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INTRODUCTION

TWENTY-FIFTH MCDOUGALL MEMORIAL LECTURE 1

1. His Excellency Moussa Hussein Abdullah Al-Sarraf, Minister of Public Works and State Minister of Municipal Affairs of Kuwait delivered, on behalf of His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al Mohamed Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait, the Twenty-fifth McDougall Memorial Lecture, in memory of Frank Lidgett McDougall, a founding father of the Organization.

PRESENTATION OF B.R. SEN AWARDS 2

- 2. The annual B.R. Sen Award, in recognition of the former Director-General Mr B.R. Sen's role in transforming FAO from a study organization to a development agency, is presented at each regular session of the Conference to an FAO field officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the country or countries to which he or she was assigned.
- 3. The 2006 B.R. Sen Award was conferred on Mr Brian Dugdill, a national of the United Kingdom, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in developingt an innovative, complete farm-to-consumer dairy food chain system in Mongolia, while serving as Chief Technical Adviser on a Japanese-funded project in that country. Mr Dugdill and his project team introduced six low-cost commercial dairy models designed to transport milk safely and affordably from rural areas to urban centres, with an emphasis on milk quality and profitability. The models were in commercial operation with public and private sector partners at sixteen locations across the central region of Mongolia, where most of the urban population lived. Mongolia was now on its way to self-sufficiency and food security in milk and dairy products, and its 'white revolution' had been institutionalized as the official national dairy programme through a 2006 Government resolution. Mr Dugdill's vision, leadership and sound technical expertise were catalytic factors in the realization of these achievements in a short period of time.
- 4. The 2007 B.R. Sen Award was conferred on Mr Shin Imai, a national of Japan, in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the adaptation and effective application of an innovative rural development approach to food security, poverty reduction and livelihoods improvement while serving in Indonesia as the Regional Special Programme for Food Security Coordinator for the Japanese-funded SPFS programmes in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Sri Lanka. Three instruments comprised the approach applied to the projects: the Farmers' Group Development Plan, a field intervention planning tool; the Revolving Fund System, a microfinance management tool; and the Vectorial Project Analysis, a project monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment tool. This approach enhanced the planning capacity of small farmers, putting special focus on the poorest and most disadvantaged segments of the community, while also introducing appropriate institutional arrangements. Mr Imai's strong coordination role and professional commitment were key factors in the successful application of this approach by the project management units in the four countries. In ongoing efforts to significantly reduce poverty, all four governments had taken concrete actions to replicate and expand these methods to wider areas within their respective countries.

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¹ C 2007/INF/9; C 2007/PV/1; C 2007/PV/11.

² C 2007/INF/6; C 2007/PV/1; C 2007/PV/11.

PRESENTATION OF THE A.H. BOERMA AWARD 3

5. The A.H. Boerma Award for 2006-2007 was presented jointly to Ms Elisabeth Rosenthal, health, science and environment correspondent for the International Herald Tribune/New York Times newspapers, for her very valuable contribution towards increasing public awareness about avian influenza and other food security related issues, and to Mr Hany El Banna, journalist and Editor-in-Chief of The Agricultural Magazine for his contribution over 30 years, to increasing awareness about agricultural issues in the Near East region.

PRESENTATION OF THE EDOUARD SAOUMA AWARD 4

- 6. The Edouard Saouma Award is presented biennially to an institution that has implemented with particular efficiency a project funded by the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP). The Award for 2006-2007 was presented to the "Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Pesca y Alimentos" (SAGPyA) of Argentina for its outstanding contribution to the implementation of a TCP project on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- 7. The institution was represented at the Ceremony by the Ambassador of Argentina to FAO, His Excellency Victorio José María Taccetti, who had been designated to receive the Award on behalf of the Secretary of SAGPyA, His Excellency Javier de Urquiza and his team. The institution demonstrated outstanding coordination and organizational capacities and played an exceptional role in triggering catalytic effects, through the adoption of the most important policy decision of the last fifteenth years in the grain sector, aimed at differentiating cereals according to their various uses. The dedication, professionalism, motivation and enthusiasm of SAGPyA staff were vital to the successful implementation of the project. This resulted in the practical application of the project outputs by several governmental and private institutions, within the new scenarios of segregation and traceability, contributing thereby to an increased role of the country in the framework of the Cartagena Protocol and a leading position in the Codex Alimentarius-related discussions.

MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL 5

8. The Margarita Lizárraga Medal for 2006-2007 was presented to the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), an intergovernmental organization whose mandate is the promotion of fisheries development in Southeast Asia. SEAFDEC was devoted to the regionalization of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and completed its process with the publication of four Regional Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries in Southeast Asia relating to Fishing Operations, Aquaculture, Fisheries Management and Post-harvest Practices and Trade. It also prepared Supplementary Guidelines on Co-management. SEAFDEC was commended for its outstanding and practical hands-on contribution to the application of the Code.

IN MEMORIAM 6

9. The Conference observed one minute of silence in memory of those staff members who had died in the service of the Organization since the Conference had last met. The names of the deceased staff members were read and are contained in the Verbatim Records of the Conference.

³ C 2007/INF/7; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/11.

⁴ C 2007/LIM/6; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/11.

⁵ C 2007/LIM/6; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/11.

