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Hundred and Fifty-ninth Session
Rome, 4-8 June 2018



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(as from 10 July 2017)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Khalid Mehbhoob

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Benin ²	India ³	Spain ³
Brazil ²	Indonesia ¹	Sri Lanka ¹
Bulgaria ³	Italy ³	Sudan ²
Cabo Verde ³	Japan ¹	Thailand ³
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Chile ¹	Lesotho ²	United Kingdom ⁶
China ¹	Mexico ²	United States of America ²
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Ecuador ³	Pakistan ³	Zambia ²
Egypt ³	Philippines ⁵	
Equatorial Guinea ¹	Qatar ²	

¹ Term of office: end of 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) – 30 June 2018

² Term of office: 1 July 2016 – end of 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

³ Term of office: end of 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) – 30 June 2020

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Ecuador ²	Republic of Korea ³	
Egypt ²	Romania ¹	

¹ Term of office: 1 July 2016 – end of 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

² Term of office: end of 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) – 30 June 2020

³ Term of office: 1 July 2018 – end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

⁴ Term of office: 1 July 2018 – end of 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

⁵ Peru to replace Chile from the end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019) to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

⁶ Myanmar to replace the Philippines from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

⁷ Malaysia to replace Thailand from 1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020

⁸ Indonesia to replace Viet Nam from 1 January 2020 to the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 159th Session of the Council was held in Rome from 4 to 8 June 2018 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of Council.

Statement by the Director-General²

2. The Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, delivered a statement to Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable³

3. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, 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 Committee⁴

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Seydou Cissé (Côte d'Ivoire), Ms Anna Gebremedhin (Finland) and Mr Yousef Juhail (Kuwait).

5. The Council elected Mr Marc Mankoussou (Congo) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, China, Egypt, Finland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Nicaragua, Romania, Sudan, Thailand, United States of America and Zambia.

Programme of Work and Budget

Programme Implementation Report 2016-17⁵

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

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

¹ CL 159/PV/1; CL 159/PV/9

² CL 159/PV/1; CL 159/PV/9

³ CL 159/1 Rev.1; CL 159/INF/1 Rev.3; CL 159/INF/3; CL 159/PV/1; CL 159/PV/9

⁴ CL 159/PV/1; CL 159/PV/9

⁵ C 2019/8; C 2019/8 Web Annexes 6 and 7; CL 159/5 paras 3-6; CL 159/PV/3; CL 159/PV/4; CL 159/PV/9

- g) noted and encouraged continuing efforts to strengthen the capacity of the decentralized offices network, including the review of country office staffing models;
- h) noted that the underspending of USD 3.9 million in the 2016-17 net budgetary appropriations expenditure would be entirely transferred to the Special Fund for Development Finance Activities (SF DFA) and requested an annual progress report on the funding and activities of the SF DFA;
- i) emphasized the importance of international standard setting work such as Codex Alimentarius and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and stressed the need for sustainable funding for FAO's work and activities relating to scientific advice for food safety and the Codex Alimentarius in line with the recommendation from the Joint Meeting of the 122nd Session of the Programme Committee and 169th Session of the Finance Committee for allocation of unspent Trust Fund balances for the Blind Trust Fund;
- j) encouraged FAO to prioritize support to national statistics agencies to collect and analyze data, in particular to support national efforts to monitor and achieve the SDGs; and
- k) underlined that these positive results had been achieved also thanks to the dedicated people working at FAO, both staff and consultants.

