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1 Term of office: 1 July 2020 – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

2 Term of office: 1 July 2018 – end of the 42nd Session of Conference (2021)

3 Term of office: end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019) to 30 June 2022

4 Term of office: end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019) to end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

5 Andorra replaced North Macedonia from 1 July 2019 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

6 Azerbaijan replaced Estonia from 1 July 2019 to the end of the of 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

7 Israel replaced Austria from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

8 Italy replaced France from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

9 Sudan replaced Kuwait from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022

10 Myanmar replaced the Philippines from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

11 Peru replaced Chile from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference (2019) to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

12 Spain replaced the Russian Federation from 1 July 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

13 Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

14 Indonesia replaced Viet Nam from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021)

15 Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO

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Procedure of the Session

Introductory Items¹

1. The 166th Session of the Council was held from 26 April to 1 May 2021, under the Chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The Session was convened virtually, on an exceptional basis, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns. This followed consultations by the Director-General with the Independent Chairperson of the Council, and with the Regional Groups of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
3. The Council confirmed, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, that it agreed to the suspension of any rules incompatible with the virtual setting, specifically Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which provides that each session of the Council shall be held at the seat of the Organization.

Statement by the Director-General²

4. The Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable³

5. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, as amended.
6. The Council approved the special procedures outlined in document CL 166/INF/5, *Methods of Work for the 166th Session of the Council*.
7. 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 Committee⁴

8. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Carlos Cherniak (Argentina); Mr Çaka Alverdi Awal (Indonesia); and Ms Yael Rubinstein (Israel).
9. The Council elected Mr Marc Mankoussou (Congo) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Australia, Brazil, China, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, Peru, Spain, Sweden and the United States of America.

Programmatic Matters

Strategic Framework 2022-31⁵

10. The Council reviewed document C 2021/7, *Strategic Framework 2022-31*, and in particular:
 - a) appreciated the extensive, inclusive and transparent consultation process followed in the development of the Strategic Framework 2022-31, and that it reflected the guidance and priorities stemming from the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees;
 - b) welcomed that the Strategic Framework 2022-31 builds on the momentum and harmonized transformations already taking place in the Organization, including increased efficiency, streamlining, and innovative approaches; a modular and flexible organizational structure; and initiatives such as the Hand-in-Hand Initiative and the COVID-19 Response and Recovery

¹ CL 166/PV/1; CL 166/PV/11

² CL 166/PV/1; CL 166/PV/11

³ CL 166/1; CL 166/INF/1; CL 166/INF/3; CL 166/INF/5; CL 166/PV/1; CL 166/PV/11

⁴ CL 166/PV/1; CL 166/PV/2; CL 166/PV/11

⁵ C 2021/7; CL 166/8 para.9; CL 166/9 paras.8-9; CL 166/10 paras.17-18; CL 166/PV/1; CL 166/PV/2; CL 166/PV/3; CL 166/PV/4; CL 166/PV/11

Programme, supported by the Food Coalition, avoiding potential overlapping with the mandates of the Rome-Based Agencies;

- c) welcomed that the strategic narrative of transformation should be encouraged in a coherent manner, as appropriate, in accordance with, and dependent on national contexts and capacities, to achieve MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems⁶ for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind, to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and FAO's three Global Goals of Members;
- d) appreciated that the Strategic Framework aligns itself with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the guiding lens of SDGs 1, 2 and 10 and requested stronger linkages between the SDGs and the four betters;
- e) highlighted the importance of a balance between the three pillars of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) throughout the Strategic Framework, including in the number of Programme Priority Areas (PPAs) and allocation of budget between the four betters;
- f) stressed the need to duly consider in a neutral, balanced, science- and evidence-based manner, all the available approaches, systems, and tools to leverage FAO's comparative advantages to promote working at scale for greater sustainability and long-term impact in response to Members' needs;
- g) supported the four cross-cutting/cross-sectional "accelerators" (i) technology, (ii) innovation, (iii) data, and (iv) complements (governance, human capital, and institutions);
- h) welcomed that the Framework, anchored in the SDGs, allows FAO to articulate its mandated targets and respective results in alignment with the goals of the United Nations (UN) development system at country level and with partners;
- i) took note that the United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021 and its expected outcomes could support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, especially SDG 1 and SDG 2, and should be considered by Members, as appropriate, through the Governing Bodies as well as other key events such as the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit;
- j) welcomed FAO's cross-cutting themes of gender, youth, and inclusion and recognized their role in achieving the 2030 Agenda and leaving no one behind, and looked forward to open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Members on the Gender Action Plan and the Rural Youth Action Plan prior to their submission to the next Session of the Programme Committee to ensure inter alia effective and efficient mainstreaming of gender equality and women's empowerment in all of FAO's work with targets, outputs and indicators;
- k) highlighted the need to further showcase FAO's work, within its mandate, on commodity markets and trade and appreciated the importance of its inclusion in the new Strategic Framework, and highlighted the importance of global food supply chains and open, transparent and predictable international trade, taking into account the mandate of FAO in this respect;
- l) highlighted the importance of climate change and biodiversity within FAO's mandate in the Strategic Framework;
- m) highlighted the importance of the One Health approach, the Tripartite Partnership and the cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other relevant international organizations, in line with their respective mandates in this regard;

⁶ The agri-food system covers the journey of food from farm to table – including when it is grown, fished, harvested, processed, packaged, transported, distributed, traded, bought, prepared, eaten and disposed of. It also encompasses non-food products that also constitute livelihoods and all of the people as well as the activities, investments and choices that play a part in getting us these food and agricultural products. In the FAO Constitution, the term "agriculture" and its derivatives include fisheries, marine products, forestry and primary forestry products.

- n) welcomed the PPAs, formulated as inter-disciplinary, issue-based technical themes, to guide the programmes that FAO would implement under the four betters;
- o) highlighted the importance of ensuring an equitable focus on fisheries and forestry across the PPAs and the Strategic Framework;
- p) highlighted the importance of smallholder and family farmers, in particular rural women, indigenous peoples and local communities, as critical stakeholders for the future of food and agriculture and sustainable food systems;
- q) underlined the importance of all forms of innovation, including digitalization, while ensuring protection of data privacy and intellectual property rights, as a driving force in agriculture, environment, commodities and food trade, and food security and nutrition;
- r) reiterated the strategic and catalytic importance of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and other technical work of FAO within the context of FAO's institutional architecture, tailored to country-specific needs, in the efforts for the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda;
- s) acknowledged the important role of scientific and evidence-based normative work of FAO and welcomed the increased visibility of the Organization's normative work, and support to the standard setting work of Codex Alimentarius and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in the Strategic Framework;
- t) underlined that the Strategic Framework incorporates the conclusions of the Regional Conferences, especially mainstreaming the food systems approach into national planning processes including social protection, reinforcing the role of agriculture in ending hunger and eradicating poverty;
- u) stressed the importance of partnerships in the implementation of the Strategic Framework, including with other UN agencies, financial institutions, the private sector, as well as by means of instruments such as South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- v) underlined the need for alignment with the repositioning of the UN development system and recommended the inclusion of FAO's Country Programming Frameworks in the strategic results framework;
- w) supported FAO's commitment to strengthen risk management while also ensuring that the Organization is agile and flexible, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and other known and unknown future challenges in agri-food systems; and
- x) appreciated the elements of the reinvigorated, fit-for-purpose FAO business model, underlined the importance of innovative financing mechanisms and sources to complement traditional funding modalities and encouraged FAO's efforts to expand its voluntary funding base and requested Management to set out for Members the principles for what is funded through the regular budget and what should be funded through extrabudgetary resources, recalling the importance for increasing unearmarked resources.

