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INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. The Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session of the Council was held in Rome from 17 to 21 May 2010 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Luc Guyau, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

2. In his address to the Council the Director-General highlighted the revised sequence of Governing Body sessions and reinforced role of the Council and its Independent Chairperson, which were consequences of the reforms introduced by the Immediate Plan of Action. He recalled in particular the role of the Council in planning, priority setting, monitoring and evaluation of governance matters.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

3. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session. 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

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh (Jordan), Mr Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco) and Mr Fazil Düsünceli (Turkey).

5. The Council elected Ms Mary Margaret Muchada (Zimbabwe) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, China, France, Ghana, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, United States of America, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP

REPORT OF THE 35TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (14-17 OCTOBER 2009)


7. The Council strongly commended the inclusive and participatory process characterizing the CFS Reform. The Council further noted that significant progress was made towards implementing the Reform since the Thirty-fifth Session, including the establishment of a new Bureau, an Advisory Group and a Joint Secretariat representing the three Rome-based Agencies, and strengthening of linkages with FAO Regional Conferences and ECOSOC.

8. Regarding preparations for the Thirty-sixth Session in October 2010, Council: (a) stressed the importance of having a balanced agenda not over-burdened with parallel and side events, (b) underlined the importance of discussing varied examples and lessons learned from country...
experiences to fight hunger, and (c) recommended the timely release of the State of Food Insecurity (SOFI) report in order to facilitate in-depth discussion of its content.

9. While noting progress made with the CFS Reform, the Council expressed concern regarding delays in establishing the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) and urged that this matter be resolved soonest. The Council recognized the importance of continuing momentum on CFS Reform, including developing a consensus on Phase II.

10. The Council looked forward to seeing matters related to CFS programme, budget and financing clarified by the CFS Bureau and Secretariat, and made available for consideration at the next CFS plenary and subsequent session of the Council.

11. The Council expressed support for the process of developing the draft Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources, as an important contribution to ICARRD follow-up.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD ON ITS ACTIVITIES IN 2009


13. The Council expressed appreciation for the quality of the report and commended WFP for results achieved, including results in piloting innovative food assistance tools as well as complying with IPSAS.

14. The Council acknowledged and encouraged WFP to continue its active participation in the Delivering as One UN initiative and to strengthen collaboration with UN Agencies, particularly with the Rome-Based Agencies, as well as private sector, NGOs and other relevant food security stakeholders.

PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS


15. The Council considered matters addressed by the Joint Meeting concerning the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and the Evaluation of FAO’s Operational Capacity in Emergencies.

Progress on the Implementation of the TCP

16. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Meeting concerning progress on the implementation of the TCP.

17. The Council:

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5 C 2011/INF/10; CL 139/PV/5; CL 139/PV/7.

6 Two delegations stressed that “Delivering As One” was a pilot initiative, and that it was still under review by the United Nations.

7 CL 139/5; CL 139/PV/4; CL 139/PV/7.
a) expressed concern over the level of expenditure of the 2008-09 TCP appropriation and urged the Secretariat to put in place measures to ensure full expenditure of this appropriation by the end of the 2010-11 biennium;
b) requested the Secretariat to intensify its efforts to reduce the delay between requests and approval of projects (at present six months on average for development projects);
c) welcomed the efforts to increase the capacity of Decentralized Offices to handle their new responsibilities related to the approvals and monitoring of the TCP;
d) emphasized that the use of national experts represented an important feature of the TCP to improve cost-effectiveness and capacity at country level;
e) requested the Joint Meeting to continue to monitor and report to Council concerning progress on TCP implementation, including on distribution of TCP resources by region and by Strategic Objective.

The Evaluation of FAO’s Operational Capacity in Emergencies

The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Programme and Finance Committees, meeting separately and jointly, concerning the Evaluation of FAO’s Operational Capacity in Emergencies.