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

Reports of the Regional Conferences⁶

8. The Council reviewed and endorsed the conclusions and regional priorities expressed by the five Regional Conferences, as well as the Informal Regional Conference for North America, held between February and May 2018, as contained in their respective reports, and in particular supported:

- a) achieving sustainable and inclusive food systems;
- b) improving the monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes for tracking progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the range of approaches available to assist with agricultural productivity and its sustainability, as well as through agroecology, e-agriculture, biotechnology and agroforestry systems;
- c) assisting countries to build resilience to address food insecurity and climate change, including through sustainable water and forest management, water scarcity initiatives and soil health;
- d) ending all forms of malnutrition;
- e) implementing the One Health initiative, including combatting transboundary pests and diseases and antimicrobial resistance (AMR);
- f) combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, including through progress in the implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA);
- g) assistance to smallholders, family farmers and fishers, with greater recognition and promotion of the role of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), and other sustainable agricultural systems, women and rural youth, and noting the importance of the use and application of Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT);
- h) the importance of other international instruments such as Codex Alimentarius and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC);
- i) special assistance to address the challenges of climate change and food insecurity to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and land-locked food-deficit countries;
- j) prioritization of partnerships for resource mobilization at the decentralized level, in particular with the other Rome-based Agencies, and other relevant entities through South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- k) the importance of attracting a broader participation of civil society, academia and the private sector, as well as a higher level of participation by Member States in future Regional Conferences; and

⁶ C 2019/14; C 2019/15; C 2019/16; C 2019/17; C 2019/18; C 2019/LIM/1; CL 159/LIM/4 Rev.1; CL 159/PV/1; CL 159/PV/2; CL 159/PV/9

- l) strengthening of the technical capacity of the Organization, including through the review of FAO's decentralized network coverage.

9. The Council also took note of the proposal by Chile for an International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, as endorsed by the 35th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the information provided by Estonia to the 31st Session of the Regional Conference for Europe regarding an International Year of Rye, and looked forward to further information in this regard.

10. The Council acknowledged that the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) framed the work of the Regional Conferences and encouraged regular and systematic review of their performance and efficiency.

Reports of the Committees of the Council

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee and 170th Session of the Finance Committee (May 2018)⁷

11. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee and the 170th Session of the Finance Committee, and noted its guidance in relation to the proposal for a high-level event at World Food Day and noted the Concept Note (CL 159/INF/7) setting out detailed information on this event and looked forward to discussing it.

Report of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee (21-25 May 2018)⁸

12. The Council endorsed the Report of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular:

- a) noted with appreciation the priorities identified by the Regional Conferences for preparation of the Reviewed Medium-Term Plan 2018-21 (MTP), as well as the integration of the SDGs in the results framework, and the focus on the Regional Initiatives;
- b) the evaluation of FAO's contribution to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition Strategic Objective 1 (SO1);
- c) recognized the key role FAO plays in strengthening the dissemination and in promoting the use and application of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) policy products at the country-level such as the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF), the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGTs), Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI) and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA);
- d) partnership with UN organizations, as well as with non-state actors and South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- e) FAO's important work on conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food and agriculture;
- f) the importance of mandatory monitoring and oversight mechanisms and stronger implementation for Country Programming Framework (CPFs);
- g) welcomed Management's agreement to pilot joint CPFs with IFAD and WFP and requested a progress update for the next informal joint meeting of the Members of the FAO Council, WFP Executive Board and IFAD Executive Board;
- h) underlined the importance of the progress update on FAO's Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) to be submitted to the November 2018 session of the Programme Committee; and
- i) called upon FAO to actively participate in the implementation of the UN development system reform, as guided by the UN General Assembly Resolution 72/279 and encouraged periodical updates.

⁷ CL 159/5; CL 159/INF/7; CL 159/PV/4; CL 159/PV/9

⁸ CL 159/3; CL 159/PV/4; CL 159/PV/9

Reports of the 170th (21-25 May 2018) and 171st (29-31 May 2018) Sessions of the Finance Committee⁹