⁶ C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS 7

- 10. The Conference elected Carlos Vallejo López (Ecuador) as Chairperson of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference.
- 11. The Conference elected the three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference:

Kaman Nainggolan (Indonesia) Abu Baker Al-Mabrouk Al-Mansouri (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) Vladimir Iosifov (Russian Federation)

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 8

12. The Council recommended and the Conference elected the:

Seven Members of the General Committee

China Kuwait

Denmark New Zealand

Gabon United States of America

Guatemala

Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

Austria Gabon San Marino Canada Malaysia Ukraine El Salvador Oman Zambia

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION 9

- 13. The Conference adopted its Agenda as amended by the General Committee, and as given in *Appendix A* to this Report.
- 14. The Conference adopted the arrangements and timetable proposed by the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council, as approved by the General Committee.

⁸ C 2007/LIM/4; C 2007/LIM/8; C 2007/LIM/10; C 2007/PV/1; C 2007/PV/11.

⁷ C 2007/LIM/8; C 2007/PV/1; C 2007/PV/11.

⁹ C 2007/1; C 2007/12-Rev.1; C 2007/INF/4; C 2007/LIM/9; C 2007/LIM/10; C 2007/LIM/18; C 2007/LIM/20; C 2007/LIM/21; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

Establishment of Commissions and Appointment of their Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Drafting Committees

- 15. The Conference concurred with the Council's recommendations to establish two Commissions to consider and report upon Parts I and II of the Agenda.
- 16. In accordance with Rule VII and Rule XXIV-5 (b) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council nominated Ambassador Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic) as Chairperson of Commission II, and the Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council nominated Ambassador Christer Wretborn (Sweden) as Chairperson of Commission I, which the Conference approved.
- 17. Ms Hasanthi Dissanayake (Sri Lanka) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission I with the following Membership: Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Qatar and Tanzania.
- 18. Ambassador Zohrab V. Malek (Armenia) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission II with the following Membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, France, Germany, India, Japan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Portugal, Uganda and United States of America.
- 19. The Conference, taking into consideration the proposals of the General Committee, and in accordance with Rule XIII-2 GRO, appointed the following Vice-Chairpersons:

Commission I Abdelmalek Tittah (Algeria)

Ms Hedwig Wögerbauer (Austria)

Commission II James Melanson (Canada)

Yaya Olaniran (Nigeria)

Resolutions Committee of the Conference

20. The Conference endorsed the recommendation of the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council to establish a Resolutions Committee of seven Members, one from each Region, and appointed the following:

Africa : Madagascar Asia : Philippines

Europe : Italy

Latin America and the : Paraguay

Caribbean

Near East : Egypt

North America : Canada

Southwest Pacific : Australia

- 21. The Conference agreed to the recommendation of the General Committee that the Resolutions Committee be chaired by Yasser Abdel Rahman Sorour (Egypt).
- 22. The Conference approved the functions of the Resolutions Committee and the criteria for the formulation of resolutions, as given in Appendix C of document C 2007/12-Rev.1.

Right of Reply

23. The Conference confirmed the decision taken at its previous sessions to the effect that, when a Member wished to reply to criticisms of its Government's policy, it should preferably do

so on the afternoon of the day on which such criticism had been voiced after all those wishing to participate in the discussion had had an opportunity to speak.

Verbatim Records

24. As provided for in Rule XVIII-1 GRO, Verbatim Records were kept of all Conference Plenary and Commission meetings. The Conference endorsed the recommendation of the General Committee that statements could be inserted in the Verbatim Records when time did not permit them to be delivered, taking into consideration, however, the conditions laid down by the General Committee.

Verification of Credentials

- 25. The credentials of delegations of 172 Members were found valid. The remaining Members did not submit valid credentials.
- 26. The credentials of the representatives of the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and related organizations were duly deposited as prescribed under Rule III-2 GRO.

High-Level Special Events

- 27. The Conference noted that the following five High-Level Special Events were held:
 - The Role of Aquaculture in Sustainable Development
 - Forests and Energy
 - The Financing of Agriculture
 - Food Quality and Safety
 - Aid for Trade and Food Security
- 28. Reports on the High-Level Special Events were presented to Plenary and are given in *Appendices D, E, F, G* and *H* to this Report.

Voting Rights

- 29. The Conference noted that, in accordance with Article III-4 of the Constitution, at the beginning of the Session 22 Member Nations (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Palau, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan) had no right to vote in the Conference, since the amount of their arrears of contributions to the Organization exceeded the amount of the contribution due from them for the two preceding years.
- 30. Subsequently, one of these Member Nations (Nicaragua) made payments sufficient to regain its voting rights.
- 31. Three Member Nations (Nauru, Palau and Turkemenistan) had not registered at the Conference and had not requested special consideration.
- 32. Six Member Nations attending the Session (Antigua and Barbuda, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Sao Tome and Principe, and Solomon Islands) had not requested restoration of voting rights.
- 33. Twelve Member Nations had requested special consideration under Article III.4 of the Constitution and restoration of their voting rights (Argentina, Costa Rica, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Iraq, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan).
- 34. The Conference was informed that the Government of Iraq had asked the Director-General to submit to the Conference at its Thirty-fourth Session a request that 70% of its arrears

accumulated prior to 1 January 2004 be cancelled, and that its rate of assessment be modified in order to reflect the exceptional deterioration of its financial situation.