11. The Council considered the recommendations of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee, the 185th Session of the Finance Committee and of their Joint Meeting on the Strategic Framework 2022-31.

12. The Council requested that, consistent with the process established in the Basic Texts, an additional paper be submitted to the Conference accompanying the Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 with clarifications for future adjustments as appropriate, based on the Council's specific guidance, as well as guidance from the Technical Committees.

13. The Council recommended that the 42nd Session of the Conference reviews and considers endorsing the Strategic Framework 2022-31.

Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23⁷

14. The Council reviewed the *Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23*, and in particular:

- a) welcomed the reflection of the strategic direction in the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB), with its focus on supporting the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the transformation that should be encouraged in a coherent manner as appropriate and in accordance with and dependent on national contexts and capacities, to achieve MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life*, leaving no one behind;
- b) commended the efforts of the Director-General in maintaining a flat nominal Regular Programme budget in the context of the prevailing global economic crisis, with no change in the level of assessed contributions and net budgetary appropriation compared with 2020-21;
- c) with regard to the proposals to improve FAO's financial health, liquidity and reserves, recommended deferral to future biennia of both the issues of replenishment of the Working Capital Fund, as well as the incremental funding of the After-Service Medical Coverage past service liability;
- d) appreciated the anchoring of the PPAs in the 2030 Agenda and welcomed the articulation of both primary PPA contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as additional contributions, recognizing the interconnected nature of the SDGs and the *four betters* and the need to address the three dimensions of sustainable development in a more balanced way;
- e) called on Management to ensure the direct links between FAO's output indicators and the SDG indicators when elaborating the results framework;
- f) reiterated the importance of scientific- and evidence-based normative work of FAO and the global public goods for which FAO is responsible, and appreciated the increased visibility of FAO's normative work in the MTP results frameworks;
- g) appreciated FAO's support in building resilience to persistent and emerging threats by focusing on timely science- and evidence-based responses, taking into account the three dimensions of sustainable development, and highlighted the importance of global food supply chains and open, rules-based, non-discriminatory and predictable international trade, taking into account the mandate of FAO in this respect;
- h) highlighted the importance of climate change and biodiversity within FAO's mandate in the MTP 2022-25 and called on FAO Management to improve and achieve a balance in the technical support that FAO provides to its Members to access climate finance;
- i) welcomed the focus on the One Health approach in the Programme of Work, including the Tripartite Partnerships and the cooperation with UNEP and other relevant international organizations, in line with their respective mandates in this regard;
- j) noted that the MTP contained several concepts and language which are not intergovernmentally-agreed, and stressed the need for FAO to use only multilaterally-agreed concepts and language and give preference to those adopted by FAO's Governing Bodies, as appropriate, and adjust accordingly the MTP;
- k) appreciated the presentation of the integrated budget, bringing together all sources of funds for the implementation of the agreed programme of work and noted the additional information provided in C 2021/3 Information Note 1;

⁷ C 2021/3; C 2021/3 Inf. Note 1; C 2021/3 WA-10; CL 166/8 para.10; CL 166/9 para.10; CL 166/10 paras.19-20; CL 166 PV/4; CL 166/PV/11

- l) concurred with the resource reallocations described in paragraph 59 of document C 2021/3 to strengthen priorities within a flat nominal budget level;
 - m) highlighted the importance of the balance between the three pillars of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) throughout the PWB, including through the number of PPAs and allocation of budget between the *four betters*;
 - n) appreciated the elements of the reinvigorated, fit-for-purpose FAO business model, underlined the importance of innovative financing mechanisms and resources to complement traditional funding modalities and encouraged FAO's effort to expand its voluntary funding base and requested Management to set out for Members the principles for what is funded through the regular budget and what should be funded through extrabudgetary resources, recalling the importance for increasing unearmarked resources;
 - o) highlighted the importance of internal control within the Organization, and appreciated the prominence ascribed within the PWB to associated mechanisms, including the Office of the Inspector General, the Legal Office and the Human Resources Division;
 - p) appreciated the important role of scientific and evidence-based normative and standard-setting work of FAO and welcomed the maintenance of the increased level of funding from 2020-21 for the IPPC and the Joint FAO/World Health Organization (WHO) food safety scientific advice programme and stressed the importance of further strengthening of the standard-setting work, as appropriate;
 - q) appreciated that the resources for the TCP are maintained at a level of 14 percent of the net budgetary appropriation, given the strategic and catalytic importance of the TCP within FAO's institutional architecture and its goods and services provided to Members;
 - r) highlighted the need to increasingly leverage innovative funding and financing for investment at scale;
 - s) stressed the importance of flexible, lightly earmarked and unearmarked voluntary funding to support the priorities as outlined in the integrated programme of work, and recommended FAO to further elaborate possible mechanisms and approaches and continue striving to building trust with resource partners in its efforts to promote and attract more flexible voluntary funding;
 - t) supported the change of name of the Fisheries Division to the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division; and
 - u) recalled that adjustments in resource allocations and results framework arising from decisions and guidance of the Conference and the more detailed work planning process would be reported in the Adjustments to the PWB 2022-23 for consideration by the Council at its 168th Session, in line with the established programming and budgeting process.
15. The Council considered the recommendations of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee, the 185th Session of the Finance Committee, and of their Joint Meeting on the MTP 2022-25 and the PWB 2022-23.
16. The Council requested that, consistent with the process established in the Basic Texts, an additional paper be submitted to the Conference accompanying the MTP 2022-25 and PWB 2022-23, as well as the Strategic Framework 2022-31, with clarifications for future adjustments, as appropriate, based on the Council's specific guidance, as well as guidance from the Technical Committees.
17. Regarding the budget level for 2022-23, the Council:
- a) encouraged Members and other partners to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate the implementation of the integrated Programme of Work under the results framework; and
 - b) recommended the Conference approve the budget level of USD 1,005.6 million at a budget rate of exchange of EUR 1 = USD 1.22, and recommended approval by the Conference of the draft Conference Resolution, as set out in *Appendix C*.