The Council:

a) reaffirmed the important role of FAO, inter alia, to support FAO Members in preparing for and responding to food and agriculture threats and emergencies, including the transition from emergency to development;
b) supported the recommendation of the Committees that the Secretariat should implement urgently all agreed recommendations that do not have financial implications;
c) welcomed the gender balance achieved in the Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division and the measures being applied to ensure gender mainstreaming and equal opportunities in emergency operations and rehabilitation activities;
d) encouraged the Secretariat to continue to build synergies between the Rome-based Agencies and enhance partnership between FAO and other agencies in emergency situations, including for greater harmonization of operating procedures and shared services;
e) noted the Secretariat’s efforts to empower Decentralized Offices with an emergency and rehabilitation business model aimed at bringing decision-making as close as possible to beneficiaries;
f) encouraged the Secretariat to prepare options for more stable funding for those types of emergencies which were more predictable and could be anticipated;
g) looked forward to Finance Committee recommendations on options to develop the SFERA mechanism, including for more predictable funding of related human resources.

REPORT OF THE 103RD SESSION OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (12-16 APRIL 2010)*

The Council appreciated the clear and specific recommendations in the Report of the 103rd Session of the Programme Committee and endorsed its Report. It welcomed the intention of the Chairperson to structure future Programme Committee agendas and reports concerning five key areas of work: (i) Programme planning and Priority-setting; (ii) Evaluation; (iii) Results-

* CL 139/4; CL 139/PV/3; CL 139/PV/4; CL 139/PV/7.
based Monitoring of Programme Implementation; (iv) IPA Implementation within the PWB; and (v) Improved Methods of Work and Efficiency of the Committee.

(i) Programme planning and Priority-setting

21. The Council reaffirmed the importance of prioritizing the technical work of the Organization within the new Strategic Framework and Medium Term Plan. It endorsed the series of process measures recommended by the Programme Committee to ensure that the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees provide structured advice to the Programme and Finance Committees and Council on priorities for the 2012-13 biennium. The Council acknowledged that the priority-setting cycle for the 2012-13 biennium would be one of transition, and agreed with the aim to have a systematic and synchronized approach to prioritization in place for the subsequent biennium.

22. The Council requested the Secretariat to provide supporting documentation on prioritization in a timely manner in all languages to enable effective consultations among Members prior to meetings of the relevant Governing Bodies.

23. The Council supported the Committee’s request for an additional session in early 2011 to consider, inter alia, the Reports of the 30th Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC) and the 29th Committee on Fisheries (COFI), which would take place after the next meetings of the 104th Programme Committee and 140th Session of the Council. The Council endorsed the Programme Committee’s recommendation that future sessions of the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees be scheduled within the new cycle of Governing Body input to the PWB as approved by Conference.

(ii) Evaluation

24. The Council endorsed the Charter for the Office of Evaluation to be reflected in the Basic Texts.

25. The Council endorsed the selection of thematic and strategic evaluations to be implemented in 2010-11, and made recommendations on other topics for evaluation that should be considered by the Programme Committee when it reviewed the Office of Evaluation work plan in 2011. It also endorsed the proposed selection of i) large, rapidly-developing countries; ii) countries with large emergency and rehabilitation programmes; and iii) middle-income countries for future country evaluations.

26. With respect to strategic evaluations, the Council stressed the need to ensure continuous attention to gender issues in each evaluation. The Council requested a more standardized format for future evaluation reports and clearer prioritization among recommendations. The Council also requested balanced geographical coverage in evaluation work and early implementation of those recommendations that did not have cost implications.

27. The Council stressed that its June 2007 decision regarding provision of funding for evaluations in project budgets should be respected by donors and brought to their attention where necessary by the FAO Secretariat.

28. The Council supported continued joint work with WFP on food security information issues and appreciated the work currently underway to finalize a corporate strategy for food security information systems, as well as a joint strategy with WFP.

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9 CL 139/4, Annex 1.
10 CL 132/REP, paragraph 76.
29. The Council endorsed the establishment of an FAO Water Platform which would promote inter-divisional coordination and facilitate addressing water-related issues across the Organization’s Strategic Objectives.

30. The Council emphasized the need to accelerate the evaluation process of the Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa with a view to its consideration by the Regional Conference for the Near East to be held in December 2010.

(iii) Results-based Monitoring of Programme Implementation

31. The Council supported further discussion by the Committee at its next session on the TCP eligibility criterion relating to access to the TCP on a grant basis in order to address the inconsistency created by the situation of countries which belonged to both the category of countries that should receive priority attention for TCP assistance and to the category of high-income countries.

