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Introductory Items¹

1. The 148th Session of the Council was held in Rome from 2 to 6 December 2013 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

Tribute to the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan

2. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines and other parts of Southeast Asia in November 2013.

Tribute to the Late Nelson Mandela

3. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of Mr Nelson Mandela, the former President of the Republic of South Africa, who died on Thursday, 5 December 2013.

Procedure of the Session

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable²

4. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and, after a statement by the Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session as amended. 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 Committee³

5. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Gustavo Infante (Argentina), Mr Vimlendra Sharan (India) and Mr Gianni Ghisi (Italy).

6. The Council elected Mr Neil Briscoe (United Kingdom) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Ecuador, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Morocco, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15⁴

7. The Council welcomed document CL 148/3 and in particular:

- a) welcomed the adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2014-15 and noted they reflected accurately and fully the decisions and guidance of the 38th Session of the Conference;
- b) appreciated that the required budgetary savings of USD 36.6 million had been identified in line with the guidance of Conference for the need to fully implement the programme of work in a cost effective manner;
- c) looked forward to being informed in due course of the efficiency savings within this total required budgetary savings that had been diagnosed, but not yet implemented for a total of USD 2.7 million;
- d) supported the savings identified in staff costs, mainly from non-technical offices at Headquarters;

¹ CL 148/PV/1; CL 148/PV/7

² CL 148/1; CL 148/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 148/INF/3; CL 148/PV/1; CL 148/PV/7

³ CL 148/PV/1; CL 148/PV/7

⁴ CL 148/3; CL 148/3 Annex 5 Rev.1; CL 148/3 Web Annex 6 Rev.1; CL 148/6; CL 148/7; CL 148/8; CL 148/PV/1; CL 148/PV/2; CL 148/PV/7

- e) requested further engagement by the Secretariat with the International Civil Service Commission and by FAO Members in the UN General Assembly to stress the need for greater vigilance with regard to increases in staff costs across the Common System;
 - f) encouraged further cooperation among the Rome-based agencies in particular by seeking convergence of financial, administrative and management systems and processes with a view to achieving further efficiency gains and savings;
 - g) endorsed the total contribution of USD 4 million of the Organization's cost-share of the United Nations Resident Coordinator system in 2014-15, including USD 2 million from the FAO country office network, and recognized that FAO was committed to finding the further USD 2 million from further efficiency gains and savings;
 - h) recalled the full managerial scope of the Director-General in implementation of the PWB 2014-15;
 - i) welcomed the progress made on preparing the results framework and work plans for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2014-17 and PWB 2014-15, including the additional information provided by the Secretariat;
 - j) encouraged the Secretariat to maintain its efforts in identifying areas of emphasis and de-emphasis in work planning and implementation;
 - k) noted the progress on mainstreaming gender and governance as cross-cutting themes and stressed the importance of gender disaggregated data in indicators across all Strategic Objectives; and
 - l) requested that the Globally Important Agriculture Heritage Systems (GIAHS) be reinstated as an indicator for Strategic Objective 2.
8. Based on its deliberations, the Council:
- a) approved the revised budgeted post establishment;
 - b) approved the revised distribution of net appropriation by budgetary chapter as reflected in Table 4 of document CL 148/3; and
 - c) noted that further budgetary transfers could arise as a result of work planning, as well as from using the most efficient and effective modalities of implementation during the biennium. In this context, the Council recalled that within chapter transfers, and transfers from one chapter to another, required to implement the PWB during the biennium would be handled in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 114th Session of the Programme and 151st Session of the Finance Committees (13 November 2013)⁵

9. The Council endorsed the report of the Joint Meeting of the 114th Session of the Programme Committee and the 151st Session of the Finance Committee. In particular, the Council:
- a) supported the alignment of the enhanced Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) to the reviewed Strategic Framework and the bottom-up alignment to national priorities through Country Programming Frameworks;
 - b) emphasized the catalytic role of the TCP in resource mobilization;
 - c) welcomed the progress made on strengthening the structure and functioning of the decentralized offices network;
 - d) appreciated the successful application of the new procedure for the appointment and assessment of FAO Representatives; and
 - e) welcomed the implementation of the Global Resource Management System (GRMS) across the decentralized network, and highlighted its value in respect of internal control.