FAO's Response to COVID-19: Building to Transform⁸

18. The Council welcomed document CL 166/5, *FAO's Response to COVID-19: Building to Transform*, and:

- a) encouraged FAO to coordinate with other UN entities and emphasized the urgent need for solidarity, equity and efficacy to fight against COVID-19 and acknowledged that an effective COVID-19 response should go hand in hand with equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, taking into account the UN Secretary-General's appeal that vaccination is a public good;
- b) commended FAO's timely response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its efforts for preventive actions, collection of data based on Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES), analysis, and humanitarian response, noting the crucial role played by the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS);
- c) encouraged FAO to build on lessons learned and best practices, further strengthening its focus on the One Health approach; increasing productivity of family farming; data collection; food safety standards; open, transparent and non-discriminatory and predictable rules-based trade; humanitarian response; gender-responsive solutions; and policy assistance for well-functioning food supply chains; and encouraged FAO to take an holistic approach to accelerate the transformation of agri-food systems, which can be implemented at country level, and which should be encouraged in a coherent manner, as appropriate, according to, and dependent on, national contexts and capacities, towards more sustainable and resilient food systems;
- d) welcomed FAO's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme and its seven priority areas, as well as the potential support that could be provided by the Food Coalition, while looking forward to Food Coalition discussions and analysis within the G20 process;
- e) recommended considering the addition of an item on the Food Coalition on the Agenda of the 168th Session of the Council;
- f) recalled the importance of the One Health approach and urged FAO to continue its collaboration with the Tripartite and UNEP and other relevant international organizations, in line with their respective mandates in this respect, to ensure the One Health approach is included in the work of the Organization with a special focus on preventing zoonotic diseases;
- g) recognized the importance of trade for contributing to the availability, accessibility and affordability of food, as well as the stability of markets and the limitation of extreme food price volatility, and recalled and underlined the importance that, in line with the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and in keeping with their commitments under the WTO agreements, Members correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions as well as eliminate and not create unnecessary and unjustified barriers to trade in agricultural markets;
- h) noted that a comprehensive response to the pandemic by FAO has facilitated the work from short-term response to medium and long-term plans and actions, including recovery at the national level; and
- i) looked forward to regular updates on FAO's response to COVID-19 as well as its work on inclusive recovery planning, including lessons learned from the process, and on associated resource mobilization efforts.

The Hand-in-Hand Initiative⁹

19. The Council welcomed document CL 166/6, *The Hand-in-Hand Initiative*, and:

- a) commended the tangible progress made on the implementation of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative in supporting 37 participating countries despite the extraordinary circumstances

⁸ CL 166/5; CL 166/8 para.11; CL 166/PV/4; CL 166/PV/11

⁹ CL 166/6; CL 166/9 para.12; CL 166/PV/4; CL 166/PV/11

prevailing due to the simultaneous impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic recession, as well as more localized impacts of extreme weather events, pest infestations, conflict and food emergencies which affected the Hand-in-Hand countries;

- b) welcomed the commitment to achieve similar objectives in all 37 countries by the end of 2021;
- c) appreciated the flexibility exercised to enable broader access of FAO Members to Hand-in-Hand methodologies, geospatial data platforms, training, partnering mechanisms and investment support, working within existing resources and structures;
- d) welcomed the Organization's new way of working to more closely integrate normative, technical, and policy work, including Committee on World Food Security (CFS) non-binding products, to country support within an emerging One FAO framework;
- e) recognized that the Hand-in-Hand Initiative has become a catalyst and important support to strengthening the Organization's capacity to deliver integrated, science- and evidence-based, technical, policy and investment support and noted that this will benefit all Members by increasing the quality, relevance, scale and impact of FAO-supported national, regional and sub-regional programmes, as well as FAO's global normative work and to ensure that the initiative would not have further impact on FAO's PWB 2022-23;
- f) appreciated FAO's commitment and support to country-led and country-owned programmes of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, while enabling an open, inclusive and accountable approach to expanded partnerships with a range of qualified actors at local, national and international levels, including the private sector, to deliver essential means of implementation for the programmes;
- g) highlighted the important role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation among countries in enhancing the achievement of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative objectives in the regions, due to similarity in geographical conditions, state of development, specific needs, priorities, contexts and culture;
- h) welcomed the design of the proposed Hand-in-Hand programme dashboards, which will serve as a means of ensuring national ownership of the supported programmes while also enabling sustained alignment, communications and, when necessary, adjustment among the partners throughout the multi-year period of national programme implementation and support;
- i) recalled the need for the Initiative to be coherent with the objectives and actions outlined by the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, and to be fully integrated within the joint programming of the UN development system and the 2030 Agenda; and
- j) requested regular updates on the implementation of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, including progress reports and results achieved, taking into account the importance of applying internationally-agreed standards in data management.

Reports of the Technical Committees

Reports of the 73rd (Extraordinary) (22 January and 19 February 2021) and 74th (10-12 March 2021) Sessions of the Committee on Commodity Problems¹⁰

20. The Council considered the recommendations in the *Reports of the 73rd (Extraordinary) and 74th Sessions of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)*, and in particular:

- a) commended FAO for its immediate and concrete response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including in close cooperation with other UN entities and international and regional organizations and highlighted the importance of international trade for increasing resilience;
- b) commended the work carried out by the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), including its Rapid Response Forum component, and the Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS), noting the need for continued investment in market monitoring and international dialogue and coordination around market developments;

¹⁰ C 2021/22; C 2021/25; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

- c) underlined the importance of FAO's commodity market monitoring, assessment and outlook and early warning work, as a global public good, especially in view of the growing risks and uncertainties in an effort to achieve all SDG targets within FAO's mandate;
- d) encouraged FAO to increase its support to Members in assembling, analyzing, monitoring and improving access to timely and reliable information;
- e) requested FAO to strengthen its capacity in *ex ante* risk analysis and assessment and to increase its foresight analysis, going beyond 2030;
- f) highlighted the importance of continuing to strengthen FAO's analytical and capacity development activities and to enhance knowledge on the contribution of agricultural markets and trade to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;
- g) welcomed FAO's commitment to an enhanced One Health approach to mitigate the risks of zoonotic diseases and support the development of science-based international standards, guidelines and recommendations on effective risk mitigation measures for zoonosis control;
- h) welcomed the collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and requested FAO to continue and strengthen this partnership;
- i) appreciated the collaboration between FAO and WTO in agricultural trade;
- j) underlined the importance of FAO's technical assistance to Members in the areas under its mandate and competence in respect of trade policies and agreements and urged FAO to strengthen its efforts in analysis, capacity development, and the organization and facilitation of dialogue events; and
- k) noted the CCP's call to review the working arrangements of its next Session in consultation with the Independent Chairperson of the Council and the Chairpersons of the other FAO Technical Committees and looked forward to the outcomes of this review to be considered before the next Session of the CCP.

Report on the 31st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats (4-5 March 2021)¹¹

21. The Council noted that the *31st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats* that took place on 4-5 March 2021 could not conclude its agenda and that it was decided to suspend the meeting and resume discussions of pending agenda items at the earliest possible opportunity.