13. The Council approved the Reports of the 170th and 171st 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) noted that the Finance Committee had approved the final budgetary transfers arising from implementation of the 2016-17 Programme of Work;
- c) highlighted the need for sustainable funding solutions for the Food Safety Scientific Advice Programme for Codex Alimentarius and FAO's standard setting activities such as the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and endorsed the Committee's support for Management's proposal for sustainable funding solutions, while emphasizing the importance of safeguarding the independence and impartiality of the Scientific Advice Programme;
- d) endorsed the proposed updates to the Terms of Reference of the FAO Audit Committee;
- e) endorsed the Committee's guidance to the Secretariat on human resources management, and its requests on the provision of comprehensive statistical data and information on geographic distribution, gender balance and vacancy rate;
- f) took note of the progress in achieving gender parity targets at the corporate level and encouraged efforts to achieve gender parity at senior level, in line with the UN system-wide strategy on gender parity launched in September 2017 by the UN Secretary-General;
- g) acknowledged progress made and encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts in achieving equitable geographic distribution of staff;
- h) requested the Secretariat to present a progress report to the next session of the Council on the ongoing efforts to improve the geographic distribution of consultants, based on the revised policy of recruitment and evaluation of consultants and took note of the assurance by the Secretariat that the efforts to improve equitable geographical distribution will take into account the need for a flexible approach in the selection process, including cost implications, retaining merit as the primary criterion for recruitment, and will not apply rigid numerical ranges; and
- i) endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the proposed amendment to the FAO Staff Regulations allowing implementation of the new mandatory age of separation for WFP staff members.

14. The Council requested the Director-General to present to the next Council session a detailed action plan on the achievement of equitable geographic distribution and gender parity of FAO staff.

Report of the 106th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (12-14 March 2018)¹⁰

15. The Council approved the Report of the 106th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) with regard to internal candidates for the Office of Director-General, the Secretariat's observations on transition between outgoing and incoming administrations, appointment of secretaries of Article XIV bodies, and on the Development Law Service.

16. In particular, the Council:

- a) agreed that any internal candidate for the Office of Director-General be placed on special leave without pay from the date of communication of nominations under Rule XXXVII, paragraph 1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization;
- b) agreed that an advance letter of resignation be submitted with the nomination of any internal candidate to the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Council, for subsequent transmission to the Director-General Elect who will decide, within ten days after assuming office, whether to accept the resignation. If no decision is taken by that date, the letter of resignation will be null and void;

⁹ CL 159/4; CL 159/7; CL 159/LIM/2; CL 159/PV/4; CL 159/PV/5; CL 159/PV/6; CL 159/PV/7; CL 159/PV/9

¹⁰ CL 159/2; CL 159/PV/6; CL 159/PV/9

- c) agreed that, in anticipation for the process for the election of the next Director-General, staff members be reminded of their obligations of neutrality and impartiality as set out in the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service, in line with established practice in FAO and other UN Systems Organizations;
- d) noted the Secretariat's observations on transition between outgoing and incoming administrations and asked that a document on this issue be produced well in time to allow sufficient consultation;
- e) welcomed the concerted focus given by the Development Law Branch to country needs and priorities in assisting Members to address their global priorities and commitments and the careful alignment of its activities with achievement of the FAO Strategic Objectives; and
- f) noted the consultations undertaken by the Independent Chairperson of the Council on the issue of the procedures for the appointment of Secretaries of Bodies under Article XIV of the Constitution, the ongoing processes, as well as the views of the Secretariat and further noted that the matter would be considered again by the CCLM at its next session; and
- g) also recalling that, consistent with the Council decision (CL 155/REP), the proposed procedure must be acceptable to the Article XIV Bodies.

17. In addition, the Council approved the Resolution amending the Statutes of the Commission for Small-Scale and Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPEAALC) set out in *Appendix C* to this Report.

Other Matters

Dates for submission of nominations for the Office of Director-General¹¹

18. The Council set the dates of 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General.

Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 158th Session of the Council (4-8 December 2017)¹²

19. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 158th (4-8 December 2017), 155th (5-9 December 2016) and 154th (30 May-3 June 2016) Sessions.