- 35. The Conference <u>decided</u> to restore the voting rights of Iraq. In view of the complex issues raised by Iraq, however, the Conference decided that these issues should be referred to the Finance Committee, the CCLM and the United Nations, as appropriate, for further consideration and advice.
- 36. After a case-by-case evaluation, the Conference also <u>decided</u> to restore voting rights to eleven Member Nations having requested special consideration under Article III.4 of the Constitution and permission to vote: Argentina, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan and Tajikistan.
- 37. The Conference further <u>decided</u> to restore voting rights to Burundi by agreeing that payments under an instalment plan proposed by it would be considered as fulfilment of its financial obligations to the Organization. To this effect, the Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 1/2007

Payment of Contributions - Burundi

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that the Government of Burundi had made a proposal to liquidate its arrears of contributions over a period of three years commencing in 2008 in addition to paying each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment,

Decides that:

- 1. Notwithstanding Financial Regulation 5.5, the arrears of contributions of Burundi, totalling US\$ 90,768.33 and Euro 7,024.74, shall be settled through the payment of three annual instalments of US\$ 30,256.11 and €2,341.58 each from 2008 to 2010.
- 2. The first instalment shall be payable in January 2008.
- 3. The annual payment of the instalments referred to above, together with the payment of each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment and any advances to the Working Capital Fund, shall be considered as fulfilment of the financial obligations of the Republic of Burundi to the Organization.
- 4. Instalments shall be payable in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5.
- 5. Default in payment of two instalments shall render this instalment plan null and void.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS 10

Applicants for Membership

38. The Director-General had provisionally invited applicants for Membership to be represented by observers until a decision had been taken on their applications. The Conference approved the Director-General's invitation in respect of the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Montenegro and the Faroe Islands.

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¹⁰ C 2007/13; C 2007/LIM/9; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

Admission of Observers from Non-Member Nations

39. The Conference confirmed the invitation issued by the Director-General to the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Montenegro and the Faroe Islands to attend the Session in an observer capacity.

Liberation Movements

40. The Conference confirmed the invitation issued by the Director-General, at the suggestion of the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council, to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations

41. The Conference reviewed the list of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to which the Director-General had extended a provisional invitation to the Session, and confirmed the said provisional invitations.

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- 42. One Hundred and Fourteen Heads of Delegation and the Holy See intervened under this agenda item. Members commented on the overall world agricultural and food security situation. Many Members also provided information on agricultural and food security issues in their respective countries. Four observers also spoke.
- 43. The Conference took note with concern of the persistence of poverty, hunger and undernourishment in numerous countries worldwide and of the insufficiently rapid progress towards the realization of the Millennium Development Goals, especially MDG1, and the World Food Summit Target of halving the number of undernourished people by no later than 2015. However, it noted with satisfaction the increasing recognition at the international level of the significance of rural development for achieving these objectives and of the crucial role of the agricultural sector, in particular for reducing hunger and poverty worldwide. It especially emphasized the importance of investments and public expenditures to ensure the provision of public goods essential for promoting agricultural and rural development. It also stressed the need to ensure adequate access to appropriate technologies and financing by small farmers.
- 44. The Conference underlined the need to reconcile increasing levels of agricultural production, in order to feed a growing world population, with that of a sustainable use of our natural resource base and of preserving the provision of crucial environmental services. It expressed particular concern over the impact of climate change, especially on the poorest and most vulnerable countries and populations. It noted that agriculture, while itself contributing to greenhouse gas emissions, was also likely to be one of the sectors most affected by climate change and could also offer possible solutions. In this regard, the Conference stressed the need for strategies to avert and mitigate the effects of climate change. It also noted the increasing frequency of natural disasters and extreme climatic events as one of the consequences of global climate change. In this respect, the Conference stressed the importance of FAO's early warning and emergency assistance programmes. The Conference also highlighted the need for appropriate action to ensure the preservation of biodiversity, as well as sustainable management of water resources. The importance of sustainable management of fisheries and forest resources was likewise emphasized.
- 45. The Conference noted major changes occurring in global markets for agricultural products. It expressed concern over the impact of rising commodity prices on access to food and the consequences for food security in numerous countries. It also drew attention to the rapid growth in biofuel production as a major factor affecting agricultural commodity markets. It

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 $^{^{11}} C\ 2007/2;\ C\ 2007/PV/4;\ C\ 2007/PV/5;\ C\ 2007/PV/6;\ C\ 2007/PV/7;\ C\ 2007/PV/8;\ C\ 2007/PV/11.$

recognized that, while biofuel development could present opportunities for agricultural producers in developing countries, it also risked having negative consequences on food security as a result of the competition with food production for land and natural resources and of increasing prices for food products. It requested the Secretariat to undertake analysis of the economic, environmental and food security implications of biofuel development. In this connection, support was expressed for the high-level Conferences planned by FAO in 2008, particularly in relation to the impact of climate change and bioenergy.