(iv) IPA Implementation within the PWB

32. The Council supported the Committee’s intention to address issues within its mandate regarding the autonomy of Statutory Bodies, as foreseen in the IPA (Action 2.69), with particular reference to Article XIV bodies, while remaining within the framework of FAO and maintaining their reporting relationship with it.

(v) Improved Methods of Work and Efficiency of the Programme Committee

33. The Council endorsed the Programme Committee’s Multi-year Programme of Work 2010-13. The Council appreciated the added value of informal meetings of the Programme Committee on its methods of work, and it encouraged the Committee to continue to make use of this modality.


34. The Council noted that the General Fund deficit at 31 December 2009 had reached a level of USD 559 million and that this represented an increase in the deficit of USD 94 million compared to the 2006-07 biennium end. The Council was informed that, for the main part, the increase in the deficit was due to the recognition in the official accounts of unfunded liabilities for staff-related schemes.

Financial Highlights

35. The Council considered the status of contributions and arrears of the Organization at 12 May 2010, and noted that while the Organization had so far received over USD 103 million and over EUR 69 million in respect of 2010 contributions, 47 percent of the Membership of the Organization had made no payment towards their 2010 assessment.

Status of Contributions and Arrears

36. While welcoming the significant receipts of arrears from certain Members, the Council expressed concern over the fact that fifty-seven Member Nations still had arrears outstanding from 2009 and previous years and twenty-two owed arrears in such amounts as would prejudice their right to vote in accordance with Article III.4 of the Constitution. While appreciating the

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11 CL 139/4, Annex 2.
12 CL 139/2 Rev.1; CL 139/3; CL 139/3 Add.1; CL 139/8; CL 139/8 Add.1; CL 139/8 Add.2; CL 139/LIM/1; CL/139/PV/3; CL/139/PV/4; CL/139/PV/7.
13 CL 139/LIM/1.
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.

Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2008-09 Biennium

37. The Council took note that, in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.1 and 4.5, the Finance Committee had authorized transfers from budgetary Chapters 3 and 6 in favour of Chapters 1 (USD 1.0 million), 4 (USD 0.05 million) and 5 (USD 0.7 million). The Council also noted that spending had represented 99.5 percent of the 2008-09 budgetary appropriation and welcomed the fact that the full biennial effect of efficiency savings measures identified had amounted to close to USD 22.1 million. It underscored the role of the Finance Committee in continuing to monitor the implementation of efficiency savings during 2010-11.

Progress Report on Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

38. The Council recognized the importance of IPSAS to the Organization and noted that the scope of the IPSAS project had now been expanded to include the replacement of the Field Accounting System which would provide better support to the Decentralized Offices as they faced a significant expansion in activity and delegated authority. It noted an estimated funding shortfall of USD 3.1 million in 2012 to complete the expanded project, and looked forward to considering the funding requirements in the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2012-13.

2009 Actuarial Valuation of Staff-Related Liabilities

39. The Council noted the increase of USD 69 million in the Organization’s staff-related liabilities during 2009, to USD 1.1 billion, based on the latest actuarial valuation. Recognising that staff-related liabilities remained seriously underfunded, the Council noted that the Finance Committee would review the results of the 2010 actuarial valuation and make funding recommendations to Council in the context of the Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13.

Report on Investments 2009

40. The Council commended the Secretariat’s prudent management of its investment portfolios during the recent financial crisis, and welcomed the efforts by the Organization to increase collaboration with other UN Common System treasuries.

Implementation of Corporate Human Resources Strategy

41. The Council noted the Finance Committee’s conclusions on the HR Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2010-11, and supported the efforts being undertaken by the Organization to transform its HR function. In this context, the Council welcomed the envisaged implementation of new HR policies that inter alia called for the institution of mobility among the workforce, and noted work within the Organization on development of a Junior Professional Programme. It was requested that more information on this be provided to the Finance Committee at its next session.

