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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council (30 November-4 December 2020)

Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 165th Session (30 November-4 December 2020) and includes a reference to: (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report; and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

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Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

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**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 165TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(30 November-4 December 2020)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	
New Strategic Framework			
1. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that the next version of the Strategic Framework and the Programme Priority Areas includes further analysis of FAO's business model, different sources of funding for different priority areas, and information on how these will be reported on; (para 10. j)	X		Included in the Strategic Framework 2022-31 (C 2017/7) and the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (C 2021/3).
2. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to continue to prioritize normative and technical work and put emphasis on data, under the new Strategic Framework for 2022-31; (para 22. f)	X		

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New Strategy for Private Sector Engagement			
3. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> full alignment of the Strategy with the UN Global Compact; and requested the due diligence mechanisms and rules to be updated and annexed to the Strategy; (para 11. d)	X		The Strategy is fully aligned with the UN Global Compact. Under the section “ <i>Exclusionary criteria</i> ” for private sector engagement it is explicitly stated that FAO does not engage with entities that do not align with UN Global Compact principles. PSS has prepared the zero draft of the new “Framework for Risk Assessment and Management for Engagements with NSAs (FRAME)” in close collaboration with PSR and PSU. The new approach is informed by good practices in the UN, and adopted and integrated the principles endorsed by the Private Sector Strategy as well as the UN Global Compact. Internal consultations are underway. The finalized framework is expected to be presented for consideration at the November 2021 Sessions of the Programme and Finance Committees. In the meantime, interim arrangements have been set up to simplify and provide clarity on existing procedures and ensure smooth transition to the new framework.
4. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> further information on the costs and benefits of the Strategy, <u>stressed the need</u> to avoid additional budgetary implication, and <u>requested</u> further analysis of FAO’s business model and different funding sources, and information on how these will be reported on in future sessions of the Council; (para 11. h)		X	The process for undertaking a cost-benefit analysis has started, with the relevant Terms of Reference being defined. The results will be reported in the annual progress report of the Strategy. Work on the Strategy implementation has been launched using currently available resources in PSR, with normal support provided by OCC and CSI. The current Private Sector Unit team will be strengthened by a senior level professional seconded from the Government of Sweden in August 2021, for which the selection process is being completed. PSR is putting in place a decentralized model of partnership management where Country Offices and technical units have significant responsibility for managing the day-to-day relationship requirements of the partnerships they engage in, and PSR provides an overall strategic oversight, coordination and monitoring function. Reallocation is planned within PSR to allow for adequate CONNECT Portal management and maintenance.

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Hand-in-Hand Initiative			
5. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> expansion of the criteria for selection in order to include middle- and high-income developing countries to benefit from the Initiative; (para 14. f)	X		This matter is addressed in the Progress Report on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, CL 166/6.
6. The Council (...) <u>stressed</u> the need to develop a cross-cutting data policy to ensure data governance, data integrity and privacy, as well as intellectual property rights, and to adhere to international standards and protocols, and <u>requested</u> Management to report to Members on this at its next Session in April 2021; (para 14. i)		X	Work has been initiated with a view to finalising a policy in 2021. An update was provided to the 130th Session of the Programme Committee.
7. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> Management to continue to provide implementation updates, and to be closely involved in the further shaping of the Initiative, in particular its governance and budgetary aspects in the context of the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for the biennium 2022-2023; (para 14. j)	X		This matter is addressed in the Progress Report on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, CL 166/6. Additional detail on governance is provided through a discussion of the Hand-in-Hand dashboards

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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)			
8. The Council (...) requested regular progress reports on the FAO Action Plan on AMR 2021-25 and on Tripartite collaboration, without gaps or overlaps; (para 18. c)	X		<p>The FAO Action Plan on AMR 2021-2025 was refined based on the comments from the Committee on Agriculture's (COAG) 27th Session and Committee on Fisheries' (COFI) 34th Session. This refined version was discussed during the 1st informal consultation (25 February 2021) and the informal meeting (1 March 2021) of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee. Currently, it is being further updated to reflect the comments received, and the updated version will be discussed during the 2nd informal consultation. The final version will be presented to the formal meeting of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee.</p> <p>The Tripartite is working on the implementations of IACG recommendations for global coordination, of which (1) One Health Global Leaders Group on AMR has been formally launched and conducted the first inaugural meeting in January 2021. The meeting report can be found here. (2) Following the 27th Tripartite Executive Meeting (17 February 2021), the Terms of Reference of the Independent Panel on Evidence for Action Against AMR has been submitted to UN Secretary-General for further advice and endorsement.</p> <p>The AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund, as one of the major funding mechanisms to support the Tripartite joint actions, has mobilized over USD 14 million fund up to date from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Sweden. Eighty percent of the fund has been invested into country-level actions. The Tripartite is looking forward to engaging with wider stakeholders and further mobilizing resources to support countries fighting against AMR.</p>