- 46. Many Members also emphasized the importance of a free and fair rules-based international trading system, and called for a swift and positive conclusion of the Doha Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Several Members also called for technical assistance for capacity-building in this area.
- 47. Members noted a number of other priority areas for FAO's work, including transboundary pests and diseases (particularly Avian Influenza), the impact of HIV/AIDS, standard-setting in the context of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the progressive realization of the right to food, as well as collection and dissemination of statistical data and information. Particular emphasis was placed on the role of FAO as a knowledge organization. Several Members also underlined the critical role of women in agricultural and rural development, and urged continued progress in the mainstreaming of gender issues in FAO's work.
- 48. The Conference confirmed the important role of FAO in providing technical assistance to its Member Nations, *inter alia* through South-South cooperation. Several Members specifically recognized the important contribution of FAO to their national development efforts.
- 49. The Conference reiterated the indispensable role of FAO and the continuous need for many of the irreplaceable services it provides, but noted the need for reform of FAO to allow it to properly fulfil its mandate. It welcomed the Report of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) as a well-documented and thorough basis for reforming FAO, within the context of the overall UN reform process, with a view to strengthening the Organization and enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness. It also expressed appreciation for the Management Response "In-Principle" to the IEE Report, prepared by the Secretariat.

SUBSTANTIVE AND POLICY MATTERS IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAO GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF ACTION 12

- 50. The Conference recalled that the Organization had been requested to prepare a new Plan of Action on Gender and Development (2008-2013) and the Third Progress Report on the Implementation of the existing Plan of Action on Gender and Development (2002-2007) at the Thirty-third Session of the Conference in November 2005.
- 51. Members received the new Plan favourably, and were pleased that the document had been prepared in a participatory manner fully involving the Technical Divisions. The Plan's embeddedness in the FAO Programme of Work and Budget, and specific links to the Strategic Framework and MDGs, were welcomed. Some Members expressed their satisfaction for the correspondence of the Plan with the relevant recommendations of the IEE. They appreciated the priority areas stressed in the new Plan and the policy orientations and programme priorities highlighted in the document.
- 52. Members <u>welcomed</u> the Progress Report and commended FAO for its progress in mainstreaming gender, while taking note of the remaining challenges. They <u>endorsed</u> the report while stressing the need to enhance accountability among all senior-level management; ensure senior-level gender focal points were selected for this purpose and were evaluated on their performance; ensure adequate human and financial resources for its implementation; put in place a system of monitoring and evaluation; increase awareness among staff; reinforce the building of staff capacity in the area of gender mainstreaming; and bring about a better gender balance in the FAO workforce, especially in management positions.
- 53. Members expressed satisfaction with FAO's expansion of collaboration with other UN Agencies, especially with the Rome-based Agencies, in such areas as the Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis (SEAGA) training programme. At the same time, Members <u>agreed</u> that this collaboration needed to be strengthened, including in collecting sex-disaggregated data and statistics and developing gender-sensitive indicators.
- 54. The inclusion of emerging issues such as emergencies, climate change and bioenergy, diseases and globalisation in the Plan was appreciated. One Member stressed the need to follow up on the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD), with necessary funding, highlighting that gender was an important issue among a vast array of crucial matters related to rural development, including the more democratic access to land. Members highlighted the need to also link FAO's gender mainstreaming work in the One UN pilot country efforts and programmes, and in the fulfilment of MDGs 3 and 1.
- 55. The Conference expressed appreciation for the gender mainstreaming policy work accomplished so far, and <u>expressed agreement</u> with the new Plan's focus on implementation. Members stressed the need to do both gender mainstreaming and specific, and measurable, targeted interventions as an explicit implementation strategy. Such targeting should be at outcome level and not just at output level.
- 56. Finally, the Conference <u>endorsed</u> the new FAO Gender and Development Plan of Action, 2008-2013.

¹² C 2007/16; C 2007/19; C 2007/I/PV/1; C 2007/I/PV/3; C 2007/PV/11.

INTERIM REPORT ON THE TRIENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ¹³

- 57. The Conference recalled the requirement for submitting an Interim Report that originated from FAO Conference Resolution 13/2005. This Resolution requested the Director-General to take appropriate actions for the full implementation of the UN General Assembly Resolution 59/250 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System (TCPR 2004).
- 58. The Conference <u>welcomed</u> the Interim Report and its analysis of FAO's approach to the implementation of the TCPR. The Conference recognized that FAO's response to the TCPR had been significant and extensive, and encouraged FAO to continue working along the same lines. Some Members welcomed and encouraged FAO's participation in the ongoing Delivering as One pilot process, while noting that intergovernmental consideration of the Report of the High-Level Panel (HLP) on System-wide Coherence was still pending.
- 59. Several Members recommended that FAO continue its efforts with regard to implementation of Conference Resolution 13/2005, consistent with the recommendations of the IEE, while one Member noted that the outcome of the IEE was still under consideration by the Governing Bodies.
- 60. The Conference emphasized FAO's role in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in particular MDGs 1, 7, and 8 and acknowledged FAO's extensive contributions to South-South Cooperation, emergencies and transition from relief to development, and capacity-building at country level. With respect to the last point, the Conference emphasized the importance that capacity-building support national ownership and that it be aligned to national priorities and based on national execution.
- Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and to the effective functioning of the Resident Coordinator (RC) system. It recognized the challenges for Specialized Agencies to be able to assist countries with implementation of international norms and standards relating to their specific mandates in the context of the UNDAF, recognizing FAO's important role in this regard. It encouraged FAO to build more partnerships in this context (with donors and UN organizations and at regional and national levels). The Conference further recognized the need to ensure that coordination costs did not draw resources away from development activities. In this context, it was noted that the cost of coordination should be evaluated against the cost of lack of coordination. It was also stressed that RC fundraising should not be the sole source of resource mobilization at country level for Specialized Agencies, and that there should be room for fundraising for normative activities. One Member stressed the importance of the "one size does not fit all" principle for operational activities at country level, adding that the uniqueness of Specialized Agencies within the UN System should be preserved.
- 62. While indicating that the reform process offered unique opportunities for more relevance and effectiveness for the Specialized Agencies of the UN System, the Conference acknowledged the challenges with which the Specialized Agencies were faced in the implementation of the TCPR. In particular, it recognized the issues of adequacy, availability and predictability of funding. One Member emphasized the need for an increase of FAO's Regular Programme resources, adding that operational activities for development should not only rely on extrabudgetary contributions. Another Member noted with concern the decline in ODA, recognizing FAO's constraints due to the lack of assured programmable resources at country level. The