42. The Council endorsed the Committee’s recommendation that the existing FAO gender target of 35 percent females at Professional and higher levels be increased to the current UN System gender parity target of 50 percent. The Council further underscored that the promotion of gender parity should be pursued while concurrently seeking to ensure merit-based selection and broader geographic representation in recruitment of the Organization’s staff.

Membership of the FAO Audit Committee

43. The Council endorsed the appointment of Ms Fatoumata Ndiaye to fill the current Audit Committee vacancy for a two-year term, with her term commencing from the day of this endorsement.
44. The Council requested the Finance Committee, in liaison with the CCLM, to continue reviewing the draft terms of reference of the Ethics Committee, taking note of developments in the UN System, and with due consideration of the role of the Ethics Committee’s function vis-à-vis other activities in the Organization, such as those in the office of the Inspector-General, the functions of the Ombudsman and FAO’s mediation process.

Financial Disclosure Programme

45. The Council encouraged implementation of a financial disclosure programme within the Organization as soon as feasible. It requested the Finance Committee to review progress made at its session in October 2010, with a view to its timely implementation. The Council noted the need to give due regard to the financial implications of such a programme.

Emoluments of the Independent Chairperson of Council

46. In endorsing the recommendation made by the Finance Committee to adjust the annual representation allowance of the Independent Chairperson of Council to EUR 17,500 (equivalent to USD 23,800), the Council felt that this matter should be reviewed further by the Finance Committee in a comprehensive manner, taking into consideration all the related issues and comparable positions, including the need to safeguard the independence and accountability of the role of the Independent Chairperson of the Council. In this respect, the Council advised that any proposed revision to the established conditions should be submitted by the Finance Committee to the Council for its consideration prior to the next session of the Conference so as to take effect after the 37th Session of the FAO Conference.

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

IMMEDIATE PLAN OF ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT 14

48. The Council welcomed the progress report on the implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA), which outlined substantive progress in 2009 and the first quarter of 2010, planned activities for 2010-11, a summary of IPA funding and expenditure as at end 2009 and a financial plan for 2010 and the management arrangements for implementing the IPA. It noted the overarching objective of the FAO Reform to make the Organization more effective in meeting Members’ needs by managing for results.

49. The Council expressed satisfaction with progress made to date in areas highlighted in the report. It also reviewed and noted the challenges ahead given the significant amount of work that remained to be done. It noted the risk assessment across the IPA programme which was being undertaken and looked forward to feedback on risks and mitigation measures in future reports.

50. The Council highlighted the importance of decentralization, which spanned all the key areas of the IPA, and the importance of ensuring that the Decentralized Offices were adequately equipped to fulfil their mandates from a human, financial and structural point of view. It looked forward to reviewing the medium and long-term vision on decentralization based on the relevant information and on input from the Regional Conferences and other Governing Bodies. It also noted the key role of culture change in ensuring the sustainability of the IPA implementation, and requested further information on these two aspects in future reports.

51. The Council looked forward to receiving the reports of the Regional Conferences and the Technical Committees, which would be important inputs into planning processes.

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14 CL 139/9; CL 139/PV/4; CL 139/PV/7.
52. Members also referred to the importance of a more in-depth analysis on the proposed consolidation of hubs of the Shared Service Centre, and the Council looked forward to the feedback from the Regional Conferences on this topic.

53. Following its endorsement of the multi-year programme of work prepared by the Programme Committee in line with the relevant IPA action\textsuperscript{15}, the Council appreciated the progress made by the Finance Committee in preparing its own plan. It looked forward to reviewing the multi-year programmes by the Finance Committee, CCLM, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees at a future session. It also welcomed new working methods introduced by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, noting that this in itself was a demonstration of culture change.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

REPORT OF THE 90\textsuperscript{TH} SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (28-29 APRIL 2010)\textsuperscript{16}

54. The Council examined the Report of the Ninetieth Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).

Matters Related to the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA)

55. The Council invited the Committee on Commodity Problems, the Committee on Fisheries, the Committee on Forestry and the Committee on Agriculture to examine their Rules of Procedure, taking into account the considerations outlined in document CCLM 90/2 and the recommendations of the Report of the 90\textsuperscript{th} Session of the CCLM.

