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COUNCIL

Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session

Rome, 17-18 November 2008

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Approved Methods of Work of the Council require that an information document be prepared for each Council session reporting on the implementation of the decisions taken at the preceding session (CL 60/REP, Appendix G, paragraph 7.8).
2. Listed hereunder are the decisions taken by the Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council and their implementation.
3. The text in the decision column includes a reference in brackets to the relevant paragraph in the Council Report.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD
SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(Rome, 14-16 November 2007)****PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY,
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS****PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET
(PWB) 2008-2009**

Establish a new FAO Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen in the United Arab Emirates, with the United Arab Emirates covering the full implementation and running costs (para. 20)

The Host Agreement for the establishment of a new FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen was signed in Rome on 4 June 2008 by the Director-General and the Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates on behalf of the UAE Government. The agreement envisages that the UAE will cover full implementation and running costs.

Work is progressing towards the launching of the office and the selection of the members of the multi-disciplinary team. It is expected that the office be operational at the beginning of 2009.

**REPORT OF THE 98TH SESSION OF THE
PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(ROME, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007)**

Continue to report progress in the development of cooperation with respect to the Rome-based Agencies, including on cost-savings (para. 22)

Following the guidance of the 133rd Session of the Council, and at the request of the Joint Meeting of the 97th Session of the Programme Committee and the 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 23 May 2007), a document entitled "Collaboration on Administrative and Processing Work Between FAO, WFP and IFAD - Progress Report" was submitted to the Joint Meeting of the 99th Session of the Programme Committee and the 122nd Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 28 May 2008). This report outlined progress regarding cooperation between the Rome-based Agencies under the Four Pillars of: Agricultural investment - Increased investments in agricultural and rural development; Policy formulation, capacity-building, knowledge management and advocacy; Emergency and rehabilitation, including disaster risk management; and Administrative activities, as well as in the broader context of UN Reform. The Joint Meeting

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION**

of the Programme and Finance Committees requested a further progress report on the matter, including quantitative data and analysis on savings, at a future session.

**REPORTS OF THE 119TH SESSION
(ROME, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) AND 120TH
SESSION (ROME, 8 AND 9 OCTOBER
2007) OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Status of Contributions and Arrears

Encourage all Member Nations to pay their contributions in full and on time, in order to enable the Organization to continue to fulfil its mandate (para. 28)

Each quarter the Director, Finance Division sends electronic statements to all FAORs in Member Nations with outstanding Regular Programme amounts, soliciting FAOR help with local Government contacts to pay all outstanding amounts. Quarterly Statements are then sent to all Member Nations with outstanding amounts, as per the standard correspondence directory (Ministerial List). The status of contributions is reported to each Finance Committee session, and Members are requested to urge their respective Regional Groups to pay amounts due.

*Adoption of Russian as a Language of
FAO - Funding Modalities*

Gradually introduce Russian as a language of the Organization (para. 30)

Russian was adopted as a language of FAO at the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference in November 2007. Due to the financial constraints, it was agreed that the introduction of Russian would be implemented in a phased manner, initially providing the services listed in paragraph 14 of document CL 133/6 (*Adoption of Russian as a Language of FAO - Funding Modalities*).

Other Matters Arising Out of the Report

**Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies
and other Main Sessions 2007-2008**

Liaise closely with WFP to ascertain the proposed timing of Finance Committee sessions dealing exclusively with WFP matters to be held in 2009 (para.36)

The Secretariat of WFP has been apprised of the request by the Council of FAO to include the proposed timing of Finance Committee sessions dealing exclusively with WFP matters in the draft Calendar of Governing Body Sessions.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION'S CASH SHORTAGE SITUATION**

Continue discussions among concerned Members on two draft Resolutions on this issue with a view to reaching agreement during the forthcoming session of the Conference (para. 37)

Resolutions 13/2007 and 14/2007 on Measures to Encourage Timely Payment of Contributions were adopted by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference on 24 November 2007 (para.148 C 2007/REP).

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO

Have the Conference consider the Report of the Independent Chairperson of the Council on the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair on IEE follow-up with the possible extension of the Friends of the Chair arrangements during the Conference to permit further consideration of outstanding matters pertaining to the draft Conference Resolution (para. 43)

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference considered the Report of the Independent Chairperson of the Council on the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair on IEE follow-up (paras 104 and 106 of C 2007/REP).

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS**REPORT OF THE 82ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (ROME, 25 OCTOBER 2007)**

Review of work of the Informal Group of Legal Experts on the Process for a Change in the Nature of a Statutory Body under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution into a Body outside the Framework of FAO (Possible Change in Status of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission)

Have the Secretariat and all concerned Members devise an appropriate formula for consideration at IOTC's forthcoming session in 2008 to improve that body's efficiency and effectiveness (para. 46)

Discussions have taken place and are still under way. The matter is primarily one for the IOTC Members in general and for one IOTC Member, in particular. To date, IOTC Members have not been able to agree on a formula to improve that body's efficiency and effectiveness.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION**

Examine in the future the issue of the relationship between FAO and bodies established under Article XIV of the Constitution, taking into account all pertinent circumstances, including past practice of the Organization and the decisions of the Governing Bodies (para. 47)

The issue will be examined in the context of the Immediate Plan of Action. A review of bodies established under Article XIV of the Constitution will be carried out in 2009.

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Change in the name of the Committee for Inland Fisheries in Africa

Change the name of the Committee for Inland Fisheries in Africa to the Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (para. 52)

Action has been taken to change the name, which is reflected in all documents and publications.

OTHER MATTERS**REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES (INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) AND OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (ROME, 11-15 JUNE 2007)**

Have the Thirty-fourth Session of the FAO Conference adopt a resolution endorsing the outcomes of the International Technical Conference and the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (para. 57)

Conference Resolution 12/2007 on this matter was adopted on 24 November 2007.