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UN Food Systems Summit 2021			
9. The Council (...) <u>underscored</u> the role of FAO in preparing the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, and <u>requested</u> that FAO continue supporting the preparatory process towards the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, including the pre-Summit to be held in Italy; (para 18. e)		X	<p>FAO directly supports Action Track 1 on “Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food” as the core UN Agency. FAO actively supports the remaining Action Tracks and the four levers of change, drawing in the extensive knowledge generated by its technical divisions.</p> <p>Both the Chief Scientist and Chief Economist are active members of the Scientific Group. FAO will host the Science Days in July 2021.</p> <p>Through the coordination of the UN Resident Coordinators, FAO is increasingly being called on to support the coordination and conduct of the Member State Dialogues. FAO will also support the provision of data and evidence on food systems to inform the dialogues, including through Rapid Food Systems Assessments.</p> <p>FAO is partnering in the convening of many Independent Food Systems Summit dialogues. Examples include Regional level dialogues within the UN Regional Fora for Sustainable Development and on Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean region with the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the One Planet Network.</p> <p>A Steering Committee involving FAO, the Food Systems Summit Secretariat and the Italian Government has been established to prepare the pre-Summit event on 19–21 July 2021.</p>

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Conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forests			
10. The Council (...) requested FAO to showcase and promote existing and complementary practices between agriculture activities and the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forests, avoiding deforestation and maintaining ecosystem services, as agriculture and forestry can synergistically support sustainable development; (para 22. b)		X	<p>A study on <i>Agroforestry as nature-based solution for sustainable food systems</i> and a technical paper on the role of sustainable livestock management to ramp down the deforestation and the degradation of agrosilvopastoral systems in dryland regions (joint collaboration between NSAG and NFO) are underway. The Advisory Committee on Sustainable forest-based Industry is analyzing the status, challenges and opportunities of forest-based industry sector commitments for ecosystem restoration, which includes possible synergies between agriculture and forestry.</p> <p>FAO is supporting specific countries to promote complementary practices between agriculture and forestry as follows: Côte d'Ivoire to develop and scale up sustainable production and business models for cocoa, reducing deforestation and forest degradation; Argentina to enhance traditional silvopastoral practices through integrated management of forest and livestock with REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation) and results-based payments (RBPs); and Colombia to narrow advancement of the agriculture frontier and enhance synergies among the forestry and agriculture sectors with REDD+ RBPs. FAO is participating in EU consultations on the Sustainable Cocoa Initiative and is developing a decision support framework through which countries can identify tools for managing trade-offs between the agriculture and forestry sectors and a technical paper on governments' roles in reducing deforestation from agricultural commodities, showcasing country examples.</p>
11. The Council (...) requested FAO to continue producing a Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) report every five years, while developing, in consultation with Members and partners, a		X	The preparations of the next Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA 2025) have been initiated. The process started with an evaluation of FRA 2020 and collection of information on the