56. The Council acknowledged that authority to amend the Rules of Procedure was vested in the Technical Committees, which had their own specific functional requirements. However, the Council stressed the desirability of consistency among the Rules of Procedure of all Technical Committees.

57. The Council reviewed the proposals made by the CCLM for the address to the Council and the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General foreseen in the IPA and in revised Rule XXXVII, paragraph 1(c) and (d) of the General Rules of the Organization, whereby candidates were required to address the Council and the Conference under conditions ensuring strict equality among them.

58. The Council approved the procedure concerning the address to the Council by candidates for the office of Director-General, set out in Appendix D, and decided that it would apply at its Hundred and Forty-first Session in April 2011.

59. The Council endorsed the proposed procedure concerning the address to the Conference by candidates for the office of Director-General set out in Appendix E, and recommended its adoption by the Conference at Thirty-seventh Session in June and July 2011.

Amendments to the Statutes of Commissions Established under Article VI of the Constitution

60. The Council adopted the following resolution amending the Statutes of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission:

\textsuperscript{15} See paragraph 33 of CL 139/REP.

\textsuperscript{16} CL 139/6; CCLM 90/2; CCLM 90/3; CCLM 90/4 Rev.1; CCLM 90/5; CL 139/PV/4; CL 139/PV/7.
Resolution 1/2010  
_African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)_

THE COUNCIL,

_Recognizing_ that the Tenth Session of the Conference, held from 31 October to 20 November 1959, established the African Forestry Commission through Resolution 26/59 and adopted its Statutes;

_Recalling_ that the Ninety-fourth Session of the Council, held from 15 to 26 November 1988, approved a change in the name of the Commission to “African Forestry and Wildlife Commission” (AFWC);

_Recalling further_ that the Ninety-fourth Session of the Council noted that the change of title did not entail changes in the terms of reference of the Commission because it had been the practice of FAO, as well as that of the Commission, that the concept of forestry be interpreted in its widest sense, to include wildlife and allied subjects;

_Taking note_ that the Sixteenth Session of the Commission, held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, from 18 to 21 February 2008, and the Seventeenth Session of the Commission, held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from 22 to 26 February 2010, requested the Organization to amend Article 1 of the Commission’s Statutes, in order to add, among its functions, that of advising on the formulation of “wildlife” policy;

_Decides_, under Article VI, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, to amend Article 1 of the Statutes of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission as follows:

“1. The functions of the Commission shall be to advise on the formulation of forest and wildlife policy and to review and coordinate its implementation on the regional plane, to exchange information and, generally, through subsidiary bodies, advise on suitable practices and action in relation to technical problems and make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing.” *(insertions are indicated using underlined text).*

Adopted on 21 May 2010.

61. The Council adopted the following resolution approving the change in name of the Near East Forestry Commission and amendments to its Statutes:

Resolution 2/2010  
_Near East Forestry and Range Commission (NEFRC)_

THE COUNCIL,

_Recognizing_ that the Seventh Session of the Conference, held from 23 November to 11 December 1953, established the Near East Forestry Commission through Resolution 24/53;

_Recognizing further_ that the Tenth Session of the Conference, held from 31 October to 20 November 1959, adopted the Commission’s Statutes through Resolution 62/59;

_Taking note_ that the Eighteenth Session of the Commission, held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, from 18 to 21 February 2008, requested the Organization to amend its title and mandate “in order to include range concerns”;

_Taking also note_ that the Nineteenth Session of the Commission, held in Hammamet, Republic of Tunisia, from 5 to 9 April 2010, approved a change in the name of the Commission and an amendment to Article 1 of its Statutes.
1. **Decides**, under Article VI, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, to change the name of the Near East Forestry Commission to “Near East Forestry and Range Commission (NEFRC)”.

2. **Decides further** to amend Article 1 of the Statutes of the Commission as follows:

   “1. The functions of the Near East Forestry and Range Commission shall be to advise on the formulation of management policy of forests, trees, range and their products and to review and coordinate its implementation at the national and regional levels; to exchange views and experiences and, generally, through special subsidiary bodies, advise on suitable practices and action in regard to technical problems and make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing. The Commission shall examine the widening gap between present trends and the potential of forests and rangelands. It shall identify the threats to forests and rangelands and recommend possible action. The outcomes of the Commission reflect the views of its members and their will to work together towards common goals.” (insertions are indicated using underlined text, deletions are indicated using struck out text).

