

165th Session of the Council – written correspondence procedure

**Item 16: Status of Implementation of decisions taken at the 164th Session of the Council
(6-10 July 2020)**

Secretariat response to written inputs from the Council

The Secretariat would like to inform Members that, under paragraph 26, regarding the feasibility assessment on strengthening Rome-based Agencies (RBA) collaboration in administrative services, the RBAs are in the process of finalizing the first assessment and it will be shared with Members as soon as it is finalized.

FAO appreciates the feedback received from Canada on the updated FAO Gender Equality Policy and the Gender Action Plan. FAO would like to confirm that the Gender Action Plan will be finalised by mid-2021 in alignment with new Strategic Framework and in synergy with the finalisation of the Medium Term Plan 2022-2025.

FAO also takes note of Canada's recommendations concerning the use for the terms 'gender equity' and 'gender equality' in the title of the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equity (ESP) Division. In the context of the deliberations of the organizational structure there has been a range of views on what would constitute the most appropriate wording. FAO is ready to consider Canada's proposals in the context of the next round of adjustments and refinements to the organizational chart.