Report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (1-5 February 2021)¹²

22. The Council considered the recommendations contained in the *Report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries*, and in particular:

- a) endorsed the 2021 COFI Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture to renew its commitment to the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, recognized the transformations in the sector since the endorsement of the Code, and urged FAO to refocus priorities to secure the long-term sustainability and resilience of the sector;
- b) reiterated the importance for the COFI Secretariat to use multilaterally agreed concepts and language and give preference to those adopted by FAO Governing Bodies in their work;
- c) looked forward to ensuring that fisheries and aquaculture are fully integrated into the preparations for the UN Food Systems Summit;
- d) welcomed the further development of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture in 2021 and requested FAO to consider guidance for concrete actions for the sector;

¹¹ CL 166/INF/6; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

¹² C 2021/23; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

- e) emphasized the importance of reinforcing support to communities whose livelihoods depend upon small-scale and artisanal fisheries and urged FAO to increase its support to Members, including by promoting the importance of small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in relevant events in relation to the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) in 2022;
- f) urged FAO to enhance technical guidance on mainstreaming climate adaptation and mitigation in fisheries management and aquaculture development;
- g) urged FAO to continue supporting Members in the development and implementation of national plans of action to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, and make further efforts to address the challenges faced in combatting IUU fishing including the development of these technical guidelines, such as the draft voluntary guidelines for the regulation, monitoring and control of transshipment;
- h) encouraged FAO to continue strengthening its work on achieving sustainable fisheries and aquaculture through collaborative approaches with relevant global and regional organizations, bodies and initiatives;
- i) urged FAO to continue to work with the Convention on International Trade for Endangered Species and Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and related fora, to help ensure that decisions made in these fora and their implementation are based on the best scientific information available and relevant technical information;
- j) welcomed the transparent and inclusive consultation process on the proposal for the establishment of a new Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management, under the leadership of the Chairperson of COFI, and looked forward to a proposal being submitted to the 35th Session of COFI; and
- k) requested that an Annotated Provisional Agenda for the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries is made available in all FAO languages at least eight weeks before the start of the Session to give Members sufficient time for preparation.

Reports of the Committees of the Council

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee and 185th Session of the Finance Committee (22, 23, 25 and 26 March 2021)¹³

23. The Council considered the recommendations of the Report of the Joint Meeting, and in particular:

- a) endorsed its observations and recommendations relating to the proposal for the establishment of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management;
- b) endorsed its observations and recommendations relating to the TCP and welcomed Management's commitment to implementing them; and
- c) underlined the recommendation on the TCP for Management to complete a strategic exercise, in consultation with Members, with the aim to refine, and possibly unify, the criteria of resource allocation, beyond the traditional one of per capita income, and taking into account the specific needs of each region, such as rural poverty and inequality, vulnerability to climate change and biodiversity degradation; and to enhance performance management to be submitted for approval by the 43rd Session of the Conference.

¹³ CL 166/8; CL 166/PV/5; CL 166/PV/11

**Report of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee
(22-26 March and 6 April 2021)¹⁴**

24. The Council considered the recommendations contained in the *Report of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee*, and in particular:

- a) welcomed the Mid-term Review Synthesis Report 2020, and commended FAO for ensuring business continuity, as well as progress in delivery of the Programme of Work despite the difficult challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and endorsed the Programme Committee recommendation that reports on project performance should be included in future Mid-Term reviews and Programme Implementation Reports;
- b) adopted the Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work in Nutrition, commending the inclusive and transparent process that contributed to its development;
- c) approved the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture adjusted according to the guidance from Council and the Technical Committees, emphasised that the authority to draft the voluntary guidelines should come from Members through the FAO Governing Bodies and should be developed by a Member-led, open, transparent and inclusive process;
- d) requested a Council discussion on a standardized procedure for the elaboration and approval of FAO policies, voluntary guidelines, strategies and action plans, taking into account the Basic Texts of the Organization, and requested open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Members in this regard;
- e) stressed the need for FAO Management to use multilaterally agreed concepts and language and give preference to those adopted by FAO Governing Bodies when designing new strategies, action plans, voluntary guidelines, policy recommendations and codes of conduct;
- f) approved the FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2021-2025, noting that the Action Plan was not a policy and standard-setting document but an accountability tool and instrument to guide FAO's work to support Members in their National Action Plans and appreciated the inclusive and transparent process that contributed to its development;
- g) welcomed FAO's One Health work, including the positive collaboration within the Tripartite and UNEP and their work to develop reporting mechanisms and a joint strategy and joint work plan on One Health, as well as with other relevant UN agencies, as appropriate, and the establishment of the One Health High-Level Expert Panel;
- h) approved the 2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors;
- i) acknowledged its observations and recommendations on the Evaluation of FAO's support to climate action (SDG 13) and the implementation of FAO's Strategy on Climate Change (2017), considered all the findings and recommendations of the Evaluation followed by Members' views; noting as well Management's response to the evaluation; requested, following the adoption of the FAO Strategic Framework by the 42nd Session of the Conference; (i) regular updates to be provided to the Governing Bodies channels; (ii) inclusive consultations ahead of the 168th Session of the Council to start the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change which aligns with the SDGs, based on the three dimensions of sustainable development and shared goals and cooperation towards the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;
- j) endorsed the Committee's observations and recommendations on the comprehensive Evaluation of FAO's role and work on Antimicrobial Resistance and welcomed Management's acceptance and willingness to implement them; and

¹⁴ CL 166/9; CL 166/9 Add.1; CL 166/9 Add.2; CL 166/PV/5; CL 166/PV/6; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/8; CL 166/PV/11

- k) welcomed the Update on FAO policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights, recalling the need to develop a cross-cutting data policy to ensure data governance, data integrity and privacy, as well as intellectual property rights, and to adhere to internationally agreed standards and protocols.

**Reports of the 184th (28-29 January 2021) and 185th
(22-26 March 2021) Sessions of the Finance Committee¹⁵**

25. The Council considered the recommendations contained in the *Reports of the 184th and 185th Sessions of the Finance Committee*, and in particular:

- a) urged all Member Nations to make payment of assessed contributions on time and in full;
- b) recommended submission to the Conference of the Draft Resolution on the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2022-23, as set out in *Appendix D*;
- c) endorsed the guidance of the Finance Committee regarding the importance of maintaining TCP approvals and expenditure at levels that ensure full implementation of the TCP appropriation as approved by the Conference;
- d) noted that the Finance Committee had authorized the forecasted budgetary Chapter transfers in favour of Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 from Chapters 6, 9 and 11;
- e) welcomed the improvements in the format and content of the new Human Resources (HR) Annual Report and supported the Committee's guidance on information to be included in future annual reports;
- f) looked forward to implementation by Management of the HR Strategic plan and enhancement of the Organization's human resource functions, reiterating the request to substantially reduce the vacancy rate both at headquarters and Decentralized Offices, and stressed the need for appropriate delegations of authority in line with the principle of subsidiarity enshrined in Rule XXXVIII.5 of the General Rules of the Organization, and ensuring gender parity at senior levels as well as equitable geographic representation;
- g) requested Management to address the staffing structure of the Decentralized Offices in order to enhance the delivery of programmes and projects at the local level;
- h) appreciated the quality of oversight reports presented by the Office of the Inspector General, the Oversight Advisory Committee and the Ethics Office;
- i) expressed concern on the recurring observations reported by the Inspector General relating to weaknesses and gaps in internal control and urged Management to intensify its efforts to address them; and
- j) noted the ongoing work and urged Management to submit the overdue joint feasibility study of the integration of administrative functions among the three Rome-based Agencies prior to the 42nd Session of the Conference.

**Report of the 112th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
(8-10 March 2021)¹⁶**

26. The Council considered the recommendations contained in the *Report of the 112th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM)*, and in particular:

- a) welcomed the work of FAO in the context of the Review of the jurisdictional set up of the United Nations common system (as per UN General Assembly Resolution 74/255B, paragraph 8), and requested review by the CCLM of upcoming developments in that regard;
- b) welcomed the review by the CCLM of the Committee's working methods, taking into account lessons learned from the previous two Sessions held in virtual modality, and took note of the

¹⁵ CL 166/10; CL 166/19; CL 166/LIM/2; CL 166/PV/6; CL 166/PV/11

¹⁶ CL 166/11; CL 166/PV/6; CL 166/PV/11

alignment of the format of its reports with those of the Programme and Finance Committees; and

- c) endorsed the view of the CCLM to maintain its current practice of meeting twice per year, prior to the Programme and Finance Committees, and to adjust the duration of its Sessions according to its Agenda and reserving the possibility to hold additional Sessions when necessary.

