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Member Name	Comments
<p style="text-align: center;">Spain (Mon 24/05/2021 4:46 PM)</p>	<p>España apoya en su integridad las declaraciones efectuadas por la UE en nombre propio y de sus 27 EEMM, al tiempo que desea hacer hincapié en lo siguiente: España anima a FAO a continuar su trabajo y a aprovechar sus ventajas competitivas en colaboración con el resto de agencias de NNUU para alcanzar los ODS. En este sentido, consideramos que tanto el haber alcanzado el 95% de los resultados de Programa de Trabajo y Presupuesto, como el ahorro de 11,7 millones de dólares, son éxitos de FAO que ayudan avanzar hacia el objetivo común de la erradicación del hambre.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Canada (Mon 24/05/2021 11:04 PM)</p>	<p>Canada commends the work of FAO for the 2018-19 Biennium and underlines its contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We congratulate FAO on the achievement of the majority of its targets, as measured by the indicators, but also acknowledge the important work ahead during the Decade of Action for Agenda 2030. Canada encourages FAO to continue to develop clearer linkages between its strategic policies, its activities and the SDGs. This Report should inform the operationalization of the new Strategic Framework 2022-31 as there is a need to further underscore the importance of women, youth and Indigenous peoples, in particular rural and Indigenous women, in FAO’s activities. As part of Strategic Objective 1: “Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition”, Canada greatly appreciates FAO’s contributions to the establishment of a thematic work stream within the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on gender equality and women’s empowerment. We further underline the importance of mainstreaming gender as a cross-cutting issue across all objectives. Canada commends FAO for its critical work towards the achievement of Strategic Objective 2: “Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable.” The results of its activities notably include FAO support in piloting and scaling-up innovative approaches to sustainable agricultural production such as the application of biotechnologies. Canada is pleased with the implementation and the outcomes of Strategic Objective 4: “Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems” as it has greatly contributed to food security by increasing access to international markets which improves access to food. We also underline FAO’s standard-setting work, including on Maximum Residue Limits, as another important outcome of the activities under Strategic Objective 4. Canada notes that the delivery of Governing Body documents according to deadlines and language requirements under key performance indicator 10.1.A of Functional Objective 10: “FAO Governance, oversight and direction” was not</p>

	<p>achieved. We reiterate the critical importance of the timely delivery of these documents in all UN official languages for the activities of the FAO.</p>
<p>The United States of America (Tue 5/25/2021 12:18 AM)</p>	<p>The United States applauds FAO for its work over the last biennium. We encourage FAO to continue its fight against hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, especially as progress has stalled and reversed throughout the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recovery from the pandemic and preparedness for evolving threats is urgently needed. We recognize the strong role that FAO plays in leading countries towards more sustainable agricultural production, and we encourage FAO to ensure farmers have knowledge and access to all the tools to increase production while reducing inputs and increasing sustainability in its three dimensions. Ensuring farmers have access to appropriate, science-backed technologies is equally important in the fight against pests such as Fall Armyworm and Desert Locust. We also encourage FAO to continue working to address Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and zoonotic diseases through the One Health approach, firmly based on science and with input and open consultations with Members, the One Health Tripartite and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other relevant international organizations. We are pleased to see a more prominent role for FAO's normative work.</p>
<p>European Union (Thu 27/05/2021 4:51 PM)</p>	<p>The European Union and its 27 Member States would like to express our satisfaction with the fact that FAO has accomplished 95 percent of the 2018-2019 Programme of Work and Budget outputs. We also commend FAO with the achievement of USD 11.7 million in efficiency savings in the biennium. We welcome FAO's contribution to eradicating hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, despite the slow increase in the number of people in food insecurity even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, as the Organization has an essential role to play in supporting its Members in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achieving the Strategic Development Goals (SDGs), we look forward to FAO's action to further improve the resilience and sustainability of livelihoods and food systems to threats and crisis. We also encourage FAO to step up efforts in leveraging its comparative advantages to contribute more to poverty alleviation in close cooperation with other United Nations Agencies and to keep building strategically appropriate and transparent partnerships with all stakeholders involved in achieving the 2030 Agenda goals, and in supporting countries in the transformation towards more resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems. With these comments we endorse the Programme Implementation Report 2018-19.</p>
<p>Indonesia (Friday 28/05/2021 6:52 PM)</p>	<p>Indonesia would like to thank the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of the Programme Implementation Report for the past biennium. Indonesia highly appreciates the performance by the Organization of 95 percent result (41 out of 43 output indicators targets) achieved in the Programme of Work and Budget, with 79 percent delivered at country or regional level.</p>

We particularly welcome various initiatives and progress have been made so far in the context of Regional Initiatives in Asia as reflected in the Web Annex 7, including Blue Growth and One Health, as well as expanded partnership and collaboration with subregional, regional and international entities.

In this regard, we reiterate our support for continued strengthening of results management in FAO and recognize the leadership role of FAO in supporting countries in transitioning towards sustainable agriculture and food systems.

We encourage FAO to continue to assist Members to review progress on the 2030 Agenda as well as to collaborate effectively not only with the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), but also relevant international organizations and other diverse stakeholders and seek synergies while avoiding duplication of work.

With these brief comments, Indonesia endorses the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2018-19.