20. The Council requested that Item 9 regarding geographical balance of consultants be marked as ongoing.

21. With regard to the matter of the terms of office of Council Members, the Council took note of document CL 159/INF/6 setting out the outcome of consultations facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council (ICC) and agreed that:

- a) there was no provision in the Basic Texts which specifically prohibited seat-sharing arrangements and, that on that basis, Members of Regional Groups who desired to share seats on the Council were at liberty to do so, under the modalities that they saw fit; and
- b) the possibility of seat-sharing at Council did not need to be re-examined by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).

22. The Council noted that Members of the Africa Regional Group had decided to serve full terms of three years.

23. Regarding the consultation on selection procedures for the appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, the Council:

- a) noted the consultations undertaken by the Independent Chairperson of Council (ICC); and
- b) urged the ICC to continue these consultations with a view of finding a proposal that is acceptable to the Article XIV Bodies, taking on board their suggestions made during consultations.

¹¹ CL 159/6; CL 159/PV/6; CL 159/PV/9

¹² CL 159/LIM/3 Rev.2; CL 159/INF/6; CL 159/PV/6; CL 159/PV/9

Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse¹³

24. The Council endorsed FAO's commitment to zero-tolerance to any forms of harassment and discrimination and:
- a) took note of the policies, procedures and mechanisms in place in the Organization to prevent harassment, sexual harassment and abuse of authority based on the three pillars of reporting, investigation and decision-making, and outreach and support;
 - b) underlined the importance of addressing all forms of discrimination;
 - c) noted efforts to address this important issue with a corporate Action Plan for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment, aligned with recent recommendations of the UN system Chief Executive Board (CEB);
 - d) taking into account the need for an enabling institutional and cultural environment for reporting and whistleblowing, encouraged Management to ensure mandatory and ongoing training on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse for its staff and personnel;
 - e) encouraged the Organization to continue its participation in the CEB Task Force on Addressing Sexual Harassment within the organizations of the United Nations System, chaired by the Chair of the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM), with a view of sharing experiences, approaches and best practices;
 - f) requested the Organization to conduct among its staff and personnel an independent and anonymous staff satisfaction survey, in line with other UN agencies, including IFAD and WFP;
 - g) encouraged the Organization to ensure adequate social and psychological support and protection to victims and emphasized the need for effective reporting mechanisms; and
 - h) called on the Organization to strengthen its Action Plan and submit it to the next Council in December 2018, and to provide annual reporting implementation in line with UN Secretary-General's commitment to zero-tolerance.
25. The Council requested the Secretariat to provide annual reports under a stand-alone item to the Council, through the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, on the progressive implementation of the Action Plan and updates as required on FAO policies, starting with the November 2018 session of the Joint Meeting.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-19¹⁴

26. The Council took note of the amendments to the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2018-19, as reproduced in *Appendix D* to this Report.

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO¹⁵

27. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following topics:
- a) Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR);
 - b) The Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition (Madrid, 29-30 October 2018);
 - c) Second UN High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation (Buenos Aires Action Plan for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries +40);
 - d) Report of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition to the UN General Assembly; and
 - e) FAO and the Work on Migration in Global *Fora*.

¹³ CL 159/8; CL 159/8 Information Note; CL 159/PV/3; CL 159/PV/9

¹⁴ CL 159/LIM/1 Rev.2; CL 159/PV/7; CL 159/PV/9

¹⁵ CL 159/INF/4; CL 159/PV/2; CL 159/PV/9

Provisional Agenda for the 160th Session of the Council (December 2018)¹⁶

28. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 160th Session (December 2018), as contained in CL 159/INF/2.

Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation¹⁷

29. The Council underlined the importance of maintaining the integrity of the UN Common System and agreed that UNGA Resolution 70/244 should have been discussed earlier.

30. The Council decided that new Staff Regulation 301.9.5 in respect of FAO staff members recruited prior to 1 January 2014 shall take effect on 1 July 2019.

