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6. The Council endorsed the findings of the Joint Meeting of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee and 170th Session of the Finance Committee on the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2016-17, and in particular:

   a) expressed satisfaction at the implementation of the Programme of Work in 2016-17 and welcomed FAO’s results in reaching 82% of the planned Outputs under a more rigorous target setting and measurement approach;
   
   b) noted with concern the rise of global hunger as a result of climate change and increasing number of conflicts and called on FAO to build on lessons learned and adjust activities, where necessary, so that results could make greater contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
   
   c) welcomed the alignment of the FAO results framework to the SDGs, including by identifying and using the SDG targets and indicators that relate to each Strategic Objective;
   
   d) expressed satisfaction at the net budgetary appropriation expenditure at 99.6%, the higher delivery of Trust Funds and Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), and the resource mobilization figure of over USD 2 billion, coupled with increased efficiencies, including achievement of USD 37 million in savings;
   
   e) noted with satisfaction the priority given by the Organization to the use of partnerships to enable it to leverage its comparative advantages, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
   
   f) encouraged continued progress in achieving equitable geographical representation of staff, and gender parity at professional and senior levels and requested the Secretariat to provide more detailed information on these issues to Members;
   
   g) noted and encouraged continuing efforts to strengthen the capacity of the decentralized offices network, including the review of country office staffing models;
   
   h) noted that the underspending of USD 3.9 million in the 2016-17 net budgetary appropriations expenditure would be entirely transferred to the Special Fund for Development Finance Activities (SFDF) and requested an annual progress report on the funding and activities of the SFDF;

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i) emphasized the importance of international standard setting work such as Codex Alimentarius and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and stressed the need for sustainable funding for FAO’s work and activities relating to scientific advice for food safety and the Codex Alimentarius in line with the recommendation from the Joint Meeting of the 122nd Session of the Programme Committee and 169th Session of the Finance Committee for allocation of unspent Trust Fund balances for the Blind Trust Fund;

j) encouraged FAO to prioritize support to national statistics agencies to collect and analyze data, in particular to support national efforts to monitor and achieve the SDGs; and

k) underlined that these positive results had been achieved also thanks to the dedicated people working at FAO, both staff and consultants.

7. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2016-17 and recommended that it be submitted to the Conference in June 2019 for approval.