

## **43rd Session of the FAO Conference**

### **Introduction to Item 26: Audited Accounts 2020 and 2021 (Draft Resolutions)**

Documents C 2023/5 A and C 2023/6 A contain the official Financial Statements of the Organization for the years 2020 and 2021 respectively, together with the opinion of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements. Documents C 2023/5 B and C 2023/6 B present the Reports of the External Auditor for each year, typically referred to as the “*Long Form Reports*”.

I am pleased to inform Conference that, as in previous years, the External Auditor has expressed an unmodified opinion on the 2020 and 2021 Financial Statements of the Organization.

The results and official accounts of 2020 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 188th Session in November 2021 and by the Council at its 168th Session in November/ December 2021. The results and official accounts of 2021 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 194th Session in November 2022 and by the Council at its 171st Session in December 2022.

The Audited Accounts of 2020 and 2021 are now before you for adoption, by approval of the draft Conference Resolutions as submitted by the Council in document C 2023/LIM/3.

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