⁵ CL 148/8; CL 148/PV/2; CL 148/PV/7

Report of the 114th Session of the Programme Committee (11-15 November 2013)⁶

10. The Council endorsed the report of the 114th Session of the Programme Committee and:
- a) welcomed the evaluation of FAO's Regional and Subregional Offices for Africa, and agreed with the management response. The Council appreciated the work undertaken on decentralization in the Africa region, stressed the importance of appropriate skills mix and capacity, as well as gender mainstreaming, and welcomed the successful use of partnerships in the region;
 - b) expressed satisfaction with the evaluation of FAO's role and work in disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Asia and in Latin America and the Caribbean, and with the management response, and noted that incorporation of DRR in the Organization's core development-based activities would strengthen *inter alia* the work on climate change adaption and resilience under Strategic Objective 5 (SO5);
 - c) commended the integration of nutrition into the reviewed Strategic Framework and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2014-15, encouraged further work on creating a common understanding of nutrition, and noted the importance of communication and partnerships in this regard;
 - d) appreciated the progress made in mainstreaming gender as a cross-cutting theme in the reviewed Strategic Framework and the PWB 2014-15, the inclusion of gender-specific indicators under all Strategic Objectives, FAO's work with external partners on gender and noted the importance of continuing FAO's efforts in gender related activities across the Organization; and
 - e) welcomed the appointment of the new Director of the Office of Evaluation.
11. The Council recalled the decision made by the 38th Session of the Conference of FAO regarding the preparations for the Second International Conference on Nutrition and the outcome of the Preparatory Technical Meeting held in Rome in November 2013. The Council:
- a) requested the FAO Secretariat to work closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) in developing a roadmap that would allow for both an intergovernmental process and consultations with civil society and private sector organizations;
 - b) requested the Independent Chairperson of the Council to facilitate this intergovernmental process;
 - c) encouraged the ICN2 Secretariat to prepare a zero draft outcome document reflecting the current challenges on nutrition as identified by the Preparatory Technical Meeting and also from consultations at regional and international levels.

Reports of the 149th (27-28 May 2013), 150th (21-22 October 2013) and 151st (11-15 November 2013) Sessions of the Finance Committee⁷

12. The Council endorsed the reports of the 149th, 150th and 151st Sessions of the Finance Committee, and in particular:
- a) urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions to ensure the Organization continued to meet the operating cash requirements for the Programme of Work;
 - b) noted that the Finance Committee had concurred with the rates of 0.03 percent for USD and 0.01 percent for Euro assessments suggested by the Director-General for use in determining the amount of discount for each Member Nation that had paid its contributions in full before 31 March 2013;
 - c) noted that the Finance Committee had authorized forecasted budgetary Chapter transfers arising from implementation of the 2012-13 Programme of Work in favour of Chapters 1, 8, 9 and 11, in addition to previously authorized Chapters 7 and 13, from the other budgetary Chapters in 1 through 12;

⁶ CL 148/7; CL 148/PV/3; CL 148/PV/7

⁷ CL 148/4; CL 148/5; CL 148/6; CL 148/LIM/2; CL 148/PV/3; CL 148/PV/7

- d) approved the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 301.9.5 in relation to the raising of the mandatory age of separation to 65 for staff recruited on or after 1 January 2014 as follows: *“Staff members may not be retained in active service beyond the age of 65 years (62 years for staff members appointed prior to 1 January 2014), unless the Director-General, in the interest of the Organization, extends this age limit in exceptional cases. Normally, such extension will be up to a maximum period of one year at a time. Staff members whose participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund commences or recommences before 1 January 1990 may elect to retire at the age of 60 years.”*;
- e) endorsed the renewal of the appointment of Mr Ngonlardje Kabra Mbaidjol (Chad), Ms Suomi Sakai (Japan) and Mr José Zalaquett (Chile) as external members of the Ethics Committee until 31 December 2015; and
- f) endorsed the proposed adjustment of the annual allowance of the Independent Chairperson of the Council to USD 23,831 in line with the ICSC consolidation percentage of 0.13 percent for 2012 and the enrolment of the ICC as a participant in the Basic Medical Insurance Plan (BMIP), with the cost for such medical insurance coverage to be borne by the Organization.

FAO’s Work in Social Protection⁸

- 13. The Council welcomed the document on social protection for food security, nutrition and agriculture and rural development, and noted that it responded to the request from the 38th Session of the Conference (June 2013).
- 14. The Council underlined the importance of FAO’s work in social protection in pursuing its goals of food security and poverty reduction, as well as in relation to its work in nutrition, agriculture and rural development.
- 15. Accordingly, the Council requested the Organization to build its internal expertise on social protection to ensure effective delivery against the Strategic Objectives and in this regard to leverage synergies consistent with its technical capacity and comparative advantages.
- 16. The Council stressed the need for effective collaboration on social protection with Members and partners, including other UN agencies, and welcomed the focus afforded to lessons learned and exchange of experiences amongst Member Nations through South–South Cooperation.