flexible FRA reporting process that allows voluntary updates of key SDG indicators; (para 22. e)			willingness of the countries to provide more frequent voluntary updates of key forest related indicators.
12. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to identify new technologies and digital innovation for data collection on sustainable forestry management and use, as well as on forest products; (para 22. g)		X	The Forestry Division continues to develop innovative technologies for data collection, analysis and reporting in the field and using remote sensing and now has more than 6000 users in more than 130 countries of the key suite of tools. It is currently identifying innovative technologies for forest product data collection and analysis through digitalization, including automation in processing, merging, and validation of forest product statistics and development of prototype applications for improving woodfuel production estimates.
13. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to align the World Forestry Congress (WFC) discussions with COVID-19 and the 2030 Agenda; (para 22. n)	X		The theme of the World Forestry Congress is “Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests” and the programme is fully aligned with the 2030 Agenda. It will thus provide an opportunity for the global forestry community to consider the state and future of world forestry, particularly in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic while striving to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Biodiversity mainstreaming			
<p>14. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. conduct a review of biodiversity mainstreaming in forestry and promote the sustainable management of wildlife along the whole wild meat value chain and the adoption of measures to better prevent zoonotic disease risk, including through the One Health approach; and ii. consider an initiative to mainstream biodiversity in food systems in consultation with Members; (para 22. i) 		X	<p>Two studies on <i>Mainstreaming biodiversity in the forest sector: a review of forest policies, strategies and practices</i> and on <i>Mainstreaming biodiversity into One Health</i> are ongoing in collaboration with key partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. FAO is strengthening the promotion of sustainable management of wildlife, including the One Health approach to better prevent zoonotic disease risk, in the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme. A review on mainstreaming biodiversity in the forest sector is ongoing. ii. The initiative to mainstream biodiversity in food systems in consultation with Members is pending the approval of the draft 2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors.
Food Systems			
<p>15. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to integrate forestry in its work on food systems, including, but not limited to, through COVID-19 pandemic recovery measures and in its Hand-in-Hand Initiative; (para 22. k)</p>		X	<p>There are several forest-related game-changing solutions proposed for the UN Food Systems Summit and the Forestry Division is actively engaged in the preparations for the Summit. A study on Agroforestry as a nature-based solution for sustainable food systems is underway as is the development of a new initiative on Forest Foods. Forest data, platforms and tools are now fully integrated into the FAO geospatial platform in support of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative.</p>

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Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Forestry			
16. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> strengthening coordination between COFO and COAG on cross-sectoral matters and recommended that in the future any papers dealing with inter-related issues between agriculture and forests be presented to both COFO and COAG; (para 22. l)		X	The next sessions of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and the Committee on Forestry (COFO) are scheduled for 2022.
International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture			
17. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> inclusion of issues related to the use of digital technology in land use planning, land use change and forestry in the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture by the COFO; (para 22. m)	X		Issues related to digital technology applications on land use planning, land use change and forestry have been included in the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture.
18. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to ensure that the initiative will create synergies between international organizations and stakeholders, and strengthen coordination between them without duplicating their activities under their respective mandates; (para 25. a)	X		The participation of International Organizations and stakeholders in various components of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture, as proposed by Terms of Reference, will ensure better coordination and avoid duplication of activities.
19. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to include in the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture, reporting mechanisms through which voluntary guidelines from the Platform on issues related to digital food and agriculture are submitted to the FAO Members for consideration through the FAO Governing Body process; (para 25. b)	X		Appropriate mechanisms through which voluntary guidelines from the Platform on issues related to digital food and agriculture are submitted to the FAO Members for consideration through the FAO Governing Body process have been included in the Terms of Reference of the Platform.

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Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)			
<p>20. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations relating to the Technical Cooperation Programme; (para 23. a)</p> <p><i>[The Joint Meeting (...) requested FAO to begin a strategic exercise, in consultation with Members, with the aim to refine, and possibly unify, the criteria of resource allocation, beyond the traditional one of per capita income, and taking into account the specific needs of each region; (CL 165/9 para 10. g)]</i></p>	X		Document JM 2021.1/2 was submitted to the Joint Meeting of the 130th Session of the Programme Committee and 185th Session of the Finance Committee, to initiate the strategic exercise.
<p>21. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Technical Cooperation Programme; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested further analysis on the implementation of repositioning of the UN development system in the framework of TCP; (CL 165/10 para 17.d)]</i></p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested Management to further streamline the TCP project cycle and approval procedures; (CL 165/10 para 17. l)]</i></p>	X	X	<p>The above-mentioned document for the Joint Meeting includes the requested analysis.</p> <p>Consultations on TCP procedures have been initiated and are expected to result in preliminary streamlining and more fundamental revision by the end of 2021.</p>
<p>22. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> observations and recommendations in the Report of the 183rd Session [of the Finance Committee] on (...) the Technical Cooperation Programme; (para 26. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested Management to continue its efforts to ensure full implementation of the TCP appropriations as approved by the Conference; (CL 165/11 para 10. d)]</i></p>		X	Re-programming of savings due to COVID-19 is well advanced and the full implementation of the TCP appropriations will be ensured.