¹³ C 2007/17; C 2007/LIM/11; C 2007/I/PV/1; C 2007/I/PV/3.; C 2007/PV/11.

Conference <u>recommended</u> that FAO develop a coherent and dynamic resource mobilization strategy around the priority themes related to its mandate.

63. The Conference recognized the TCPR as the basis for enhancing cooperation among the Rome-based Agencies (IFAD, WFP, FAO). The Conference <u>agreed</u> that another Interim Report should be prepared for the 2009 Conference Session, taking into account the outcome of the ongoing consultations within the UN General Assembly on the TCPR.

64. The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2/2007

Implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling its Resolution 13/2005,

Mindful of the crucial importance of the United Nations reform process related, *inter alia*, to operational activities for development launched by the United Nations Secretary-General and aimed at both ensuring a better coordination of field-level activities and delivering services in a coherent and effective way,

Bearing in mind the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Independent External Evaluation of FAO:

- 1. **Takes note** of the Interim Report prepared by the Secretariat on the Implementation of Resolution 13/2005,
- 2. **Urges** the Director-General to continue to pursue efforts toward the full implementation of Resolution 13/2005,
- 3. **Requests** the FAO Secretariat to submit to the next ordinary Session of the Conference an Interim Report on the Implementation of Resolution 13/2005, taking into account the negotiated outcome of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

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- 65. Many Members emphasized the importance of the World Food Programme's partnerships with the Rome-based Agencies, other UN Agencies and NGOs in combatting hunger. New strategic partnerships should also be forged to increase the effectiveness of WFP and to reduce costs. While some Members praised Joint Programme efforts and the record number of partnerships with NGOs, some Members recommended an increase in the Rome-based Agencies' cooperation endeavours.
- 66. Some Members acknowledged WFP's all inclusive and participatory approach in preparing its Strategic Plan (2008-2011), and emphasized the need for it to ensure the geographical and gender balance in its human resources restructuring efforts. One Member noted that WFP's new Strategic Plan would need to make choices regarding where it held the strongest comparative advantage. Concern was voiced that the WFP Management Plan (2007-2008) had, in effect, cut core funded positions in needs assessment at the very time they were most needed.

¹⁴ C 2007/INF/10; C 2007/INF/14; C 2007/PV/I/2; C 2007/PV/I/3; C 2007/PV/11.

67. Many Members commended WFP for the effective way in which it carried out its mandate, for its humanitarian and development activities, as well as for its efforts to end child and worldwide hunger. They also appreciated the new initiatives underway to end hunger and malnutrition. WFP is important to developing countries in assisting with the achievement of the MDGs by promoting food security and eradicating poverty.

- 68. Some Members commended WFP for its effectiveness in emergency operations through its enhanced targeting mechanisms. WFP's contributions in the area of vulnerability mapping and its lead role in strengthening UN reform in logistics and humanitarian areas were also commended.
- 69. It was regretted that there was a sustained decline in the proportion of WFP's funding which was fully multilateral. Untied and flexible aid, as outlined in the Paris Declaration, was necessary.

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- 70. The Conference recalled that during its Thirty-third Session in November 2005, Resolution 4/2005 had been adopted, leading to the Declaration by the United Nations General Assembly, at its Sixtieth Session in December 2005, of 2008 as the International Year of the Potato (IYP).
- 71. The Conference emphasized the enormous social, cultural and economic value of the potato worldwide, and reaffirmed that the conservation of varieties and development of sustainable potato production and food systems were central elements in addressing global food security and rural poverty in many parts of the world.
- 72. The Conference noted with appreciation that FAO was reacting with commitment to the United Nations General Assembly's invitation to play a lead role in facilitating the implementation of the IYP, embracing technological, environmental, economic and social dimensions within its mission to increase awareness of the role of potato (Solanum tuberosum) and its place in the diet and food systems of the world's population. It noted the need to promote relevant research, conservation and development as means of contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals of eliminating hunger and poverty.
- 73. The Conference recognized that the IYP provided a major opportunity for the global community to work together towards a shared goal, and underlined the key role to be played at local and national levels, with the participation of all stakeholders including civil society and private sector partners in achieving the aims of the IYP.
- 74. The Conference noted that there was strong and widespread support for the aims of the IYP, observing that national campaigns and programmes to celebrate the IYP were already being activated in many countries. It encouraged the Secretariat to further support those efforts, and to continue sharing information and raising awareness. It also called upon Member Nations to support IYP activities that contributed to food security and sustainable development.
- 75. The Conference noted that a multi-donor project had been established to enable donors and partners to support FAO's normative work related to IYP preparation and implementation, monitoring and reporting. It acknowledged the generous support from several donor countries and private sector partners that had already contributed to the Trust Fund, but underlined the need for additional contributions of US\$500,000 to ensure the success of the IYP 2008 at country and regional levels.