Committee on World Food Security

Report of the 40th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (7-11 October 2013)⁹

- 17. The Council endorsed the conclusions contained in the Report of the 40th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (7-11 October 2013).
- 18. In particular, the Council:
 - a) encouraged all stakeholders to promote and make use of the Second Version of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF), following its endorsement by the CFS, while acknowledging its voluntary nature;
 - b) acknowledged the progress made towards a CFS framework for monitoring CFS decisions and recommendations and supported the plan of action to disseminate major CFS decisions in the context of the CFS Communication Strategy;
 - c) welcomed the development of an implementation plan for the CFS Communication Strategy;
 - d) welcomed the adoption of the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) for 2014-2015 and stressed that the FAO Regional Conferences, both formal and informal, have a key role to play in identifying main areas for action at regional and sub-regional level in the promotion of food security and nutrition;

⁸ CL 148/12; CL 148/7; CL 148/PV/2; CL 148/PV/7

⁹ C 2015/19; CL 148/PV/1; CL 148/PV/7

- e) noted the endorsement of the proposed way forward for the inclusive consultation process for the development of principles for responsible agricultural investments to present to the next CFS Plenary in October 2014;
- f) appreciated the efforts in addressing the three immediate actions identified as priority areas of work supporting the development of an Agenda for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises and noted that the proposed schedule was endorsed by the Committee;
- g) noted the terms of reference, revised qualifications and selection procedure for the new CFS Secretary, as well as the modalities and requirements for the inclusion in the CFS Secretariat of other UN entities directly concerned with food security and nutrition as endorsed by the Committee;
- h) noted the reports of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) and encouraged the CFS stakeholders to consider implementing the conclusions of the two Policy Round Tables held on Biofuels and Food Security, and Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition;
- i) endorsed the request to forward the endorsed proposed amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization and recommended it be forwarded to the 39th Session of the Conference in June 2015 for approval;
- j) supported the mandate given by the CFS Plenary to the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, to explore ways for the CFS to provide inputs to the decision-making process for the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- k) encouraged the CFS Bureau, Advisory Group, HLPE and other stakeholders to continue their work in the spirit of the reformed CFS and to implement, each within their respective mandates, the decisions made by the Committee at its 40th Session; and
- l) encouraged the CFS Secretariat to ensure that documents are available in all FAO languages by their applicable deadlines.

Constitutional and Legal Matters

Report of the 97th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2013)¹⁰

19. The Council endorsed the report of the 97th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).
20. In particular, the Council:
- a) noted that the issue of the composition and functions of *bureaux* of Technical Committees under Article V of the Constitution was under negotiation by the membership and that its legal aspects might be reviewed by the CCLM at a future session;
 - b) endorsed the proposals for streamlining the Organization's practice concerning acceptance of credentials of delegations to the Conference, as described in the CCLM report;
 - c) approved the proposal to: (i) discontinue the practice to establish a Resolutions Committee of the Conference, noting that the editorial review functions of the Resolutions Committee could, if necessary, be taken over by an *ad hoc* committee established in accordance with the General Rules of the Organization or entrusted to the Secretariat; (ii) amend accordingly the standard arrangements for the sessions of the Conference examined by the Council and the General Committee of the Conference; and (iii) maintain existing criteria for draft Conference Resolutions;
 - d) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution set out in *Appendix C* to this Report entitled "Amendment of Rule XII, subparagraph 10(a) of the General Rules of the Organization" regarding the procedure for the election of the Independent Chairperson of the Council and decided to forward it to the Conference in June 2015;
 - e) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution set out in *Appendix D* to this Report entitled "Amendment of Rule XII, paragraphs 3, 4, 12 and 13 of the General Rules of the Organization"

¹⁰ CL 148/2 Rev.1 (English only); CL 148/PV/4; CL 148/PV/7

- regarding a unique simplified procedure for multiple elections by the Conference or Council and decided to forward it to the Conference in June 2015;
- f) stressed the need to initiate a process for the reformulation of rules and procedures for the participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations in meetings of FAO, with due regard being paid to the two recently adopted FAO Strategies for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector, and emphasized that the intergovernmental nature of FAO's decision making process would be maintained;
 - g) approved the proposed renewal of the appointment of the current three external members of the Ethics Committee for a second term of two years until December 2015;
 - h) noted the information provided concerning the operation of the Globally Important Agriculture Heritage System (GIAHS), agreed that the GIAHS initiative be vested with formal status within the FAO framework and endorsed the initiation of a process for the development of a draft Conference Resolution, as described in the CCLM report;
 - i) noted the proposal that the CCLM be provided with information reports on selected practical examples of activities undertaken by the Development Law Branch at future sessions;
 - j) endorsed the progress report on the Multi-year Programme of Work for the CCLM;
 - k) noted that the CCLM advised that there were no issues of a legal nature arising from the document on "Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms" (CL 148/10) which would warrant the advice or guidance of the CCLM at this point in time; and
 - l) noted the information provided on working methods of Regional Conferences and on the International Rice Commission.

