashraf Khawaja)  
Denmark (Soeren Skafte) Panama (Eudoro Jaen Esquivel)  
France (Jean-Jacques Soula) Uganda (Robert Sabiti)  
Germany (Eckhard W. Hein) United States of America (Lee A. Brudvig)  

1 Replaced by Ms Yao Xiangjun at the Hundred and Twenty-fourth and Hundred and Twenty-fifth Sessions.  
2 Replaced by Rahim Hayat Qureshi as of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session.  
3 Replaced by Horacio Maltez at the Hundred and Twenty-second Session and for part of the Hundred and Twenty-sixth Session.  
4 Replaced by Ms Elizabeth Petrovski for part of the Hundred and Twenty-fourth Session.  
5 Replaced by Christopher S. Hegadorn on 14 and 15 May 2009 during the Hundred and Twenty-sixth Session and as of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS  
(November 2007 – November 2009)

Chile Netherlands  
Gabon Syrian Arab Republic  
Indonesia United States of America  
Lesotho

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009

Term of office expiring Elected by FAO Council Elected by ECOSOC
31 December 2009 Netherlands (D) Belgium (D)  
Pakistan (B) Cape Verde (A)  
Peru (C) India (B)  
Philippines (B) Iran, Islamic Republic of (B)  
United States of America (D) Russian Federation (E)  
Zambia (A) Sweden (D)  
31 December 2010 Canada (D) Australia (D)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (A) Burundi (A)  
Germany (D) Cuba (C)  
Guinea (A) Norway (D)  
Haiti (C) Sudan (A)  
Kuwait (B) Thailand (B)  
31 December 2011 Brazil (C) 2 Angola (A)  
Colombia (C) China (B)  
Denmark (D) Czech Republic (E)  
Egypt (A) Guatemala (C)  
Slovenia (E) Japan (D)  
Switzerland (D) United Kingdom (D)

1 Belgium replaced New Zealand on 1 January 2008.  
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Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Côte d’Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
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(Faroe Islands
Associate Member)
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Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
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Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
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Turkey
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