Report of the Committee on World Food Security

Report of the 47th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (8-11 February 2021)¹⁷

27. The Council considered the recommendations contained in the *Report of the 47th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)*, and in particular:

- a) commended the Committee for the endorsement of Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) and requested FAO to support the development of actions that are relevant to national contexts by promoting policy coherence, coordination and convergence across different domains, and to encourage application of the VGFSyN by its Members in conjunction with other specialised science and evidence-based standards, guidelines, and recommendations;
- b) urged the UN Food Systems Summit Secretariat and other Summit structures to make use of the CFS VGFSyN as a valuable input to the 2021 Summit discussions and any follow-up process;
- c) reaffirmed that protracted crises are one of the most challenging contexts in which to fight hunger, malnutrition and poverty, and requested FAO to collaborate with the other Rome-based Agencies and relevant UN bodies to make additional efforts to promote a broad, systematic dissemination and application of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA), especially at national level, as a useful tool for addressing food security and nutrition concerns in protracted crisis situations;
- d) welcomed the approval of the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition and encouraged FAO to support its development;
- e) stressed the importance for the CFS Secretariat to use multilaterally agreed concepts and language when drafting documents that will be negotiated amongst Members; and
- f) requested that the three Rome-based Agencies continue to share equally the cost of the Secretariat of the CFS.

Governance Matters

Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference¹⁸

28. The Council:

- a) agreed, in line with Rule I.1 of the General Rules of the Organization (GROs), to hold the 42nd Session of the Conference from 14-18 June 2021;
- b) agreed to hold the 42nd Session of the Conference in virtual modality, in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- c) recommended approval by the Conference at its 42nd Session of the special procedures to be applied on an exceptional basis, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as outlined in *Appendix A* of CL 166/13.

¹⁷ C 2021/20; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

¹⁸ CL 166/13; CL 166/13 Information Notes 1-2; CL 166/PV/6; CL 166/PV/8; CL 166/PV/9; CL 166/PV/10; CL 166/PV/11

29. Recalling Rule XII of the Basic Texts, and taking into consideration the exceptional situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council reviewed options proposed for alternative voting procedures outlined in CL 166/13, *Appendix B*, and elaborated further in CL 166/13/Information Notes 1 and 2, stressed the need to guarantee the complete secrecy of the ballot and the sovereign right of all Members to vote under any options and modalities endorsed, and recommended the Conference consider for approval, for implementation at its 42nd Session and on an exceptional basis, without setting a precedent, and as a one-time arrangement, either options 1 (voting in-person through a physical secret ballot as per paragraphs 24-34 of CL 166/13 *Appendix B*) or 2 (online voting through external software as per paragraphs 35-42 of CL 166/13 *Appendix B*), or a hybrid of the two options (as per paragraphs 40-49 of CL 166/13 Information Note 1), based *inter alia* on the progress in preparations on the three options from the 166th Session of the Council to the 42nd Session of the Conference.

30. In this regard, the Council requested the Secretariat continue its preparations of the option which conforms with the Basic Texts, as set out in Rule XII. Furthermore, the Council requested that the Secretariat continue its efforts, so as to ensure the viability of all options, and encouraged all Members to engage actively in the preparations so as to ensure the viability of all above-mentioned options, in accordance with the Basic Texts, for Conference decision.

31. The Council decided to submit the tentative Timetable set out in CL 166/13 to the Conference for approval.

32. The Council recommended the Conference set the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council at 12:00 hours on Monday, 14 June 2021, and the election be held on Thursday, 17 June 2021.

33. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) of the GRO, the Council nominated Mr Michal Kurtyka, Minister of Climate and Environment of Poland as Chairperson of the Conference.

34. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following nominations for Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference:

- Mr Gabriel Mbairrobe, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development (Cameroon);
- Ms Yael Rubinstein, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to FAO (Israel); and
- Mr Edward Centeno, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock (Nicaragua).

35. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the following nomination for the Chairperson of Commission II: Mr Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands).

36. The Council noted that the nomination of the Chairperson of Commission I was outstanding.

Nomination of Seven Members of the General Committee

37. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:

- Australia
- China
- Guatemala
- Iran
- San Marino
- South Africa
- United States of America

38. The Council urged Members to submit the outstanding nominations.

Nomination of Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

39. In accordance with Rule XXIV.5(b) GRO, the Council agreed to put the following nominations before the Conference:¹⁹

- Bangladesh
- Canada
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Kuwait
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- San Marino
- Venezuela

Biennial Theme

40. With regard to the biennial theme for the 2022-23 biennium, the Council agreed to submit the theme “Agriculture Food Systems Transformation²⁰: From Strategy to Action” to the Conference for endorsement and requested that a concept note on this theme be submitted to the Conference.

General Debate

41. The Council further agreed to recommend to the Conference that the theme of the General Debate at the 42nd Session be “Agriculture Food Systems Transformation²¹: From Strategy to Action” and that statements by heads of delegation be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.

Code of Conduct for Voting²²

42. The Council commended the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) on his efforts in leading an open, inclusive and transparent consultation process towards the development of a voluntary draft Code of Conduct for Voting, and requested the ICC to continue such consultations with a view to having the draft finalized prior to the 42nd Session of the Conference.

FAO Awards²³

43. The Council welcomed the document CL 166/15, FAO Awards, and:

- a) welcomed the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) consultations with Members towards defining consistent and sustainable conditions for the award of prizes in the context of his informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups;
- b) noted that the Management proposal for a new set of systematic and sustainable FAO Awards incorporated inputs from Members, and was conceptualized around topics of institutional relevance and strategic importance, aimed at bolstering the pertinence of the Awards and leveraging the FAO Brand;
- c) noted that the existing Awards, which are funded entirely by Members’ extra-budgetary contributions, will be maintained;

¹⁹ The United States of America opposes the Membership in the Credentials Committee of Venezuela.

²⁰ Recalling that transformation should be encouraged in a coherent manner, as appropriate, and in accordance with and dependent on, national contexts and capacities.

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²² CL 166/14; CL 166/8 para.13; CL 166/11 paras.13-16; CL 166/PV/8; CL 166/PV/9; CL 166/PV/11

²³ CL 166/15; CL 166/8 para.15; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

- d) appreciated the criteria and procedures for the nomination and selection of awardees as outlined in *Annex 2* of CL 166/15;
- e) welcomed the proposal to cap the future level of biennial funding of the FAO Awards at USD 125 000 of the Regular Programme budget; and
- f) recommended the Conference at its 42nd Session endorse the Management proposal for a new set of FAO Awards.

**Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council
(30 November – 4 December 2020)²⁴**

44. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 165th Session (30 November – 4 December 2020).