Governance Matters

Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms¹¹

21. The Council endorsed the proposed arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance, and noted that:
- a) the Independent Chairperson of the Council would have the oversight role of the Review; and
 - b) the purpose of the Review was to carry out an evidence-based assessment of progress in governance reforms and to identify areas for further improvement and adjustments.
22. For the purpose of the review, the Independent Chairperson of the Council would convene Informal Meetings of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups, which would be:
- a) open-ended;
 - b) properly scheduled and well prepared; and
 - c) provided with documents translated in all FAO languages and issued on time.
23. The Council noted that any increase in the budget level from that considered at its 146th Session would be covered from existing resources.
24. The Council endorsed the selection of Ms Nadia Hijab and Ms Maxine Estelle Olsen to the Review Team.

Progress Report on the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the: Council; Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters; Finance Committee; Programme Committee; Regional Conferences; and Technical Committees¹²

25. The Council reviewed the progress report on the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOWs) of the Council, the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), the Finance Committee, the Programme Committee, the FAO Regional Conferences and the Technical Committees.

¹¹ CL 148/10; CL 148/10 Add.1; CL 148/2 Rev.1 (English only); CL 148/8; CL 148/PV/4; CL 148/PV/7

¹² CL 148/9; CL 148/2 Rev.1 (English only); CL 148/6; CL 148/7; CL 148/PV/4; CL 148/PV/7

26. The Council recognized that:
- a) the MYPOW mechanism was at an early stage and would benefit from further elaboration by concerned Governing Bodies, which had primary responsibility for their own MYPOW; and
 - b) the Independent Review of Governance Reforms to be conducted in 2014 would evaluate the relevance and usefulness of MYPOWs to date.
27. The Council approved its MYPOW for the period 2014-2017, as set out in *Appendix E* to this report.

Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 146th Session of the Council¹³

28. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 145th Session (3-7 December 2012) and its 146th Session (22-26 April 2013) and requested that they be implemented effectively and rapidly.

Other Matters

Report of the First Meeting of the Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (Rome, 11-12 June 2013)¹⁴

29. The Council acknowledged the progress made in the implementation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) and requested that subsequent GSP Plenary Assemblies make regular reports to the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) on the implications of their main decisions and recommendations.
30. The Council welcomed the adoption of GSP Rules of Procedure, complementary to the existing Terms of Reference, as well as the establishment of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS).
31. The Council noted that the Plenary Assembly of the GSP had discussed development of Plans of Action for the GSP Pillars and the progressive establishment of Regional Soil Partnerships.
32. The Council further noted that the Plenary Assembly of the GSP had requested in particular the establishment of a dedicated facility under FAO rules to facilitate collection of extra-budgetary contributions to approved activities and projects in a transparent manner.

World Food Programme

Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board¹⁵

33. Pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, the Council elected six members of the WFP Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016) in accordance with the following distribution:
- List A: Equatorial Guinea and South Africa
 - List B: Saudi Arabia
 - List C: Colombia
 - List D: Canada and Germany
34. The Council elected Australia and Luxembourg (List D) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2014.

¹³ CL 148/LIM/4; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

¹⁴ CL 148/13; CL 148/PV/4; CL 148/PV/7

¹⁵ CL 148/11; CL 148/LIM/3; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

Annual Reporting of the World Food Programme to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council¹⁶

35. The Council took note of the ECOSOC Resolution E/2013/L.17 and requested WFP to consolidate its current annual reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review within its reporting on the implementation of its strategic plan, and to provide a thorough analysis, including through the selection and use of common UN funds and programme indicators that were fully aligned with the monitoring framework for the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to its Executive Board and to the FAO Council, with a view to ensuring its full implementation.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-15¹⁷

36. The Council took note of the 2014-15 Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions and approved the dates for meetings in 2014, as set out in *Appendix F* to this report.

Provisional Agenda for the 149th Session of the Council (June 2014)¹⁸

37. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 149th Session (16-20 June 2014).