31. The amendment of the Staff Regulations 301.9.5 was approved by Council as: “Staff Members may not be retained in active service beyond the age of 65 years, 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 may elect to retire at the age of 60 years if their participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund commenced or recommenced before 1 January 1990, or at the age of 62 years if their participation commenced or recommenced on or after 1 January 1990 and before January 2014.”

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies¹⁸

32. Mr Juan Coy for the Association of Professional Staff in FAO (AP-in-FAO) made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies, which will be submitted in full to the next session of the Finance Committee for discussion.

¹⁶ CL 159/INF/2; CL 159/PV/7; CL 159/PV/9

¹⁷ CL 159/4; CL 159/5; JM 2018.1/2 Information Notes 1-3; Information Note 4; CL 159/PV/7; CL 159/PV/8; CL 159/PV/9

¹⁸ CL 159/PV/8; CL 159/PV/9

Appendix A

Agenda for the 159th 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

Programme of Work and Budget

3. Programme Implementation Report 2016-17

Reports of the Regional Conferences

4. Regional Conferences
 - 4.1 Report of the 30th Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Khartoum, the Sudan, 19-23 February 2018)
 - 4.2 Report of the 34th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Nadi, Fiji, 9-13 April 2018)
 - 4.3 Report of the 31st Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Voronezh, Russian Federation, 16-18 May 2018)
 - 4.4 Report of the 35th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 5-8 March 2018)
 - 4.5 Report of the 34th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 7-11 May 2018)
 - 4.6 Input from the Fifth Informal Regional Conference for North America (Washington, D.C., United States of America, 18-19 April 2018)

Reports of the Committees of the Council

5. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee and 170th Session of the Finance Committee (May 2018)
6. Report of the 124th Session of the Programme Committee (21-25 May 2018)
7. Reports of the 170th (21-25 May 2018) and 171st (29-31 May 2018) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 7.1 Status of Current Assessments and Arrears
8. Report of the 106th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (12-14 March 2018)

Other Matters

9. Dates for submission of nominations for the Office of Director-General
10. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 158th Session of the Council (4-8 December 2017)
11. Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse
12. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-19

13. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
14. Provisional Agenda for the 160th Session of the Council (December 2018)
15. Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation
16. Any Other Matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 159/1 Rev.1	Provisional Agenda
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CL 159/3	Report of the 124 th Session of the Programme Committee (21-25 May 2018)
CL 159/4	Report of the 170 th Session of the Finance Committee (21-25 May 2018)
CL 159/5	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 124 th Session of the Programme Committee and 170 th Session of the Finance Committee (May 2018)
Information Note 1	JM 2018.1/2 - Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation - Cost Savings
Information Note 2	JM 2018.1/2 - Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation - Cost savings and human capital data – scenarios relative to 1 January 2018
Information Note 3	JM 2018.1/2 - Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation - Cost savings and human capital data – further scenarios relative to 1 January 2018
Information Note 4	Date of Implementation of the United Nations Resolution on the Mandatory Age of Separation - Opinion by the Legal Counsel of FAO
CL 159/6	Dates for submission of nominations for the Office of Director-General
CL 159/7	Report of the 171 st Session of the Finance Committee (29-31 May 2018)
CL 159/8	Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse
CL 159/8 – Information Note	FAO Action Plan for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment
 C 2017 Series	
C 2019/8	Programme Implementation Report 2016-17
C 2019/8 Web Annex 6	Unscheduled and Cancelled Sessions
C 2019/8 Web Annex 7	Regional Dimensions Results
C 2019/14	Report of the 30 th Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Khartoum, the Sudan, 19-23 February 2018)
C 2019/15	Report of the 34 th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Nadi, Fiji, 9-13 April 2018)
C 2019/16	Report of the 31 st Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Voronezh, Russian Federation, 16-18 May 2018)
C 2019/17	Report of the 35 th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 5-8 March 2018)
C 2019/18	Report of the 34 th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 7-11 May 2018)

C 2019/LIM/1 Report of the Fifth Informal Regional Conference for North America
(Washington, D.C., United States of America, 18-19 April 2018)

