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**Note the request to the FAO Director-General for the establishment of an
FAO Representation in Turkmenistan**

Executive Summary

The partnership between Turkmenistan and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has steadily expanded since the country's accession to the Organization in 1995. Over the years, FAO's technical assistance and support has covered a wide range of issues related to food security, agriculture, rural development, as well as capacity building and environmental protection.

Over the past three years, cooperation has moved to a new level. A number of projects have been signed, an FAO national correspondent has been assigned and effective work on developing a country cooperation framework for 2021-2025 has been going on.

The establishment of an FAO Representation in Turkmenistan would be cost neutral for the Organization as the Government of Turkmenistan would provide an annual cash contribution, as well as premises, in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the Representation.

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1. On 17 May 2021, the Government of Turkmenistan addressed a letter to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) expressing their intention to strengthen cooperation with the Organization on both strategic issues and project activities. In this regard, the Government requested FAO to consider establishing an FAO Representation at the level of an Assistant FAO Representative.
2. Since 2018, the cooperation between FAO and Turkmenistan has been continuously growing. Over the course of the last three years, six multi-country projects have been signed and are being implemented in Turkmenistan. In 2020, as a response to the growing portfolio, FAO appointed a FAO National Correspondent, and the Government offered several offices for the use of project teams. Currently, a number of national projects, including projects under the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) as well as multi-country projects are being developed in the areas of agriculture and environment protection, based on the specific requests by the Government.
3. The Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia based in Ankara, Turkey, would serve as a multi-accredited FAO Representative. It is important to mention that the respective decision is cost neutral for the Organization as the Government of Turkmenistan would provide an annual cash contribution, as well as premises, in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the Representation.