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO¹⁹

38. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following subjects:

- a) Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- b) Outcomes of the recent United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD (COP11);
- c) Sustainable Energy for All Initiative;
- d) Post 2015 Development Agenda;
- e) International Developments in Nutrition;
- f) Global Oceans Action Summit for Food Security and Blue Growth;
- g) International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition (Rome, May 2013); and
- h) International Year of Family Farming (2014).

Working Methods of the Council²⁰

39. The Council welcomed the initiatives taken by the Secretariat to improve the methods of work of the Council, and encouraged further improvements.

Proposed Technical Consultation on Low Levels of Genetically Modified Crops in International Food and Feed Trade²¹

40. The Council reviewed the proposal to convene a Technical Consultation to facilitate international dialogue on low levels of Genetically Modified crops in international food and feed trade and supported the convening of such a Technical Consultation in early 2014. The Council noted that FAO had conducted technical analysis on the topic, including economic and trade-related analysis, and that the results would be circulated in a timely manner, and in all FAO languages, for their discussion at the Technical Consultation.

41. In taking its decision, the Council took into account the relevance of the competencies of other international organizations and bodies, such as the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the World Trade Organization (WTO), to the issues to be addressed in the Consultation.

¹⁶ CL 148/LIM/6; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

¹⁷ CL 148/LIM/1 Rev.2; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

¹⁸ CL 148/INF/2; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

¹⁹ CL 148/INF/4; CL 148/PV/6; CL 148/PV/7

²⁰ Web document: Note on the Methods of Work of the Council; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

²¹ CL 148/LIM/5; CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

42. The Council also noted that the Technical Consultation would not be considering the establishment of standards or other types of norms and that it was not intended to be an event to reach policy agreement.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies²²

43. The Secretary of the Union of General Service Staff in FAO made a statement on behalf of the two FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

²² CL 148/PV/5; CL 148/PV/7

Appendix A

Agenda for the 148th Session of the Council

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

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Appendix C
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Amendment of Rule XII, subparagraph 10(a) of the
General Rules of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling that during its 147th Session in June 2013, the Council heard proposals from Member Nations concerning, *inter alia*, elections and time spent in holding secret ballots;

Noting that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters at its 97th Session in October 2013 recommended an amendment to Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization and that the Council at its 148th Session in December 2013 endorsed the proposed amendment;

Decides to amend Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows¹:

“**Rule XII**

Quorum and Voting Arrangements at Meetings of Conference and Council

(...)

10.

(a) The appointment of the ~~Chairperson of the Council and of the Director-General~~, *and* the admission of additional Member Nations and Associate Members shall be decided by secret ballot. Other elections shall likewise be decided by secret ballot, except that in the case of an election in which there are not more candidates than vacancies the Chairperson may submit to the Conference or Council that the appointment be decided by clear general consent.”

¹ Deletions are indicated using ~~striketrough text~~ and insertions are indicated using *underlined italics*.

Appendix D
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Amendment of Rule XII, paragraphs 3, 4, 12 and 13 of the
General Rules of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling that during its 147th Session in June 2013, the Council heard proposals from Member Nations concerning, *inter alia*, elections and votes;

Noting that while the procedures set out in Rule XII, subparagraph 3(b) and Rule XII, paragraph 12 of the General Rules of the Organization for simultaneous multiple elections by the Conference were used many times in the past, these procedures could be streamlined, taking into account the procedures followed for Council elections;

Noting that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters at its 97th Session in October 2013 recommended amendments to Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization insofar as it concerns simultaneous multiple elections by the Conference and that the Council at its 148th Session in December 2013 endorsed the proposed amendments;

Decides to amend Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows¹:

“Rule XII**Quorum and Voting Arrangements at Meetings of Conference and Council**

(...)

3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or these Rules, the required majority for any decision or for any election ~~to fill one elective place~~ shall be more than one half of the votes cast.

~~(b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, in the case of an election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the required majority shall be the smallest number of whole votes necessary to elect no more candidates than there are seats to be filled. This majority shall be obtained by the following formula:~~

$$\text{Required majority} = \frac{\text{number of votes cast}}{\text{number of seats} + 1} + 1$$

(disregarding any resultant fraction).

(...)

4.

~~(b) In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the phrase “votes cast” shall mean the total number of votes cast by the electors for all elective places.~~

(...)

¹ Deletions are indicated using ~~strikethrough text~~ and insertions are indicated using *underlined italics*.