CL 159 INF Series

CL 159/INF/1 Rev.3 Provisional Timetable
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CL 159/INF/3 Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union
and its Member States
CL 159/INF/4 Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 159/INF/5 Working Methods of the Council
CL 159/INF/6 Terms of Office of Council Members
CL 159/INF/7 Concept Note - High-level Event on FAO's Role in Food Security Matters –
16 October 2018

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CL 159/LIM/2 Status of Assessments and Arrears as at 28 May 2018
CL 159/LIM/3 Rev.2 Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 158th Session of the Council
(4-8 December 2017)
CL 159/LIM/4 Rev.1 Synthesis of priorities and regional initiatives endorsed by the 2018 Regional
Conferences

Other Documents

List of Delegates and Observers

CL 159/Draft Report Draft Report of Plenary

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CL 159/PV/1 to
CL 159/PV/9 Verbatim Records of Plenary

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CL 159/OD/1 to
CL 159/OD/5 Orders of the Day

Appendix C

Resolution 1/159

Amendment to the Statutes of the Commission for Small-Scale and Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPESAALC)

THE COUNCIL,

Recognizing that the Council at its Seventieth Session, which took place in Rome from 29 November to 9 December 1976, established the Commission for Inland Fisheries of Latin America (COPESCAL), through Resolution 4/70;

Bearing in mind that the Hundred and Fortieth Session of the FAO Council, held from 29 November to 3 December 2010, amended COPESCAL Statutes to include aquaculture and changed its name to “*Commission for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture for Latin America and the Caribbean (COPESCAALC)*”;

Taking into consideration the broad geographical scope of COPESCAALC which includes most of the countries of Central and South America as well as some of the Caribbean;

Recognizing the importance of small-scale and artisanal fisheries for the region and the need for a regional forum for political discussion on this topic;

Recognizing that COPESCAALC has operated in an effective manner since its creation in 1976 and that, as a result of the experience it has gained over the years, members have considered it as the most appropriate forum in the region to discuss small-scale and artisanal fisheries;

Taking note that at the Fifteenth Session of COPESCAALC, held in Panama City, Panama, from 22 to 24 January 2018, COPESCAALC member countries unanimously adopted the Statutes in order to expand its mandate to small-scale and artisanal fisheries;

Approves, under Article VI, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, the change of the name of COPESCAALC to “*Commission for small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean – COPPESAALC*”, and

Approves its revised Statutes expanding the Commission’s mandate to small-scale and artisanal fisheries, as set out in the Annex to this Resolution, on the basis that they do not entail any additional financial obligation for the Organization and that the Commission will closely coordinate its activities with other regional fisheries bodies in order to avoid overlapping or duplication and to identify synergies and complementarities.

(Adopted on 8 June 2018)

Annex

STATUTES OF THE COMMISSION FOR ~~INLAND~~ SMALL-SCALE AND ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (COPPECAALC)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Commission is to promote the management and sustainable development of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in accordance with the principles and ~~standards~~ provisions of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries of FAO and the voluntary guidelines for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries and other applicable additional instruments adopted by FAO.

In addition, the Commission shall:

- a) foster the development of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture as an instrument of support to food security;
- b) pay special attention to ~~subsistence inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and ~~small-scale~~ aquaculture;
- c) be able to establish coordination and cooperation relations with other international organizations in thematic areas of mutual interest.

Interpretation and application of these statutory provisions shall take place in accordance with the principles and rules of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its related instruments.

2. Membership

The Commission shall be open to all Member Countries and Associate Members of the Organization which are serviced by the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. It shall be composed of those eligible Member Countries and Associate Members which notify the Director-General of their desire to be considered as Members, and meet the required conditions therefore.