Other Matters

Multilingualism at FAO²⁵

45. The Council welcomed document CL 166/17, *Multilingualism at FAO*, and:
- a) noted the analysis provided of the status of multilingualism at FAO in all its transversal dimensions, including solutions for its further enhancement;
 - b) reaffirmed the importance of multilingualism as a defining characteristic of the Organization and the need for quality translation and interpretation for meetings of Governing Bodies as well as in informal substantive consultations;
 - c) noted that multilingualism is firmly rooted in FAO's Basic Texts, results framework and established policy; Rule XLVIII of the GROs established that Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the languages of the Organization. Thus, all six languages enjoy equal status within FAO, without the distinction of "official" and "working" languages which exists in other multilateral and United Nations institutions;
 - d) requested Management to continue improving the delivery rate of Governing Bodies' documentation in all languages by established deadlines and emphasized the importance of continued corporate attention to ensure the timely publication of documents for Governing Bodies in all languages;
 - e) noted the surge in translation and interpretation work in 2020, as a result of the greater attention to multilingualism at FAO and commended the Secretariat for its efforts in this regard;
 - f) supported Management's priority to ensure a greater volume and balance in products and services in all FAO languages through enhancing internal coordination, innovation in processes and technology and strengthening required resources;
 - g) supported the allocation of USD 0.8 million in the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 to bolster the provision of multilingualism products and services in the six languages of the Organization;
 - h) welcomed Management's commitment to implementing all the recommendations of the Report of the UN Joint Inspection Unit on Multilingualism in particular through the adoption of the strategic policy framework for multilingualism, accompanied by administrative and operational guidelines and the appointment of a corporate coordinator for multilingualism within existing available resources;
 - i) noted that multilingualism is essential for the inclusive, effective and efficient exercise of the governance of the Organization by its Members, promotes diversity, strong bonds of solidarity

²⁴ CL 166/LIM/3; CL 166/PV7; CL 166/PV/11

²⁵ CL 166/17; CL 166/8 para.14; CL 166/PV/5; CL 166/PV/11

and friendship, and represents an example of multilateralism; and looked forward to greater emphasis on multilingualism within the Organization; and

- j) requested Management to present a progress report on Multilingualism at FAO to the next main session of the Council, including with regard to a strategic policy framework for multilingualism, Human Resources policies and use of digital innovations and language technologies, and further data on language products and services.

Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies²⁶

46. The Council welcomed document CL 166/18, *Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies*, and the update on the ongoing consultations by the ICC on the long-term procedures for the selection and appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, and in particular:

- a) commended the ICC for his continuous efforts in holding consultations with the Members and Chairpersons of Article XIV Bodies concerned and FAO Management towards finding a mutually agreeable solution and noted the protracted nature of this issue;
- b) welcomed the positive developments and spirit of compromise demonstrated by all parties in the consultations with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM);
- c) reiterated the need to balance the functional autonomy of the relevant Article XIV Bodies with the legal and administrative responsibilities borne by the Organization as well as the accountability of the Director-General for the Secretaries of such bodies;
- d) emphasized the urgency of defining a procedure for the selection and appointment of the Secretary of the GFCM in light of the end of the term of office of the current Secretary of the GFCM in 2021 and noted in this regard that, should a long-term procedure not be found, the interim procedure mandated by the Council at its 155th Session would apply; and
- e) encouraged the ICC, including if necessary his successor, to continue consultations with the relevant Article XIV Bodies and FAO Management towards a mutually agreeable solution to the long-term procedures for the selection and appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies and looked forward to a timely solution to this matter.

Margarita Lizárraga Medal²⁷

47. The Council endorsed the nomination of Ms Margaret Nakato of the Katosi Women Development Trust in Uganda and recommended that the Medal be presented by the Director-General at an award ceremony to be held before 31 December 2021.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22²⁸

48. The Council approved the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2021-22, as reproduced in *Appendix E* to this Report.

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO²⁹

49. The Council received Briefing Notes on the following topics for information only:

- a) Institutionalization of Cost and Affordability of Healthy Diet Indicators in FAO;
- b) FAO's engagement in the G20 process;
- c) Agro-informatics, a new IT instrument for digital agri-food systems and public goods; and

²⁶ CL 166/18; CL 166/11 paras.9-12; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

²⁷ CL 166/LIM/4; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

²⁸ CL 166/LIM/1; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

²⁹ CL 166/INF/4; CL 166/INF/4 Web Annexes 1-4; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

- d) Outcome of the One Planet Summit on Biodiversity and the Great Green Wall Investment Forum (11 January 2021).

Tentative Agenda for the 167th Session of the Council³⁰

50. The Council endorsed the Tentative Agenda of its 167th Session as contained in CL 166/INF/2.

Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee³¹

51. The Council took note of the update provided in regard to the composition of the Staff Pension Committee and appointed Mr Vlad Mustaciosu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to FAO, as Alternate Member of the Staff Pension Committee, replacing Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO, for the remainder of his term (1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022), in line with a previously agreed upon seat sharing arrangement.

Appointment of a Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee

52. The Council appointed Ms Jackline Lumumba Yonga, (Kenya) as the Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for terms of three years to take effect immediately.

Methods of Work of the Council

53. The Council agreed for the Independent Chairperson of the Council to consult with Members on participation of Observers at the Council at his next informal meeting with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups, with a view for a dedicated document to be presented to the Council for its consideration.

³⁰ CL 166/INF/2; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

³¹ CL 166/LIM/5; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/10; CL 166/PV/11

Appendix A

Agenda for the 166th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (CL 166/1; CL 166/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 166/INF/3; CL 166/INF/5)
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programmatic Matters

3. Strategic Framework 2022-31 (C 2021/7)
4. Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and budget 2022-23 (C 2021/3; C 2021/3 Information Note 1; C 2021/3 Web Annex 10)
5. FAO's response to COVID-19: Building to Transform (CL 166/5)
6. The Hand-in-Hand Initiative (CL 166/6)

Reports of the Technical Committees

7. Technical Committees
 - 7.1 Report of the 73rd (Extraordinary) (22 January and 19 February 2021) and 74th (10-12 March 2021) Sessions of the Committee on Commodity Problems (C 2021/22; C 2021/25)
 - 7.1.1 Report on the 31st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats (4-5 March 2021)
 - 7.2 Report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (1-5 February 2021) (C 2021/23)

Reports of the Committees of the Council

8. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee and 185th Session of the Finance Committee (22, 23, 25 and 26 March 2021) (CL 166/8)
9. Report of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee (22-26 March and 6 April 2021) (CL 166/9; CL 166/9 Add.1; CL 166/9 Add.2)
10. Reports of the 184th (28-29 January 2021) and 185th (22-26 March 2021) Sessions of the Finance Committee (CL 166/10; CL 166/19)
 - 10.1 Status of Current Assessment and Arrears (CL 166/LIM/2)
 - 10.2 Scale of Contributions 2022-23
11. Report of the 112th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (8-10 March 2021) (CL 166/11)

Report of the Committee on World Food Security

12. Report of the 47th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (8-11 February 2021) (C 2021/20)

Governance Matters

13. Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference (CL 166/13; CL 166/13 Information Notes 1-2)
14. Code of Conduct for Voting (CL 166/14)
15. FAO Awards (CL 166/15)
16. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council (30 November-4 December 2020) (CL 166/LIM/3)

