

174th Session of the Council

Item 16: Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)

FAO expresses its gratitude for the support provided by the United States of America regarding the efforts of the Organization to provide information and analysis. FAO is committed to continuing its efforts in this regard, as part of its core activities and as mandated by relevant Council decisions.

Regarding the point on private sector participation in the sessions of FAO Governing Bodies, it may be noted that the Independent Chairperson of Council held a consultation with Members on this on 31 October 2023, and that the matter will be considered by the FAO Council at its 174th Session in December 2023.

FAO shares Japan's position on the positive impact of the Black Sea Grain Initiative for improving global food supplies and contributing to world food market stabilization. On 31 July 2023, FAO published a brief assessing the potential implications of the interruption of the Black Sea Grain Initiative for global food markets and food security. FAO also shares Japan's view that the provision of timely and up-to-date information is essential to improve market transparency, inform decision-making and reduce uncertainty in global markets. FAO would like to highlight the expansion of the programme of work of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) to also cover fertilizers and vegetable oils, with the recruitment of experts, as well as the improvement of the analytical capacity of AMIS through linkages to modelling work. In this regard, FAO highly appreciates the financial support provided by the Government of Japan to AMIS.

FAO expresses its appreciation for the comments made by the European Union regarding the work of the Organization in providing information and analysing the impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security. FAO would like to note that it has been supportive of the continuation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, recognizing its significance for improving global supplies of foodstuffs, and stabilizing world food markets. In this regard, a brief was published on 31 July 2023 on the potential implications of the termination of the Initiative. FAO is ready to support any similar effort that would contribute to addressing the current global food security challenges and will continue, as part of its core activities, to provide up-to-date, impartial and timely information and assessments to keep Members updated on developments, as requested by the relevant Council decisions.

FAO appreciates the support of Australia to the Organization's work related to the war in Ukraine and is committed to providing updates, as necessary. With regard to the report on *The impact of disasters on agriculture and food security*, FAO views that disasters and crises can impact food security and nutrition through different pathways, including food access, livelihoods and migration, among others. In this regard, the Organization agrees with Australia that timely and quality data and information are crucial to better assess the impact of disasters on food security and will continue its efforts to provide assessment both at the global and regional levels as part of its ongoing commitment to promoting more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, leaving no one behind.