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Code of Conduct for Voting			
<p>23. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations relating to the (...) Code of Conduct for Voting Procedures; (para 23. a)</p> <p><i>[The Joint Meeting (...) requested that the informal consultations of the Independent Chairperson of the Council on the code of conduct for the election of the Director-General be expeditiously concluded in order to allow the FAO Conference at its 42nd Session in 2021 to take a decision on the issue; (CL 165/9 para 12. c)]</i></p>		X	In light of the Council's indication at its 164th Session that the Code should be developed through a member-led and participatory process, consultations have been conducted by the Independent Chairperson of the Council with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups, with each Regional Group, and through dedicated informal consultations with the entire Membership. A draft Code will be submitted for review by the Governing Bodies soonest consensus is reached by Members.
Country Programming Frameworks			
<p>24. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Country Programming Frameworks; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested further information on the Common Country Analysis (CCA) especially on conceptualization of the preparation, implementation and follow-up; (CL 165/10 para 10. j)]</i></p>		X	The approach to country-level programming is included in the Strategic Framework 2022-31 (C 2017/7) and Medium Term Plan 2022-25/Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (C 2021/3) and will be further elaborated during the more detailed work planning to take place in the second half of 2021.

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Gender Action Plan			
<p>25. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Gender Action Plan; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> a separate chapter on progress achieved under the Gender Action Plan in the MTR (Mid-Term Review) and PIR (Programme Implementation Report); (CL 165/10 para 15. b)]</i></p>		X	<p>The preparation of the new Strategic Framework and the Medium-Term Plan (MTP) 2022-25 is currently underway, and the Gender Action Plan, which will be presented to Programme Committee in November 2021, is currently being developed in alignment with these corporate processes, ensuring linkages to the objectives of the updated Gender Equality Policy. The arrangements for reporting on progress under the Gender Action Plan in the MTR and Programme Implementation Report will be revised accordingly.</p> <p>Included in Mid Term Review 2020 Annex 3 (PC 130/2 – FC 185/8) and Programme Implementation Report 2018-19 Annex 5 (C 2021/8)</p>
Multilingualism			
<p>26. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on (...) multilingualism; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) <u>recommended</u> the Council to request Management to prepare a comprehensive report containing analysis and solutions for enhancing multilingualism in all its transversal dimensions in FAO's work, including concrete action to ensure the timely publication of documents in all languages for Governing Bodies' meetings, to be considered by the 166th Session of the Council following the review by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees; (CL 165/10 para 28. g)]</i></p>	X		<p>Document CL 166/17, <i>Multilingualism at FAO</i>, has been submitted to the Council at its 166th Session outlining the current status, planned initiatives and solutions for enhancing multilingualism in FAO and for the timely provision of documents in all languages for Governing Bodies' meetings.</p>

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Joint Evaluation on Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies			
<p>27. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Terms of Reference of the Joint Evaluation on RBA collaboration; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> a presentation of the preliminary results in time to contribute to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021; (CL 165/10 para 24. c)]</i></p>		X	<p>Ongoing Joint Evaluation conducted by an independent firm and managed by the evaluation offices of FAO, IFAD and WFP. The data collection phase is ongoing, and is scheduled to be finalized by April 2021. This includes remote country case studies, headquarters and regional interviews and further documentation review.</p> <p>Presentation to the Rome-based Agency Membership of preliminary findings is scheduled between May and August 2021, in time to feed in to deliberations at the UN Food Systems Summit 2021. The final evaluation report is scheduled for August 2021.</p>
Evaluation of FAO's contribution to integrated natural resource management for sustainable agriculture (SO 2)			
<p>28. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Evaluations relating to (...) sustainable agriculture; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> that, in the implementation of the Recommendations, more attention should be given to sharing the full range of approaches in sustainable food and agriculture in a balanced and neutral manner; (CL 165/10 para 23. b) and</i></p> <p><i><u>requested</u> that the new Strategic Framework take full account of the outcomes of the evaluation by integrating the sustainable management of natural resources across agricultural sectors; (CL 165/10 para 23. c)]</i></p>	X		<p>Sustainable management of natural resources and the full range of approaches in sustainable food and agriculture are integrated in the new Strategic Framework 2022-31 (C 2021/7) and the Programme Priority Areas proposed for the Medium Term Plan 2022-2025 (C 2021/3).</p>