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¹⁵ C 2007/14; C 2007/I/PV/2; C 2007/I/PV/3; C 2007/PV/11.

76. The Conference acknowledged the importance of the potato in both intensifying and diversifying farming systems, and recognized that there were still many technical challenges directly affecting potato production and potato-based food systems that needed to be addressed. Considering the IYP as the first step in a continuing process, the Conference <u>urged</u> FAO to support Member Nations during and beyond 2008 in implementing national programmes and strategies for sustainable development of the potato sector.

77. The Conference noted an apparent increase in the frequency with which International Years were proclaimed, and it <u>urged</u> that careful consideration be given to the issue of funding well in advance of designation of any future Years. It further <u>recommended</u> that the impact of the IYP should be evaluated and reported to the Conference following its completion.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF NATURAL FIBRES 2009 16

- 78. The Conference recalled that the Thirty-third Session of Conference in 2005 had endorsed Resolution 3/2005 proposing 2009 as the International Year of Natural Fibres. It noted that the Director-General had transmitted this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and that the General Assembly had, in December 2006, proclaimed 2009 to be the International Year of Natural Fibres (IYNF).
- 79. The Conference noted the economic importance that the various natural fibres played in the countries which produced and consumed them. Many small farmers and other workers relied on the production and export of natural fibres, which contributed significantly to poverty alleviation and food security, especially in rural areas.
- 80. The Conference acknowledged the initial progress that had been made in implementing arrangements for the IYNF, including the dialogue among participants of natural fibre industries and the formulation of objectives for the Year. It looked forward to FAO playing a leading role in the activities of 2009. However, it recognized that much remained to be done to make the IYNF a success, and that considerable extra-budgetary resources would be required. It <u>urged</u> Members to support the Year so that its potential benefits might be realized.
- 81. The Conference noted an apparent increase in the frequency with which International Years were proclaimed, and it <u>urged</u> that careful consideration in conjunction with other UN Agencies be given to the issue of funding well in advance and the rationale of the designation of any future Years. It further <u>recommended</u> that the impact of the IYNF should be evaluated and reported to the Conference following its completion.

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¹⁶ C2007/15; C 2007/I/PV/2; C 2007/I/PV/3; C 2007/PV/11.

PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

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- 82. The Conference expressed satisfaction with the concise and more focused document, which provided an overview of organizational performance and a summary of programme implementation based on the application of results-based principles. It noted that the PIR was complemented by the assessment of longer-term outcomes and objectives that are subject of independent evaluations that cover a longer time span than the quantitative biennial picture of the PIR.
- 83. The Conference looked forward to further improvements being made on the results-based format of the PIR. These included *inter alia*: further analysis on the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) from the view point of effectiveness and efficiency; articulation of programme achievements related to planned and expected results, with more quantitative analysis of outputs and results of auto-evaluations; more in-depth analysis on the catalytic role of TCP projects and their relation to FAO's programmes including through support to capacity building; contribution of collaboration with partners, in particular the Rome-based UN Agencies; and a clearer presentation of regional dimensions.
- 84. The Conference was satisfied that delivery under the Regular Programme had utilized fully the budgeted resources and implemented the programme of work according to plan. Members highlighted positive achievements in delivery, including under Codex and implementation of the split assessment mechanism. Some concerns were raised with regard to the effect on implementation of transfers out of Chapter 2 and the cost of supporting the field programme. Members recalled the fundamental importance of the TCP, and urged the Secretariat to maintain the budget allocation during implementation.
- 85. The Conference appreciated the detailed reporting on geographic representation and gender balance of professional staff, which was reviewed on a regular basis by the Finance Committee. Some Members expressed concern over the low representation of professional staff from the Asia Region and urged the Secretariat to continue taking initiatives to improve the low representation.

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- 86. The Conference noted the progressive improvements in the methodology, depth and coverage of evaluation activities of FAO.
- 87. The Conference looked forward to the more timely availability of the Programme Evaluation Report (PER) for future sessions. It was recalled that at the last Conference, a new format and content had been introduced for this report which the Conference had welcomed. The PER provided a summary of the evolving institutional arrangements and policies for evaluation, including the decision of the Council in June 2007 to ensure the full coverage of the evaluation of extra-budgetary resources. The PER also provided a summary of an evaluation of the evaluation function commissioned by the Independent External Evaluation of FAO and summaries of the evaluations which had been considered by the Programme Committee and Council.
- 88. The Conference reaffirmed the important role which independent evaluations played in organizational accountability and improvement. It was informed that evaluation work had been kept under review by the Programme Committee with a view to ensure that it adhered to advances

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 $^{^{17}} C\ 2007/8;\ C\ 2007/LIM/2;\ CL\ 131/PV/5;\ CL\ 131/PV/6;\ CL\ 131/PV/11;\ C\ 2007/II/PV/1;\ C\ 2007/PV/11.$

¹⁸ C 2007/4; C 2007/II/PV/1; C 2007/PV/11.

in professional standards and that it continued to be responsive and useful to the needs of both the membership and management.