12. In any election by the Conference to fill simultaneously more than one elective place the following shall apply:

- (a) (i) In the Conference a majority of the Member Nations of the Organization and in the Council two-thirds of the Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. (ii) More than one-half of the number of Members casting valid votes shall constitute the required majority.
- ~~(a)(b)~~ Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.
- ~~(b)(c)~~ Any The candidates who receives the required majority largest number of the votes cast as defined in paragraph 3(b) of this Rule shall be declared elected in a number equal to the number of elective places to be filled, provided they have received the required majority defined in subparagraph (a) above.
- ~~(c)(d)~~ If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot. This procedure shall continue until all the elective places have been filled.
- ~~(d)~~ This procedure shall continue until all the elective places have been filled.
- ~~(e)~~ If, at any stage during the election, one or more vacant places cannot be filled because of an equal number of votes having been obtained by two or more candidates, a separate ballot shall be held among such candidates to determine which of them shall be elected, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) above. Such procedure will be repeated as necessary.
- ~~(f)~~ If in any ballot no candidate receives the required majority, the candidate that receives the smallest number of votes in that ballot shall be eliminated.
- ~~(f)~~ If in any ballot no candidate receives the required majority and more than one candidate receives the smallest number of votes, a separate ballot between these candidates shall be held and the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.
- ~~(g)~~ If in the separate ballot provided for in subparagraph (f) of this paragraph more than one candidate again receives the smallest number of votes, the above operation shall be repeated with respect to those candidates until one candidate is eliminated, provided that if all the same candidates receive the smallest number of votes in two successive separate ballots, such candidates as will have been designated by lot shall be eliminated.
- ~~(h)~~ If at any stage in an election other than a separate ballot all remaining candidates receive the same number of votes, the Chairperson of the Conference shall formally announce that if in the two following ballots the votes are again equally divided he will suspend balloting for a period which he shall determine and then hold two further ballots. If after applying this procedure the final ballot again results in an equally divided vote, such candidate as will have been designated by lot shall be declared elected

13. In any election by the Council to fill simultaneously more than one elective place, the following shall apply:

- ~~(a)~~ Two thirds of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum and more than one half of the number of Council Members casting valid votes shall constitute the required majority.

- ~~(b) — Each elector, unless he wholly abstains, shall cast one vote for each elective place to be filled. Each vote shall be cast for a different candidate. Any ballot paper which is not in conformity with these requirements shall be declared defective.~~
- ~~(c) — The candidates who receive the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in a number equal to the number of elective places to be filled, provided they have received the required majority defined in subparagraph (a) above.~~
- ~~(d) — If only some of the elective places have been filled after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast to fill the remaining elective places, under the same conditions as the first ballot. This procedure shall be continued until all the elective places have been filled.~~

~~If, at any stage during the election, one or more of the vacant elective places cannot be filled because of an equal number of votes having been obtained by two or more candidates, a separate ballot shall be held among such candidates to determine which of them will be elected, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) above. Such procedure will be repeated if necessary.”~~

(Other paragraphs, subparagraphs and internal references to amended or deleted provisions of Rule XII to be re-numbered accordingly)

Appendix E

Council Multi-year Programme of Work (2014-17)

I. Overall Objective for the Council

The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. The Council also provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation and exercises its oversight and monitoring functions in accordance with the Basic Texts of the Organization, including Conference Resolution 8/2009. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in the Appendix, and with the Note on Methods of Work of the Council.

II. Results

A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning

Result: Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are based on Council guidance.

Indicators and targets:

- Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- In examining and adopting the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation by Council regarding the level of the budget.
- Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues receives Conference approval.
- Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
- Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation as necessary.
- Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
- Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution, including the content and level of the budget.
- Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
- Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.

- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions

Result: Implementation of decisions on governance matters is regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
- The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions and resolutions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation.
- Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
- Recommendations and decisions on the convening of Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
- Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
- Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

C. Exercise of oversight functions

Result: Well functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
- Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
- The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
- Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
- The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
- Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations.
- Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.

Working methods:

- Advice from the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
- In-depth review of one substantive issue to be chosen by the Council once every two years.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

D. Monitoring of final steps in the Reform process

Results: Overall progress in the Reform process is regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- An Independent Review of the outcome of the governance reforms in 2014 will be carried out for assessment by the 39th Session of the Conference in June 2015¹.

Outputs: Clear and precise recommendations and decisions in a specific report to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of Management reports on progress in the Reform process.
- Review and assessment of Reform-related recommendations made by the Joint Meeting of Finance and Programme Committees.

Working methods:

- Informal seminars and consultations among Members.

E. Monitoring of Management performance

Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
- Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings.

¹ C 2013/REP, para. 111d)

- Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
- On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
- Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.

Working methods:

- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Informal seminars and consultations among Members.

F. Work planning and working methods

Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.

Indicators and targets:

- Council agendas are focused.
- Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
- Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
- Council documents are provided 4 weeks before a session commences.