   Adopted on 21 May 2010.

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62. The Council concurred with a proposal that the Committee on Forestry should examine the activities of regional forestry and rangeland bodies in the Near East with a view to ensuring better coordination and avoid overlapping of activities.

63. The Council noted that the CCLM had examined a document on a change in name and in the terms of reference of the Commission for Inland Fisheries of Latin America. The Council endorsed the recommendation of the CCLM that the name of the Commission be changed into the Commission for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Council noted that, following the debate arising out of references to the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries in the revised Statutes of the Commission, the CCLM decided to defer consideration of the amendments to the terms of reference, pending the preparation of a study on the legal implications of those references for its session of September 2010.

   **Correction of an Error in Rule XXXIII.7 of the General Rules of the Organization**

64. The Council noted that the Director-General had referred to the CCLM a request from the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) that a correction be made to Rule XXXIII.7 of the GRO concerning the CFS. This paragraph, as approved by the Conference at its Thirty-sixth Session in November 2009 through Resolution 13/2009 read: “The Committee on World Food Security is an intergovernmental Committee of FAO”. This segment was at variance with the relevant provisions of the negotiated text of document: “Reform of the Committee on World Food Security” (CFS: 2009/2 Rev.2), which stated: “The CFS is and remains an intergovernmental Committee in FAO”. This particular segment had been negotiated throughout 2009 within the Contact Group on the Reform of the CFS, and had been approved by the CFS and the Conference itself at its Thirty-sixth Session in November 2009. However, due to an oversight, that segment was not included in the above Resolution through which Rule XXXIII.7 of the GRO was approved by the Conference.

65. The Council noted that the CCLM had recommended that the correction be made to Rule XXXIII.7 of the GRO in order to faithfully reflect the content of the negotiated text whereby: “The Committee on World Food Security is and remains an intergovernmental Committee in FAO”.

66. The Council endorsed the recommendation of the CCLM and requested the Secretariat to make such a correction.
67. The Council welcomed Ms. Lorraine B. Williams, newly-appointed Legal Counsel. The Council wished to place on record its deepest appreciation for the outstanding services provided by Mr. Giuliano Pucci, Legal Counsel from March 2000 until February 2010, and to acknowledge his exceptionally long and successful career with the Organization.

68. The Council also noted that Ms. Suzanne Heinen, Representative of the United States of America in the CCLM, would be finishing her assignment and wished to place on record her valuable contribution to the work of the Committee throughout the last two terms.

**APPOINTMENT OF A CCLM MEMBER FROM THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC REGION**

69. The Council recalled that the Southwest Pacific Region had not nominated a candidate for its seat at the CCLM in November 2009 and, therefore, it could not elect a Member for this Region. As agreed by the 138th Session of Council, action to this effect would be taken.

70. The Council noted that the Southwest Pacific Region had nominated Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe (Papua New Guinea), who had participated in the 90th Session of the CCLM. The Council elected Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe (Papua New Guinea) to the CCLM by clear general consent.

**OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNING BODIES, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION**

71. The Council noted that the Open-ended Working Group on Measures Designed to Increase the Efficiency of Governing Bodies, Including Representation (OEWG), established by the Conference at its session in November 2009, held a first meeting on 9 April 2010, convened by the Independent Chairperson of the Council, in the course of which arrangements for its operation, as set out in the Annex to document CL 139/INF/7, were adopted, as well as an initial calendar of its meetings.

72. The Council also noted that, in order to ensure consistency between the work of the CoC-IEE and the OEWG, the Bureau of the OEWG was initially the same as that of the CoC-IEE. In the same spirit, the Council acknowledged that, in dealing with measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation, the OEWG should not re-open discussion on issues which had already been examined by the CoC-IEE and on which the Conference had already taken a decision or deal with matters addressed by other Governing Bodies as part of their respective mandates during the 2010-11 biennium.