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89. The Conference considered the Programme of Work and Budget proposals for the 2008-09 biennium, bearing in mind the views expressed at the Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council in the preceding week.

Scope of PWB Document

- 90. The Conference recognized that the full PWB document responded to the guidance provided by the Council at its session of June 2007 and noted that the "maintenance budget" presented and, as explained by the Secretariat, aimed at keeping with the substantive priorities recently expressed by the membership, while factoring anticipated cost increases and other requirements to maintain the purchasing power of FAO's programmes at the level approved for the 2006-07 biennium contained an increase of slightly over US\$ 120 million (US\$ 101.4 million for cost increases, and US\$ 18.7 million for incremental costs reported to, or endorsed by Members for the 2008-09 period, including capital expenditures, one-time and transition costs of approved reforms and the gradual introduction of Russian as a language of FAO).
- 91. The Conference also noted that the PWB included phased proposals for the funding of reserves and long-term liabilities to restore the financial health of the Organization, i.e. limited in the 2008-09 biennium to partial replenishment of the Special Reserve Account of US\$ 6.4 million (as reflected in a draft Resolution in the PWB document) and an additional assessment of US\$ 30.9 million to fund the After-Service Medical Coverage past service liabilities as prescribed by the latest actuarial valuations.
- 92. The Conference further acknowledged that the full PWB adhered to the expectations of the Programme and Finance Committees and Council to the effect that: no major reprioritisation had been effected, pending the outcome of the IEE; and Regular Programme and extra-budgetary resources had been presented in a more integrated manner. In addition, planned work in four key multidisciplinary areas had been specially highlighted, as per the Council's advice: knowledge management, capacity-building, climate change, and bioenergy.

Links with the IEE

- 93. The Conference took note that, in view of timing constraints, the proposals in the PWB could not address possible follow-up to the IEE and appreciated that the two tracks of intergovernmental considerations of the PWB and of the IEE documentation converged at the present Session of the Conference.
- 94. In this connection, the Conference recognized that additional resources would be needed in the year 2008 to support the follow-up to the IEE report, including formulation of an Immediate Plan of Action and a draft Strategic Framework.

Views on the Budget Level

95. A majority of Members supported the proposals for the "maintenance budget" as a strict minimum to allow the Organization to continue to operate and serve the needs of its constituents without disruptions in the next biennium, while being also actively engaged in an orderly process of reforms. They did that while recognizing with regret that the provision for the TCP would remain substantially below the level mandated by the Conference in 1989 at 17% of the total budget. The same Members also supported the preliminary proposals in the PWB to restore the

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¹⁹ C 2007/3; C 2007/LIM/14; C 2007/II/PV/2; C 2007/PV/11.

financial health of the Organization, including partial replenishment of the Special Reserve Account. They stressed that reserves of the Organization, including the Working Capital Fund and the Special Reserve Account, would need to be built up over the next few biennia to avert the liquidity crunch faced by the Organization every year. They noted that the "maintenance budget" was consistent with the call for a Zero Real Growth budget for 2008-09 and for "reform with growth" made by the IEE.

- 96. Many other Members, while supporting in principle a "maintenance budget", expected a lower budget level to be achieved through substantial efficiency savings, without cutting programmes. Considering the ongoing process of the IEE, these Members deemed it necessary to include a review mechanism in the budget Resolution as a means to readjust the PWB, including the budget level at the special Conference in 2008. Moreover, they did not agree with the proposals to replenish the Special Reserve Account (SRA) and to increase the contributions to fund the amortization of After-service Medical Coverage (ASMC) at this point in time.
- 97. Some other Members did not agree with the proposal to replenish the SRA and to increase the contributions to fund the amortization of ASMC. They also noted that different interpretations could be given of the concept of a "maintenance budget". They underlined the importance of further efficiency savings as a means of maintaining programmes with fewer resources than the proposed level. They expressed the view that a "maintenance budget" should be viewed in the context of current operations rather than the planned activities for 2008-09.
- 98. Many Members expected that the implementation of the IEE recommendations in the short term, and in the longer term *via* the Immediate Plan of Action to be eventually approved by a special session of the Conference in the second half of 2008, would greatly assist in clarifying total requirements under the Regular Budget in the next biennium. Some Members were of the view that budgetary requirements in the first year could be deliberately limited to preserving most important programmes.
- 99. Some Members expressed the view that the budget level for the next biennium was unrealistically high.
- 100. One Member underlined that the level of the budget proposed in the PWB could not be supported, as it was not in line with the financial discipline his country sought in international organizations, and given the expectation of significant gains in efficiency from the implementation of the IEE recommendations.
- 101. Another Member stressed that the PWB proposals could not be considered in isolation, given the unique opportunity offered by the IEE for significant reforms towards a stronger and more efficient FAO. He underlined his Government's preference for a budget level substantially lower than that involved in the "maintenance budget" presented in the PWB.
- 102. In view of the above range of opinions, a group of the "Friends of the Chair" dealing with the budget level was established to assist in bridging differences.
- 103. The Conference adopted the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 3/2007 20

Budgetary Appropriations 2008-09

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget in the light of Conference Resolution 5/2007;

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²⁰ C 2007/PV/9.