Outputs:

- A MYPOW for Council.
- A revised Note on Methods of Work of the Council.
- Annual briefing for new Council Members.
- Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.

Activities:

- Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
- Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
- Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
- Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
- Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.

Working methods:

- Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
- Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
- Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
- As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

G. Outstanding IPA Actions

The 144th Session of Council (June 2012) requested that the MYPOW include IPA actions which had not been completed:

IPA Action No. and Description	End-date		
	The Council		
2.18	The Council shall make a clear recommendation to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution including the budget level	For attention by Members	Pending.
	Further Actions to Improve the Effectiveness of FAO Governance		
2.74	The Conference will assess the workings of the governance reforms, including the role and functioning of the Regional Conferences with an independent review as an input to this process.	June 2015	See document CL 148/10 - <i>Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms</i>
	Appointment and Term of Office of the Director-General		
2.100	c) The FAO Conference will consider for approval desirable qualifications for the post of Director-General developed by the CoC-IEE in 2009.	For attention by Members	Pending.
	Governing body follow-up		
4.4	... any changes found desirable in the size and regional representation in the membership of the Council and propose with advice from the CCLM any necessary changes in the Basic Texts to the 2009 Session of the Conference;	For attention by Members	Pending.
	Evaluation		
2.83	a) Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years – report to management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee	December 2016	---

H. Sessions and Work plan of Council

1. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:
 - a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
 - b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework (every four years), MTP and PWB;
 - c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and Members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
 - d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.
2. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including inclusion of effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.
3. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
4. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
5. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
 - Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
 - Human resources;
 - Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
 - Decentralization issues;
 - Contracting and purchasing issues;
 - Information and communication technology issues;
 - Strategic evaluations and management responses;
 - United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

149th Session of the Council, June 2014**Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Programme Implementation Report 2012-2013
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (May 2014)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (May 2014)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (May 2014)

Regional Conferences

- 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (March 2014)
- 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (March 2014)
- 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (February 2014)
- 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (May 2014)
- 9) Report of the Regional Conference for Europe (April 2014)
- 10) Report on the Informal Conference for North America (April 2014)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (March 2014)

Governance Matters

- 12) Independent Review of Governance Reforms
- 13) Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)
- 14) Assessment of the International Year of Quinoa (2013)
- 15) Status of implementation of Council decisions
- 16) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2014-17

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150th Session of the Council, December 2014**Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (May 2014)
- 2) Report of the Programme Committee (May 2014)
- 3) Report of the Finance Committee (May 2014)

Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security

- 4) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (October 2014)
- 5) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (September 2014)
- 6) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (June 2014)
- 7) Report of the Committee on Forestry (June 2014)
- 8) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2014)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 9) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (March 2014)

Governance Matters

- 10) Independent Review of Governance Reforms
- 11) Arrangements for the 39th Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference)
- 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18
- 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 14) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2013
- 15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2015) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Independent Review of Governance Reforms 7) Arrangements for the 39th Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
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- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2015) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2015) (t.b.d.)

Committee on World Food Security

- 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2015) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2015) (t.b.d.)

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- 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the
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- 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-2017
- 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council
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154th Session of the Council, June 2016**Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Programme Implementation Report 2014-2015
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.)
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Regional Conferences

- 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (2016) (t.b.d.)
- 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (2016) (t.b.d.)
- 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (2016) (t.b.d.)
- 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (2016) (t.b.d.)
- 9) Report of the Regional Conference for Europe (2016) (t.b.d.)
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- 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-2017
- 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council
- 17) Working Methods of Council

155th Session of the Council, November 2016
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of the Strategic Framework 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2016) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2016) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2016) (t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2016) (t.b.d.) 9) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2016) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11) Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference) 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2015 15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 16) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018 17) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council 18) Working Methods of Council

156th Session of the Council, April 2017

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 1) Review of the Medium Term Plan (2018-21) and Programme of Work and Budget (2018-2019) – Recommendation to Conference on budget level
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 6) Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference
- 7) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20
- 8) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 9) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 10) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018
- 11) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council
- 12) Working Methods of Council

157th Session of the Council, June/July 2017

Election of Committees

- 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee
- 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
- 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Other Matters

- 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session
- 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018
- 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

158th Session of the Council, November 2017

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

- 1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Committee on World Food Security

- 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2017) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the
 - Finance Committee
 - Programme Committee
 - CCLM
 - Regional Conferences
 - Technical Committees
 - Council
- 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21
- 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 10) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2016
- 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
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Appendix F