3. Functions

The functions of the Commission are:

- a) to support the formulation of national and regional policies and plans for the management and development of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, with due consideration of the social, economic, cultural and environmental aspects of the Member Nations;
- b) to promote and coordinate studies for the management and sustainable development of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, as well as national and regional programmes of research and development related to such activities;
- c) to foster the sustainable development of ~~subsistence inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and ~~small-scale~~ aquaculture;
- d) to promote, at regional level, activities aimed at protecting ecosystems related to ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, including, as the case may be, appropriate restocking actions;
- e) to promote application of the ecosystems approach and implementation of adequate certification and biosafety measures in ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture;

- f) to identify the social, institutional and economic factors that hold back the development of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, and recommend measures that will contribute to improving the quality of life of stakeholders;
- g) to collaborate in the management and the economic and social assessment of recreational and cultural inland fishing and its development;
- h) to promote the implementation of good management practices and sustainable technologies in ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the voluntary guidelines for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries;
- i) to promote good post-catch and post-harvest practices, and good marketing practices for products of ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, in accordance with internationally accepted sanitary and food safety standards;
- j) to contribute to the building of institutional capacity and to the development of human resources through training, extension and technology transfer in areas of competence of the Commission, in collaboration with national and regional institutions;
- k) to assist in the generation, dissemination and exchange of data, information and statistics on ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture;
- l) to help Member Countries, upon their request, with the management and sustainable use of transboundary stocks under their respective national jurisdictions;
- m) to collaborate with Member Countries in the formulation of national and regional plans and projects to be executed in cooperation with those Member Countries, and with other sources of international cooperation, in order to attain the objectives set out in the previous paragraphs;
- n) to promote the updating and harmonization of national legislations on ~~inland~~ small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture;
- o) to mobilize monetary and non-monetary resources to facilitate the activities of the Commission and to create, if necessary, one or more trust funds to receive voluntary contributions for that purpose;
- p) to foster collaboration among Member Countries of the Commission, and between the latter and international bodies;
- q) to draw up the Commission's plan of work; and
- r) ~~to perform any other functions related to the management and sustainable development of inland fisheries and aquaculture in the region.~~ to provide assistance to any requesting Member Country in developing any other functions that could lead to the attainment of the above objectives, related to the management and sustainable development of small-scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in the respective national jurisdictions.

4. Subsidiary bodies

The Commission may establish ~~Executive~~ Technical Committees, Working Groups and such other subsidiary bodies as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions in accordance with FAO regulations.

- b) The establishment of any subsidiary body shall be subject to the determination by the Director-General that the necessary funds are available in the relevant chapter of the budget of the Organization. Before taking any decision involving expenditure in connection with the establishment of subsidiary bodies, the Commission must have before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications thereof.

5. Reports

The Commission shall submit to the Director-General reports on its activities and recommendations at appropriate intervals so as to enable the Director-General to take them into consideration when preparing the draft Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization or other submissions to the Organization's Governing Bodies. The Director-General shall bring to the attention of the Conference through the Council any recommendations adopted by the Commission which have policy implications or which affect the programme or finances of the Organization. Copies of each report of the Commission will be circulated to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available.

6. Secretariat and expenses

a) The Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed by the Director-General and shall be administratively responsible to him. The expenses of the Secretariat of the Commission shall be determined and paid by the Organization within the limits of the relevant appropriations in the approved budget of the Organization.

b) With a view to promoting the development of ~~inland~~ *small-scale and artisanal* fisheries and aquaculture, the Organization may also establish trust funds comprising voluntary contributions from the Members of the Commission or from private or public sources, and the Commission may advise on the use of such funds which shall be administered by the Director-General in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

c) Expenses incurred by representatives of Members of the Commission, their alternates or advisers, when attending sessions of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies, as well as the expenses of observers at sessions, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations.

7. Observers

a) Any Member Country or Associate Member of the Organization that is not a Member of the Commission but has an interest in the development of ~~inland~~ *small-scale and artisanal* fishery or aquaculture activities in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean may, upon prior request, be invited by the Director-General to attend meetings of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in an observer capacity.

b) States which, while not Member Nations or Associate Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon their request, and with the approval of the Council of the Organization, be invited to attend meetings of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in an observer capacity in accordance with the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization.

