



# COUNCIL

## Hundred and Seventy-second Session

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### Report of the 136th (Special) Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 18 April 2023)

#### Executive summary

In the Report of its 136th (Special) Session, the Programme Committee **makes specific recommendations for decision by the Council** on the Terms of reference for the independent evaluation of FAO's evaluation function.

#### Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to **endorse** the recommendations of the Committee on the Terms of reference for the independent evaluation of FAO's evaluation function.

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## Introduction

1. The Programme Committee (PC) submitted to the Council the following Report of its Hundred and Thirty-sixth (Special) Session.

2. In addition to the Chairperson, H.E. (Ms) Yael Rubinstein (Israel), the following representatives of Members were present:

Mr Guillermo Rodolico (Argentina) <sup>1</sup>	H.E. (Mr) Aly Coulibaly (Mali)
Mr Arnaldo de Baena Fernandes (Brazil) <sup>2</sup>	Ms Jenny Reid (New Zealand)
Mr Maarten de Groot (Canada)	Ms Bjørg Skotnes (Norway)
Mr LI Bo (China)	Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak (Sudan)
Mr Michel Lévêque (France)	

3. India, Iraq and Zambia were not represented.

### I. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

4. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda for the Session.

### II. Terms of reference for the independent evaluation of FAO's evaluation function (draft)

5. The Committee reviewed the draft terms of reference for the independent evaluation of FAO's evaluation function, and:

- a) appreciated the leadership of the Chairperson of the Committee as well as Management's efforts in the finalization of the terms of reference, including the oversight structure;
- b) reiterated the importance of taking into consideration the decision of the Programme Committee at its 135th Session, including geographical and gender balance, and recommended adopting an inclusive approach in the implementation of the terms of reference;
- c) agreed to designate two alternate Members representatives under the leadership of the Chairperson of the Committee;
- d) underlined that attendance of 50 percent of Steering Committee members, with one representative from each of the three categories, would constitute quorum; and
- e) requested that the roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee be clarified, following the model presented in document PC 135/4, paragraph 16.

6. The Committee, with the recommendations above, recommended the endorsement of the terms of reference and the oversight structure at the 172nd Session of the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr Guillermo Rodolico was designated to replace H.E. (Mr) Carlos Bernardo Cherniak for the Session.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Arnaldo de Baena Fernandes was designated to replace H.E. (Mr) Fernando José Marroni de Abreu.