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-2015

	2014		2015	
JANUARY			15 CGRFA	19-23
FEBRUARY	WFP IFAD/GC 32 NERC	10-14 17-21 24-28	WFP IFAD/GC 100 CCLM	9-13 16-20 23-25
MARCH	32 APRC 98 CCLM 28 ARC	10-14 17-19 24-28	154 FC 117 PC 151 CL	9-13 9-13 23-27
APRIL	29 ERC IFAD/EB 2 INARC	1-4 7- 11 15-16	IFAD/EB	20-24
MAY	33 LARC 152 FC 115 PC	6-9 26-30 26-30	WFP	25-29
JUNE	WFP 31 COFI 149 CL 22 COFO	3-6 9-13 16-20 23-27	39 C 152 CL	6-13 15
JULY	37 CODEX	14-18 (Geneva)	38 CODEX	6-11 July (Geneva)
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 24 COAG	15-19 29/9-3/10	IFAD/EB 101 CCLM	14-18 28-30
OCTOBER	70 CCP 41 CFS WFD 99 CCLM	6-8 13-17 16 (Thursday) 20-22	42 CFS WFD 155 FC 118 PC	12-16 16 (Friday) 26-30 26-30
NOVEMBER	153 FC 116 PC WFP ICN2	3-7 3-7 10-14 19-21	WFP 153 CL	9-13 30/11-04/12
DECEMBER	150 CL IFAD/EB	1-5 15-19	IFAD/EB	7-11

Easter: 20 April 2014
 Ramadan: 28 June – 27 July 2014
 Eid Al-Fitr: 28 July 2014
 Eid Al-Adha: 4 October 2014

Easter: 5 April 2015
 Ramadan: 18 June – 16 July 2015
 Eid Al-Fitr: 17 July 2015
 Eid Al-Adha: 23 September 2015

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	ICN2	International Conference on Nutrition
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CL	Council	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	PC	Programme Committee
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFD	World Food Day
		WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

**PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(July 2013 - June 2015)**

Chairperson

Ms Cecilia Nordin
Van Gansberghe
(Sweden)

Members

Afghanistan (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)
Algeria (Mr Mohamed Mellah)
Argentina (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)
Austria (Ms Natalie Feistritz)
Canada (Mr Eric Robinson)*
China (Mr Xia Jingyuan)

Ecuador (Mr José Antonio Carranza)
Ethiopia (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)
India (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)
New Zealand (Ms Fiona Duncan)*
Switzerland (Ms Christina Emma Grieder)
Yemen (Mr Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Akwa)

* Details of substitute representative available at:

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/programme-committee/substitute-representatives/en/>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
(July 2013 - June 2015)**

Chairperson

Mr Médi MOUNGUI
(Cameroon)

Members

Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)*
Brazil (Mr Olyntho Vieira)*
Egypt (Mr Magdi Anwar Hassanein Hassan)
Germany (Mr Georg Friedel Cramer)*
Guinea (Mr Abdoulaye Traore)
Japan (Mr Hideya Yamada)

Mexico (Ms Emma María José Rodríguez Sifuentes)
Morocco (Mr Fouzi Lekjaa)*
Pakistan (Mr Khalid Mehboob)
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
Sudan (Ms Abla Malik Osman)
United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)*

* Details of substitute representative available at:

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/finance-committee/substitute-representatives/en/>

**COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS
(July 2013 - June 2015)**

Chairperson

Ms Mónica Martínez
Menduiño (Ecuador)

Members

Bangladesh (Mr Mafizur Rahman)
Bulgaria (Mr Lubomir Ivanov)
Iraq (Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani)
Liberia (Mr Mohammed Sheriff)

Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)
United States of America (Mr Gregory S. Groth)
Uruguay (Mr Oscar Gabriel Piñeyro Bentos)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2014

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2014

Belgium (D)¹
Brazil (C)
Ghana (A)²
Slovakia (E)
Sweden (D)¹

China (B)
Czech Republic (E)
Guatemala (C)
Japan (D)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2015

Tunisia (A)
Afghanistan (B)
Italy (D)
Mexico (C)
Philippines (B)
Uganda (A)
United States of America (D)

Zambia (A)
India (B)
Iraq (B)
Netherlands (D)
Russian Federation (E)
Sierra Leone (A)
Switzerland (D)

31 December 2016

Canada (D)
Colombia (C)
Equatorial Guinea (A)
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Burundi (A)
Cuba (C)
Ethiopia (A)
Norway (D)
Pakistan (B)
Spain (D)

¹ Belgium and Sweden stepped down from the WFP Executive Board on 31 December 2013 and were replaced by Australia and Luxembourg for the remainder of the term of office.

² This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2012-2014), List B (2015-2017), List A (2018-2020) and List C (2021-2023).

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194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

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