Other Matters

17. Multilingualism at FAO (CL 166/17)
18. Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies (CL 166/18)
19. Margarita Lizárraga Medal (CL 166/LIM/4)
20. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22 (CL 166/LIM/1)
21. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO (CL 166/INF/4; CL 166/INF/4 Web Annexes 1 to 4)
22. Tentative Agenda for the 167th Session of the Council (CL 166/INF/2)
23. Any Other Matters
- 23.1 Appointment of a Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee
- 23.2 Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

Appendix B

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CL 166/6	The Hand-in-Hand Initiative
CL 166/8	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee and 185th Session of the Finance Committee (22, 23, 25 and 26 March 2021)
CL 166/9	Report of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee (22-26 March and 6 April 2021)
CL 166/9 Add.1	Revised 2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors
CL 166/9 Add.2	Revised FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2021-2025
CL 166/10	Report of the 185th Session of the Finance Committee (22-26 March 2021)
CL 166/11	Report of the 112th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (8-10 March 2021)
CL 166/13	Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference
CL 166/13 Information Note 1	Information Note 1 – April 2021 - Alternative Voting Modalities for Election by Secret Ballot
CL 166/13 Information Note 2	Information Note 2 – April 2021 - Special procedures for alternative Voting Modalities
CL 166/14	Code of Conduct for Voting
CL 166/15	FAO Awards
CL 166/17	Multilingualism at FAO
CL 166/18	Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies
CL 166/19	Report of the 184th Session of the Finance Committee (28-29 January 2021)

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C 2021/3	Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23
C 2021/3 Information Note 1	Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 - Information Note 1 - April 2021 - Sources and purposes of voluntary funding in the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23

C 2021/3 Web Annex 10	Web Annex 10: Cost increase methodology and estimates
C 2021/7	Strategic Framework 2022-31
C 2021/20	Report of the 47th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (8-11 February 2021)
C 2021/22	Report of the 73rd (Extraordinary) Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (22 January 2021)
C 2021/23	Report of the 34th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (1-5 February 2021)
C 2021/25	Report of the 74th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (10-12 March 2021)
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CL 166/INF/2	Tentative Agenda for the 167th Session of the Council
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CL 166/INF/4	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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CL 166/INF/5	Methods of Work for the 166th Session of the Council
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CL 166 LIM Series	
CL 166/LIM/1	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22
CL 166/LIM/2	Status of Current Assessments and Arrears as at 19 April 2021
CL 166/LIM/3	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council (30 November-4 December 2020)
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CL 166/LIM/5 Appointment of a Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee

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Appendix C

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Draft Budgetary Appropriations 2022-23

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget;

Having considered the proposed total net appropriation of USD 1 005 635 000 for the financial period 2022-23 at the 2020-21 rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.22, which assumes US dollar and Euro expenditure equal to USD 546 399 000 and EUR 376 423 000;

Having considered that the above net appropriation remains equivalent to USD 1 005 635 000 at the same budget rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.22 established for 2022-23 after translation of the EUR portion;

1. **Approves** the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2022-23 as follows:

a) Appropriations are voted at a rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.22 for the following purposes:

	USD
Chapter 1: Better Production	157 559 000
Chapter 2: Better Nutrition	131 597 000
Chapter 3: Better Environment	97 187 000
Chapter 4: Better Life	142 176 000
Chapter 5: Technical quality, statistics, cross-cutting themes and accelerators	70 312 000
Chapter 6: Technical Cooperation Programme	140 788 000
Chapter 7: Outreach	71 348 000
Chapter 8: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	35 696 000
Chapter 9: FAO governance, oversight and direction	59 398 000
Chapter 10: Efficient and effective administration	62 553 000
Chapter 11: Contingencies	600 000
Chapter 12: Capital Expenditure	14 000 000
Chapter 13: Security Expenditure	22 421 000
Total Appropriation (Net)	1 005 635 000
Chapter 14: Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund	117 422 000
Total Appropriation (Gross)	1 123 057 000

- b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of USD 5 000 000 shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of USD 1 000 635 000 to implement the Programme of Work. Such contributions shall be established in US dollars and Euro and shall consist of USD 541 399 000 and EUR 376 423 000. This takes into account a split of 54% US dollars and 46% Euro for the appropriations (net) and of 100% US dollars for Miscellaneous Income.
- c) The total contributions due from Member Nations to implement the approved Programme of Work shall amount to USD 541 399 000 and EUR 376 423 000. Such contributions due from Member Nations in 2022 and 2023 shall be paid in accordance with the scale of contributions adopted by the Conference at its Forty-Second Session.
- d) In establishing the actual amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Member Nations, a further amount shall be charged through the Tax Equalization Fund for any Member Nation that levies taxes on the salaries, emoluments and indemnities received by staff members from FAO and

which are reimbursed to the staff members by the Organization. An estimate of USD 8 000 000 has been foreseen for this purpose.

2. **Encourages** Members to provide voluntary contributions in support of the implementation of the Strategic Framework through the integrated Programme of Work.

(Adopted on _____ 2021)

Appendix D

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Scale of Contributions 2022-23

THE CONFERENCE

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Sixty-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 2022-23 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2021;

2. **Adopts** for use in 2022 and 2023 the Scale as set out in the Annex of this report.

(Adopted on ... 2021)

Scale of Contributions 2022-2023

(2020-2021 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

	Proposed Scale ³²	Actual Scale ³³
Member Nation	2022-23	2020-21
Afghanistan	0.007	0.007
Albania	0.008	0.008
Algeria	0.138	0.138
Andorra	0.005	0.005
Angola	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.915	0.915
Armenia	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.210	2.210
Austria	0.677	0.677
Azerbaijan	0.049	0.049
Bahamas	0.018	0.018
Bahrain	0.050	0.050
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.007	0.007
Belarus	0.049	0.049
Belgium	0.821	0.821
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016	0.016
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.012
Botswana	0.014	0.014
Brazil	2.949	2.949
Brunei Darussalam	0.025	0.025
Bulgaria	0.046	0.046
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.006	0.006
Cameroon	0.013	0.013

³² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2019-2021 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 73/271 of 22 December 2018.

³³ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2019-2021 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 73/271 of 22 December 2018.

Canada	2.734	2.734
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.004	0.004
Chile	0.407	0.407
China	12.006	12.006
Colombia	0.288	0.288
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.006	0.006
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.062	0.062
Côte d'Ivoire	0.013	0.013
Croatia	0.077	0.077
Cuba	0.080	0.080
Cyprus	0.036	0.036
Czechia	0.311	0.311
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010
Denmark	0.554	0.554
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.053	0.053
Ecuador	0.080	0.080
Egypt	0.186	0.186
El Salvador	0.012	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.016	0.016
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.039	0.039
Eswatini	0.002	0.002
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010
Fiji	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.421	0.421
France	4.428	4.428
Gabon	0.015	0.015
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.008
Germany	6.091	6.091
Ghana	0.015	0.015
Greece	0.366	0.366
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.036	0.036

