

## **Draft Conference Resolution on the IPA**

### **1. Background**

1. Previous resolutions regarding the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA) have, in addition to endorsing the report of the CoC-IEE to the Conference, set out oversight arrangements for the IPA.

#### ***Arrangements in 2009***

2. Oversight arrangements for the IPA in 2009 were agreed through Conference Resolution 1/2008, which created the Conference Committee on Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE) for the duration of 2009. With specific inputs provided by three Working Groups, the CoC-IEE was mandated to complete substantive outstanding work within the IPA.

3. The CoC-IEE was also tasked with overall monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the IPA by Management, completing its final report by September 2009 for presentation to the Conference in November 2009.

4. The CoC-IEE undertook its work with “advice from the Council, Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters as appropriate, without prejudice to the reporting of these Committees to the Council and their statutory functions” (Resolution 1/2008).

#### ***Arrangements in 2010-11***

5. By Conference Resolution 4/2009, a successor CoC-IEE was established, for the duration of 2010-11, to ensure continuity of oversight and guidance, with a mandate focused on the provision of overall monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the IPA by Management.

6. While similar in nature to the preceding CoC-IEE, the 2010-11 Committee had different operational arrangements. Meeting less frequently (up to three times a year), without separate distinct Working Groups and a dedicated Secretariat, it was tasked to produce a report on the outcome of its work by April 2011, for presentation to the Conference in June 2011.

7. Resolution 4/2009 also recalled that the Council should continue to monitor the overall progress in IPA implementation, receiving as appropriate specific inputs from the Finance Committee, the Programme Committee and the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters in their respective areas of mandate.

### **2. Possible arrangements for 2012-13**

8. By the forthcoming 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June-July 2011, the CoC-IEE is expected to have held all its meetings scheduled in 2011 and to have submitted its final report to Conference. Thus, the CoC-IEE will have fulfilled its mandate for the current biennium.

9. For governance follow-up in the course of 2012-13, it would appear that, in view of the mainstreaming of the IPA in the Programme of Work and Budget, the oversight functions on IPA implementation should be performed through the relevant Governing Bodies of the Organization. More specifically:

- the Council would continue to monitor the overall progress in implementation of the IPA in 2012-13 and report to the Conference in 2013, receiving from Management progress reports on IPA implementation for review and guidance;

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- the Finance Committee, Programme Committee, Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters and, as needed, the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, would provide specific inputs to Council according to their respective mandates;
- the Independent Chairperson of the Council would, within his reinforced function, play a proactive facilitating role.

10. Such arrangement would rely entirely on the existing Governing Body structures, making maximum use of their specialized competencies, with further involvement of the Independent Chairperson of Council in line with the new status of the function.

11. This arrangement, which would not entail incremental costs for the operation of the Governing Bodies concerned, is specified in the draft Conference Resolution on the IPA appended hereto.

**3. Guidance sought**

12. The CoC-IEE is invited to review the attached draft Conference Resolution and provide guidance for its further formulation and finalization.

**Draft Conference Resolution on the IPA****Annex****DRAFT RESOLUTION \_\_/2011****Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal**

## THE CONFERENCE:

**Mindful** of the imperative for FAO Members and Management to continue to work in concert to strengthen the capacity of the Organization to carry out its unique overarching mandate at a time of critical challenges facing the global community;

**Recalling** its Resolution 1/2008 whereby it approved an Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal, and its Resolution 4/2009 setting up arrangements for monitoring implementation of FAO renewal in the 2010-11 biennium;

**Having considered** the Report of the Conference Committee on Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE) on the work completed in the current biennium in the framework of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA);

**Noting with appreciation** the substantial progress made, during the same period of time, in implementing a complex set of actions covering the whole range of IPA thematic areas;

**Recognizing** that this progress was achieved largely thanks to the Membership's full engagement in, Management's resolute commitment to, and the constant support of Staff to the process of change for FAO renewal;

**Recognizing further** that a critical factor in the successful implementation of the IPA has been the adequate funding of the renewal programme, with the required resources being secured by the Membership within the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11;

**Acknowledging** the need to ensure continuity of the renewal process and the new ways of working inherent in IPA implementation as an integral part of the established management and governance arrangements of the Organization, while mainstreaming the IPA into the Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13;

1. **Endorses** the Report of the CoC-IEE on the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA), as given in *Appendix \_\_* [of the Conference report].
2. **Decides** that the Council will, at its regular sessions, monitor progress in follow-up to the IPA on the basis of progress reports from the Management. In this context, the Independent Chairperson of the Council will continue to play a proactive facilitating role.
3. **Decides** that, in performing this oversight function regarding IPA implementation, the Council shall receive inputs from the Finance Committee, the Programme Committee and the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters and, as needed, from the Regional Conferences and the Technical Committees, according to their respective mandates.
4. **Decides** that a complete progress report on IPA implementation will be submitted, through the Council, to the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference in 2013.

(Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 2011)