

## **Chair's Aide-Mémoire**

### **Meeting of the Conference Committee for IEE Follow-up (CoC-IEE)**

Thursday 21 May 2009

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#### **Review of the outline of the CoC-IEE Report on amendments to Basic Texts**

1. Conference Resolution 1/2008 determined that the CoC-IEE should recommend to the Conference in 2009 necessary amendments to the Basic Texts as provided for in the Immediate Plan of Action, providing policy oversight and guidance of the process of revision of the Basic Texts. The Resolution further determined that this work be carried out on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters. It also provided that the Report of the CoC-IEE on the amendments to the Basic Texts should be finalised in June 2009, as the deadline for informing the membership of proposed amendments to the Constitution is 120 days before the Conference session at which such proposals would be put to the vote (mid-July 2009 in respect of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference, to be held in November 2009).
2. Members were invited to provide feedback on the draft outline of the Report and to endorse it as a basis for the preparation of the full Report. A number of clarifications were sought and comments were made, and the draft outline was adjusted accordingly. The desirability of showing the proposed amendments to the Basic Texts together with the original provisions was also mentioned. With the understanding that this matter would be addressed when reviewing the draft Report itself, Members agreed to the outline of the Report attached as Annex 2.

## **Annex 1**

### **Agenda for the meeting**

1. Chair's introduction
2. Review of outline of CoC-IEE Report on amendments to Basic Texts

## Annex 2

### **Draft Outline of the Report of the Conference Committee for the Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE) on Amendments to the Basic Texts for the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action**

#### **1) Background**

This section will outline the steps having led to the formulation of the recommended amendments to the Basic Texts of the Organization: the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) approved by the Special Session of the Conference in 2008 which called for such changes; the four sessions which the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters dedicated to this issue; and the outcomes of discussions held in this regard under Working Group II and the CoC-IEE.

#### **2) Recommended Amendments to the Basic Texts**

The areas where changes to the Basic Texts are recommended will be presented in this section, including:

- a) Definition of the term “Governing Bodies”
- b) Conference
- c) Council
- d) Independent Chairperson of the Council
- e) Programme and Finance Committees
- f) Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
- g) Regional Conferences
- h) Technical Committees
- i) Ministerial Meetings
- j) Statutory Bodies, Conventions, Treaties, Codex, etc
- k) Evaluation
- l) Director-General
- m) Programming, Budgeting and Results Based Monitoring

#### **Annex 1: Summary Table of Proposed Amendments to the Basic Texts**

This Annex will contain a table summarizing all proposed changes to the Basic Texts, linking them to the IPA actions they seek to address.

#### **Annex 2: Full Text of Recommended Amendments to the Basic Texts**

Annex 2 will include the full wording of the changes to the Basic Texts recommended by the CoC-IEE to the Conference.