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Item 13 - Progress report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Switzerland</b> (Fri 21/05/2021 3:45 PM)</p>	<p>La Suisse remercie le Secrétariat du rapport intérimaire qui met en lumière le suivi apporté par la FAO aux résolutions de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies relatives aux activités opérationnelles de développement du système onusien.</p> <p>Le nouveau cadre stratégique 2022-2031 de la FAO intègre les recommandations du QCPR (Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review) approuvées par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies en décembre 2020 (<a href="#">A/RES/75/233</a>). Nous encourageons la FAO de continuer à aligner sa planification stratégique et son cadre de résultat sur le cycle du QCPR et de présenter régulièrement ce point de l'ordre du jour aux organes directeurs de la FAO.</p> <p>La Suisse soutient le renforcement de l'efficacité, de la cohérence et de transparence du système de développement onusien tant au niveau global régional que local. Nous encourageons ainsi la FAO à mettre en place des indicateurs clairs pour refléter sa contribution à des initiatives communes exécutées avec différents partenaires, ainsi que des indicateurs spécifiques reflétant la contribution spécifique de la FAO à la mise en œuvre du QCPR.</p> <p>La Suisse encourage la FAO à continuer de faire rapport sur sa contribution au Plan d'action à l'échelle du système des Nations Unies sur l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation des femmes. La Suisse souligne également l'importance d'améliorer la disponibilité de statistiques sexospécifiques dans les domaines de l'agriculture et du développement rural.</p> <p>La Suisse est favorable au prélèvement de 1 pour cent sur les contributions à affectation stricte autres que les contributions de base pour financer le système des Coordonnateurs Résidents et appelle la FAO à la pleine mise en œuvre de cette mesure.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canada</b> (Mon 24/05/2021 11:04 PM)</p>	<p>The Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) reaffirms the importance of implementing key UN Reform initiatives. These reforms are critical for improving efficiency and effectiveness of the UN development system. We thank FAO for its update and encourage FAO to continue its efforts to fully support the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System.</p> <p>The new cycle of the Strategic Plans of UN Agencies will have to anchor their work to the pillars of the Reform. In this context, we urge FAO to define system-wide coherence as a priority objective in its new Strategic Framework and ensure that implementation of these reforms are central to the system-wide results' framework.</p> <p>Canada notes that the new QCPR text includes, for the first time, an explicit reference to biodiversity. This should be mentioned in the "Emerging Trends" of this document. Canada believes an explicit reference to biodiversity could facilitate future reporting.</p>

	<p>We also note that the QCPR text also includes for the first time strategic direction on digital technologies, and we encourage FAO to continue its work in this area, including on digital inclusion.</p> <p>The QCPR reflects the need for inclusion with a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable, to ensure no one is left behind. We welcome this emphasis in FAO's new Strategic Framework, and wish to additionally highlight the importance of accelerating gender mainstreaming and ensuring gender equality expertise is accessible throughout the system.</p> <p>The QCPR resolution calls upon all Development System entities to enhance coordination with humanitarian and peace and security entities, reinforcing the importance of the nexus for sustainable development and sustaining peace. We encourage FAO to continue, in collaboration with other partners, to engage in early, joint, risk-informed analysis and planning to prevent and reduce food crises.</p>
<p><b>Chile</b> (Tue 25/05/2021 5:41 PM)</p>	<p>Chile solicita se considere en las discusiones la Res 75/233 en particular respecto al punto 49 del Informe con procesos paralelos que se encuentra promoviendo SNU para el cumplimiento de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible, como lo es la Cumbre de Sistemas Alimentarios 2021. Sobre el informe, en el punto 50, consideramos que sería deseable incluir niños, niñas y adolescentes (no solo jóvenes), así como otros grupos, mujeres y adultos mayores.</p>
<p><b>European Union</b> (Thu 27/05/2021 5:13 PM)</p>	<p>The European Union and its 27 Member States welcome FAO's renewed commitment to continue working in the context of the United Nations development system (UNDS), consistent with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) General Assembly Resolutions 71/243 and 75/233, as well as fully aligned with the UN development system reforms set out in General Assembly Resolution 72/279.</p> <p>We also welcome the information on the 2020 voluntary resource mobilization and encourage FAO to continue to closely coordinate its work with other relevant agencies at all levels and to build on the assets of the UN Country Teams under the supervision of the Resident Coordinators and the new developments of the 'Cooperation Framework Companion Package' issued in 2020.</p> <p>We welcome the strong involvement of FAO in UN joint programmes. In the context of strengthening joint programming processes, we would like to know what are the sources and budget lines that provide the so-called "non-core resources for development" that are allocated by FAO to joint activities.</p> <p>We welcome the steps that FAO has achieved in implementing the UNDS Reform during the reporting period. We look forward to seeing progress on this in next year's Report and to see this reflected in the ambitions and concrete targets in the upcoming Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2022-2025. In this context, we also look forward to the outcome of the Rome-based Agencies (RBA) cooperation and related evaluations.</p> <p>We also note that further work is needed for raising the ambitions of FAO's work at country level, through the Resident Coordinator System and its tools, namely the Common Country Analysis (CCA), and the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), as well as for achieving efficiency gains through the simplification and harmonization of business practices.</p>

We welcome the strengthening of country-level data and statistics by establishing an array of partnerships and joint initiatives in agricultural and rural statistics, also stressing the importance of maintaining the long series of statistical data, in particular on crops, of which FAO is a long-time custodian.

In the context of the joint actions with other organizations, we stress the importance of the three United Nations Rome Based Agencies (RBAs), including in the framework of the complementarity between humanitarian and development activities. In this regard, we welcome FAO's work, in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), on the Global Network against Food Crises that was launched in 2016 by the European Union, as well as the work undertaken by FAO to support Members in addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With these comments we take note of FAO's progress in the implementation of the QCPR Resolution 75/233.