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FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)			
<p>29. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Evaluations relating to (...) Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> the Organization to bring CSOs contributions into its main work streams and programmes through programmatic and long-term strategic partnerships; (CL 165/10 para 22. c)</i></p> <p><i><u>requested</u> the Organization to use multilaterally agreed concepts as well as science- and evidence-based linkages in the Strategy; (CL 165/10 para 22. g)]</i></p>		X	<p>The new Strategic Framework 2022-31 stresses the importance of transformative partnerships as one of the important core functions to leverage the “four betters”. PSU will support all the priority programmes to identify strategic CSO partners to enhance their impact and upscale the results.</p> <p>FAO is undertaking a mapping of relevant CSOs globally, to capitalize on lessons learned and best practices and develop guidance materials and knowledge products that can be used for effective collaboration and capacity development of the stakeholders.</p>
Article XIV Bodies			
<p>30. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> the ICC to continue his consultations on the revised procedure for the selection and appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, as set out in Annex 1 to document CL 165/12, with a view to finding a lasting solution agreeable to the concerned Article XIV Bodies and the FAO Management, and submit a paper to the 166th Session of the Council outlining areas where consensus cannot be reached, along with information on any alternative proposals made; (para 28. c)</p>		X	<p>Document CL 166/18, Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, is submitted to the Council at its 166th Session, outlining areas where consensus has not been reached and includes information on the status of ongoing consultations and any alternative proposals made. The CCLM reviewed this matter at its 112th Session. At the time of writing this document, consultations are ongoing and any further updates will be provided to the Council.</p>

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(6-10 July 2020)**

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Office of the Inspector General			
31. The Council (...) <u>asked</u> for further improvements to strengthen the Office of the Inspector General and its operational independence by ensuring sustainable funding within existing resources for the Office and delegating to the Inspector General appropriate managerial responsibility and control over financial and human resources of the Office; (para 19. i)	X		Included in MTP/PWB 2022-23 (C 2021/3) USD 1.1 million additional resources for OIG to further strengthen the investigations function.
Evaluation of FAO's Statistical Work			
32. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to the updated strategy for FAO's statistical work; (para 18. g)		X	<p>FAO has developed a proposal for strengthening the governance of FAO statistical activities, which will be presented to Members at an Informal Seminar for Permanent Representatives scheduled for 9 April 2021. The proposal will consider the different issues and recommendations raised by the Evaluation.</p> <p>Regarding the FAO Strategy for the Modernization of Statistics, the Secretariat of the Interdepartmental Working Group (IDWG) on Statistics has updated the document based on the recommendations of the Evaluation, as well as prepared an Implementation Plan to translate the Strategy into action. This companion document also draws on recent system-wide documents, particularly the Chief Executives Board (CEB) Roadmap for modernization of the UN Statistical System, and the Secretary-General's Data Strategy. Both the revised Strategy and Implementation Plan will be shared at the aforementioned Informal Seminar to gather their feedback, before its submission to the 131st Session of the Programme Committee, for its review and endorsement.</p>

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Delegation of Authority			
33. The Council (...) <u>reiterated</u> the request of both the Finance Committee and the Council for further delegation of authority in line with GRO XXXVIII (5); (para 19. f)		X	The comprehensive review of delegation of authority is at an advanced stage and consultations with stakeholders have started.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 163RD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(2-6 December 2019)**

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Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) Collaboration			
34. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO together with WFP and IFAD to provide a first assessment regarding the feasibility of integrating administrative functions, and greater collaboration in some oversight functions, to be submitted to the 2020 end of year sessions of the FAO Council and the Executive Boards of IFAD and WFP for consideration; (para 9. c)		X	<p>The RBAs are fully committed to strengthen their collaborative efforts within the United Nations Development System (UNDS) repositioning, particularly in terms of country planning and programming, through Common Country Analysis (CCA) and joint contribution to United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs). In the area of corporate services, it was found that a large part of joint corporate services at country level can be potentially implemented through the Business Operations Strategy, under the leadership of UN Country Teams.</p> <p>With regards to Members' request to provide a first assessment of the feasibility of integrating administrative functions, a mapping of potential and ongoing areas of collaboration of administrative, finance, Human Resources and oversight functions was provided in the Progress Report of the Rome-based Agencies. A detailed feasibility study on two pilot areas has been recently completed and will be presented to Members at the debrief of the first RBA Senior Consultative Group meeting of 2021.</p>