8. Participation of international organizations

Participation of international organizations in the work of the Commission and relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization, as well as the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference or Council of the Organization.

9. Rules of Procedure

The Commission may adopt and amend its own rules of procedure which shall be in conformity with the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization and with the Statement of Principles Governing Commissions and Committees adopted by the Conference. The rules of procedure and amendments thereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General.

Appendix D

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-19

	2018		2019	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	IFAD/GC 30 ARC WFP	12-16 19-23 26/2-2/3	IFAD/GC 17 CGRFA WFP	11-15 18-22 25/02-01/03
MARCH	35 LARC 106 CCLM	5-8 12-14	108 CCLM 173 FC 126 PC	11-13 18-22 18-22
APRIL	34 APRC IFAD/EB 5 INARC	9-13 16-20 18-19	161 CL IFAD/EB	8-12 15-18
MAY	34 NERC 31 ERC 170 FC 124 PC 171 FC (WFP)	7-11 16-18 21-25 21-25 29-31		
JUNE	159 CL WFP	4-8 18-22	WFP 41 C	10-14 22-29
JULY	41 CODEX 33 COFI 24 COFO	2-6 (Rome) 9-13 16-20	162 CL 42 CODEX	1 8-12
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 72 CCP	10-14 26-28	IFAD/EB	9-13
OCTOBER	26 COAG WFD 45 CFS 107 CCLM	1-5 16 (Tuesday) 15-19 22-24	46 CFS WFD 109 CCLM	14-18 16 (Wednesday) 21-23
NOVEMBER	172 FC 125 PC WFP	12-16 12-16 26-29	174 FC 127 PC WFP	4-8 4-8 18-22
DECEMBER	160 CL IFAD/EB	3-7 10-14	163 CL IFAD/EB	2-6 9-13

Easter:	1 April 2018	Easter:	21 April 2019
Orthodox Easter:	8 April 2018	Orthodox Easter:	28 April 2019
Ramadan:	16 May – 14 June 2018	Ramadan:	6 May – 4 June 2019
Eid Al-Fitr:	15 June 2018	Eid Al-Fitr:	5 June 2019
Eid Al-Adha:	22 August 2018	Eid Al-Adha:	12 August 2019

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

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Term of office expiring

31 December 2018

Elected by FAO Council

Afghanistan (B)
Benin (A)¹
Kuwait (B)
Peru (C)²
Switzerland (D)³
United States of America (D)

Elected by ECOSOC

Bangladesh (B)
France (D)
India (B)
Liberia (A)
New Zealand (D)⁴
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2019

Argentina (C)
Canada (D)
Congo (A)
Germany (D)
Pakistan (B)
Zimbabwe (A)⁷

Colombia (C)⁵
Egypt (A)
Greece (D)⁶
Norway (C)⁶
Saudi Arabia (B)
Sudan (A)

31 December 2020

Algeria (A)
Belgium (D)
Brazil (C)
Equatorial Guinea (A)⁸
Ireland (D)
Poland (E)

China (B)
Guatemala (C)
Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)
United Kingdom (D)

¹ Mauritania stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Benin was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

² Mexico stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Peru was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

³ Sweden stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Switzerland was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁴ The Netherlands resigned its seat effective 31 December 2017, with New Zealand completing the term of office from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

⁵ Mexico and Colombia reached an agreement to share an ECOSOC-elected seat with Mexico serving in 2017 and Colombia in 2018 and 2019.

⁶ Finland and Spain resigned their seats effective 31 December 2017 and Norway and Greece will complete their respective terms of office from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.

⁷ Zimbabwe and Angola reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Zimbabwe serving in 2017 and 2018, and Angola serving in 2019.

⁸ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List A (2018-2020) held by Equatorial Guinea.

FAO MEMBERS

194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

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