Guinea	0.003	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.002	0.002
Haiti	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.009	0.009
Hungary	0.206	0.206
Iceland	0.028	0.028
India	0.834	0.834
Indonesia	0.543	0.543
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.398	0.398
Iraq	0.129	0.129
Ireland	0.371	0.371
Israel	0.490	0.490
Italy	3.308	3.308
Jamaica	0.008	0.008
Japan	8.565	8.565
Jordan	0.021	0.021
Kazakhstan	0.178	0.178
Kenya	0.024	0.024
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.252	0.252
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005	0.005
Latvia	0.047	0.047
Lebanon	0.047	0.047
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.030	0.030
Lithuania	0.071	0.071
Luxembourg	0.067	0.067
Madagascar	0.004	0.004
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.341	0.341
Maldives	0.004	0.004
Mali	0.004	0.004
Malta	0.017	0.017
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	1.292	1.292

Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.011	0.011
Mongolia	0.005	0.005
Montenegro	0.004	0.004
Morocco	0.055	0.055
Mozambique	0.004	0.004
Myanmar	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.009	0.009
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.007	0.007
Netherlands	1.356	1.356
New Zealand	0.291	0.291
Nicaragua	0.005	0.005
Niger	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.250	0.250
Niue	0.001	0.001
North Macedonia	0.007	0.007
Norway	0.754	0.754
Oman	0.115	0.115
Pakistan	0.115	0.115
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.045	0.045
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.010
Paraguay	0.016	0.016
Peru	0.152	0.152
Philippines	0.205	0.205
Poland	0.802	0.802
Portugal	0.350	0.350
Qatar	0.282	0.282
Republic of Korea	2.267	2.267
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.003
Romania	0.198	0.198
Russian Federation	2.405	2.405
Rwanda	0.003	0.003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.002	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001

Saudi Arabia	1.172	1.172
Senegal	0.007	0.007
Serbia	0.028	0.028
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.485	0.485
Slovakia	0.153	0.153
Slovenia	0.076	0.076
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.272	0.272
South Sudan	0.006	0.006
Spain	2.146	2.146
Sri Lanka	0.044	0.044
Sudan	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.005	0.005
Sweden	0.906	0.906
Switzerland	1.151	1.151
Syrian Arab Republic	0.011	0.011
Tajikistan	0.004	0.004
Thailand	0.307	0.307
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.002
Togo	0.002	0.002
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.040	0.040
Tunisia	0.025	0.025
Turkey	1.371	1.371
Turkmenistan	0.033	0.033
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.008	0.008
Ukraine	0.057	0.057
United Arab Emirates	0.616	0.616
United Kingdom	4.568	4.568
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010
United States of America	22.000	22.000
Uruguay	0.087	0.087
Uzbekistan	0.032	0.032
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.728	0.728
Viet Nam	0.077	0.077

Yemen	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.009	0.009
Zimbabwe	0.005	0.005
	100	100

Appendix E

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-2022

	2021		2022	
JANUARY	73 CCP* 184 FC (WFP)*	22 28-29		
FEBRUARY	34 COFI 47 CFS* IFAD/GC 73 CCP* (cont'd) WFP*	1-5 8-11 15-19 19 22-24	36 NERC IFAD/GC 32 ARC WFP	7-11 14-18 21-25 28/2-4/3
MARCH	112 CCLM 74 CCP* 185 FC* 130 PC	8-10 10-12 22-26 22-26	114 CCLM 37 LARC* 36 APRC**	21-23 28/3-1/4
APRIL	IFAD/EB 166 CL	19-23 26-30	IFAD/EB	25-29
MAY			33 ERC 189 FC* 132 PC	2-6 16-20 16-20
JUNE	48 CFS* 186 FC (WFP)* 42 C** WFP 167 CL**	4 7-9 14-18 21-25 29	190 FC (WFP)* 169 CL* WFP 45 CODEX (Rome)	1-3 13-17 20-24 27/6-1/7
JULY			75 CCP* 28 COAG	13-15 18-22
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 18 CGRFA	13-17 27/9-1/10	35 COFI IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16
OCTOBER	49 CFS* WFD 113 CCLM 187 FC (WFP)*	11-15 15 (Friday) 25-27 28-29	26 COFO WFD 50 CFS* 115 CCLM 191 FC (WFP)*	3-7 17 (Monday) 17-21 24-26 27-28
NOVEMBER	188 FC* 131 PC 44 CODEX* WFP 168 CL	8-12 8-12 8-13 (Geneva) 15-19 29/11-3/12	192 FC* 133 PC WFP	7-11 7-11 14-18
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	13-17	170 CL IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16

Easter: 4 April 2021
 Orthodox Easter: 2 May 2021
 Ramadan: 13 April – 12 May 2021
 Eid Al-Fitr: 13 May 2021
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 July 2021

Easter: 17 April 2022
 Orthodox Easter: 24 April 2022
 Ramadan: 2 April – 1 May 2022
 Eid Al-Fitr: 2 May 2022
 Eid Al-Adha: 10 July 2022

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

(*) Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session.

(**) Dates to be confirmed.

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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2021

Afghanistan (B)¹
Côte d'Ivoire (A)²
India (B)³
Netherlands (D)
Peru (C)⁴
United States of America (D)

Burkina Faso (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Italy (D)¹⁰
Republic of Korea (B)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

31 December 2022

Angola (A)⁵
Canada (D)
Dominican Republic (C)⁶
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
Somalia (A)

Australia (D)
Burundi (A)
Cuba (C)
Madagascar (A)
Spain (D)
Turkmenistan (B)

31 December 2023

Brazil (C)⁷
Denmark (D)
Guatemala (C)^{8,9}
Hungary (E)
Morocco (A)
Norway (D)

China (B)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)
Mexico (C)
Poland (E)
United Kingdom (D)

¹ Afghanistan replaced Kuwait from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

² Côte d'Ivoire replaced Nigeria from 1 January 2020 until December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat

³ India replaced Afghanistan from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁴ Peru replaced Mexico from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁵ Angola and South Africa reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Angola serving in 2020 and 2021 and South Africa serving in 2022.

⁶ Dominican Republic replaced Argentina from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁷ Brazil and Guatemala reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Brazil serving in 2021 and 2022 and Guatemala serving in 2023.

⁸ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List C (2021-2023) held by Guatemala.

⁹ Guatemala and Argentina reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Guatemala serving in 2021 and Argentina serving in 2022 and 2023.

¹⁰ Italy replaced Austria from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 after Austria resigned its seat.

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194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

Afghanistan	Gambia	Palau
Albania	Georgia	Panama
Algeria	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Andorra	Ghana	Paraguay
Angola	Greece	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Poland
Armenia	Guinea	Portugal
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Austria	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Bahamas	Honduras	Romania
Bahrain	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Iceland	Rwanda
Barbados	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Iraq	Samoa
Benin	Ireland	San Marino
Bhutan	Israel	Sao Tome and Principe
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Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Senegal
Botswana	Japan	Serbia
Brazil	Jordan	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Kenya	Singapore
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Slovakia
Burundi	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cameroon	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Lebanon	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Spain
Chad	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Chile	Libya	Sudan
China	Lithuania	Suriname
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Comoros	Madagascar	Switzerland
Conqo	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Maldives	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritania	(Associate Member)
Czechia	Mauritius	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia	Tunisia
Denmark	(Federated States of)	Turkey
Djibouti	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Montgolia	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Eswatini	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union	Nicaragua	Venezuela
(Member Organization)	Niger	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands	Nigeria	Viet Nam
(Associate Member)	Niue	Yemen
Fiji	North Macedonia	Zambia
Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	