

165th Session of the Council

Item 9 - Report of the Joint Meeting of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee and the 183rd Session of the Finance Committee (9 and 13 November 2020)

The Joint Meeting of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee and the 183rd Session of the Finance Committee (JM) was held on 9 November 2020 and the Report was adopted on 13 November and is submitted to the Council in document CL 165/9.

The Joint Meeting had ten items on its agenda, including two items for information. The session was conducted in a virtual way on an exceptional basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with focused and constructive inputs from its Members.

The Joint Meeting had substantive and insightful discussions on the Outline of the Strategic Framework (2022-31) and Outline of the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 as well as on the new Strategy for Private Sector Engagement. Members commended the inclusive and transparent consultation processes on these two matters with Members as well as with other stakeholders to date. Members endorsed the overall approach for the development of the Strategic Framework, and recommended the Strategy for Private Sector Engagement, taking into account the agreed comments and suggestions of Members, be adopted at the 165th Session of the Council.

The Joint Meeting appreciated the Organization's ongoing efforts towards responding to COVID-19 and acknowledged the progress made. On the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), the Joint Meeting encouraged the Organization to pursue its efforts to re-imagine the TCP with the aim of improving the leverage of TCP as a catalytic fund in alignment with the SDGs. The Joint Meeting also reviewed and discussed the use of unspent balances of biennial appropriations. On the Establishment of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) Sub-Committee on Livestock, the Joint Meeting endorsed this proposal and recommended its adoption at the Council.

The Members were also informed of the progress on the Rome-based Agencies collaboration and the Annual Report on Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse, including results of the staff satisfaction survey.

Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen, Chairperson of the Joint Meeting of the 129th Session of the Programme and the 183rd Session of the Finance Committee