73. Noting that only a limited number of meetings were foreseen, the Council invited the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups to actively liaise with the Independent Chairperson of the Council in order to facilitate the work of the OEWG. In this regard, it was stressed that the Bureau of the OEWG should meet as soon as feasible to agree on proposed issues to be discussed by the OEWG at its forthcoming meetings. The Council looked forward to receiving a report on the work of the OEWG at its next session.

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17 CL 139/10; CL 139/PV/4; CL 139/PV/7.
18 CL 139/INF/7; CL 139/PV/5; CL 139/PV/7.
OTHER MATTERS

CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2010-2011

74. The Council noted (i) the Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other Main Sessions for 2010 and (ii) the Provisional Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other Main Sessions for 2011 as reproduced in Appendix F to this Report.

75. The Council agreed to an additional session of the Programme Committee being convened in early 2011.

76. The Council requested that future sessions of the Regional Conferences be scheduled prior to the sessions of the Technical Committees in the first year of the biennium. This would avoid future sessions of these Committees clashing with the Asian festivities.

77. The Calendar for 2011, including changes proposed by the Membership through the Independent Chairperson, would be submitted to the Hundred and Fortieth Session of the Council (29 November-3 December 2010) for formal approval.

DEVELOPMENTS IN FORA OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE MANDATE OF FAO

78. This item, in keeping with Action no. 2.31 of the Immediate Plan of Action, aims to ensure that the Council is kept abreast of developments in other fora of importance for FAO’s mandate and that dialogue is maintained with other Governing Bodies as appropriate, in particular the Governing Bodies of the Rome-based food and agriculture agencies.

79. The Council noted with appreciation presentations on:

- Decision of the Forty-first session of the United Nations Statistical Commission on agricultural statistics;
- Involvement of CITES (Washington Convention) in the conservation of commercially-exploited marine fish: the Results of COP-15;
- Intergovernmental processes and inter-agency cooperation in the United Nations General Assembly;
- e-Agriculture: enhancing the role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in rural development and food security;
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations on climate change;
- FAO’s participation in the relevant conferences/meetings on South-South Cooperation;
- Developments under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

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19 CL 139/LIM/2; CL 139/PV/5; CL 139/PV/7.

20 CL 139/INF/6; CL 139/PV/5; CL 139/PV/6; CL 139/PV/7.
APPENDIX A

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

I. PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION

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


4. Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its Activities in 2009

III. PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5. Report of the Joint Meeting (14 April 2010) of the 103rd Session of the Programme Committee and the 132nd Session of the Finance Committee

6. Report of the 103rd Session of the Programme Committee (12-16 April 2010)

7. Reports of the 130th (2-3 November 2009), 131st (1-2 February 2010) and 132nd (12-16 April 2010) Sessions of the Finance Committee

8. Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS


10. Appointment of a CCLM Member from the Southwest Pacific Region

11. Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation
V. OTHER MATTERS

12. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2010-2011

13. Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO

14. Any Other Matters
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(ii) After each statement, up to 15 minutes will be made available to Members of the Council to ask questions through the Chairperson who will then give the floor to each candidate to respond for up to 15 minutes.

(iii) The Chairperson may adjust the time allotted for questions and answers foreseen in paragraph (ii) above, subject to a requirement of equality of time among all candidates. In determining the time allotted, the Chairperson should bear in mind that, as far as possible, all candidates should address the Council on the same day.

(iv) The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, ensures that the allocated time, both for the statements and for the questions and answers, is strictly enforced.

(v) A candidate may speak in any language of the Organization.

(vi) Once all statements and questions and answers have been completed, the Chairperson shall declare the relevant agenda item closed. There shall be no debate, nor any conclusions drawn from the statements, questions or answers.
APPENDIX E

PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE
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ARC Regional Conference for Africa  
C Conference  
CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters  
CCP Committee on Commodity Problems  
CFS Committee on World Food Security  
CL Council  
COAG Committee on Agriculture  
CODEX Codex Alimentarius Commission  
COFI Committee on Fisheries (MM=Ministerial Meeting)  
COFO Committee on Forestry (MM=Ministerial Meeting)  
ECOSOC Economic and Social Council  
ERC Regional Conference for Europe  

PC Finance Committee  
IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board  
IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council  
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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