Having considered the proposed total net appropriation of US\$ 867,628,000 for the financial period 2008-09 at the 2006-07 rate of Euro 1= US\$ 1.19 which assumes US dollar and Euro expenditure equal to US\$ 432,148,000 and Euros 365,950,000;

Having considered that the above net appropriation is equivalent to US\$ 929,840,000 at the budget rate of Euro 1 = US\$ 1.36 established for 2008-09 after translation of the Euro portion;

1. **Approves** the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2008-09 as follows:

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a)	Appropriations are	e voted at a rate	e of Euro 1 =	= USS 1.30	for the folio	owing purposes:

		US\$
Chapter 1:	Corporate Governance	27,038,000
Chapter 2:	Sustainable Food and Agricultural	266,474,000
	Systems	
Chapter 3:	Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Advocacy	239,851,000
Chapter 4:	Decentralization, UN Cooperation and	234,553,000
	Programme Delivery	
Chapter 5:	Management and Supervision Services	139,671,000
Chapter 6:	Contingencies	600,000
Chapter 8:	Capital Expenditure	20,378,000
Chapter 9:	Security Expenditure	23,420,000
Further unidentified savings and efficiency gains		-22,145,000
Total Appropriation (Net)		929,840,000
Chapter 10: Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund		94,300,000
Total Approp	1,024,140,000	

- b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above include in Chapter 1 an amount of US\$ 4,000,000 to fund the implementation of the Resolution on the Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (Resolution 5/2007) and an amount of US\$ 1,700,000 for the introduction of Russian as a language of the Organization
- c) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of US\$ 5,000,000 shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of US\$ 924,840,000 to implement the Programme of Work.
- d) Such contributions shall be established in US dollars and Euro and shall consist of US\$ 428,258,000 and Euro 365,134,000. This takes into account a split of 46.5% US dollars and 53.5% Euro for the appropriations (net) and of 77.8% for US dollars and 22.2% Euro for Miscellaneous income.
- e) An additional amount of US\$ 14,100,000 shall also be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations to fund the amortization of After-service Medical Coverage (ASMC). The contributions shall be established in US dollars and euro, taking into account a split of 40% US dollars and 60% euro, and shall therefore amount to US\$ 5,640,000 and Euro 6,221,000.
- f) The total contributions due from Member Nations to implement the approved Programme of Work and to fund the amortization of ASMC shall amount to US\$ 433,898,000 and Euro 371,355,000. Such contributions due from Member Nations in 2008 and 2009 shall be paid in accordance with the scale of contributions adopted by the Conference at its Thirty-fourth Session.
- g) In establishing the actual amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Member Nations, a further amount shall be charged through the Tax Equalization Fund for any Member Nation that levies taxes on the salaries, emoluments and indemnities

received by staff members from FAO and which are reimbursed to the staff members by the Organization. An estimate of US\$ 11,600,000 has been foreseen for this purpose.

- 2. **Requests** the Director-General to report to the Finance Committee on-going adjustments to the Programme and Work for the further unidentified savings and efficiency gains amounting to US\$ 22,145,000 referred to in paragraph 1(a) above which are currently not reflected in the Chapter structure, noting that both within Chapter transfers and transfers from one Chapter to another required to implement the proposals will be handled in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5.
- 3. **Reserves** the right at its Special Session in November 2008 to re-examine the appropriations (net) voted in paragraph 1 (a) above with a view to approving any adjustment that may be required as a result of decisions on the Immediate Plan of Action in relation to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (IEE).
- 4. **Encourages** Members to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate areas of early action arising from the IEE recommendations which fall within the authority of the Director-General.

(Adopted on 23 November 2007)

RESOLUTION 4/2007 ²¹

Replenishment of the Special Reserve Account

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that one of the purposes of the Special Reserve Account, established by Conference Resolution 13/81 is, subject to prior review and approval by the Programme and Finance Committees, to finance unbudgeted extra costs of approved programmes due to unforeseen inflationary trends, to the extent that such costs cannot be met through budgetary savings without impairing the execution of such programmes;

Noting that the Programme and Finance Committees, at their Joint Meeting of September 2006, agreed to charging a portion of the unforeseen and unbudgeted General Service salary increase of 2006-07 arising from the Rome-based General Service Salary Survey results, in an amount of US\$ 6.4 million, to the Special Reserve Account, and that this was supported by the Council at its Session of November 2006;

Recalling that the Finance Committee, at its Session of September 2006, recommended that the necessary funding for the US\$ 6.4 million charged to the Special Reserve Account be secured through a replenishment of an equivalent amount through Member Nations' assessments for the Special Reserve Account at the time of the formulation of the Programme of Work and Budget for 2008-09;

Recalling further that the Council, at its Session of November 2006, requested the Finance Committee to review the funding of unbudgeted costs and to report the results to the Council;

Having considered, in line with the foregoing, the proposals submitted by the Director-General to the Finance Committee at its Session of September 2007, and to the Council at its Session of November 2007, for the replenishment of the Special Reserve Account in an amount of US\$6.4 million; the Conference in considering the matter further;

Decides to defer the replenishment of the Special Reserve Account, in the amount of US\$6.4 million, and to revisit this matter at the 2008 Conference.

(Adopted on 23 November 200

²¹ C 2007/PV/9.

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO ²²

- 104. Having recalled the Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council Report, the Conference <u>unanimously welcomed</u> the Report of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of FAO. It shared the assessment of the Council that the evaluation was the most comprehensive, wide-ranging and forward-looking evaluation conducted of a UN organization. It agreed that the IEE had fully met its terms of reference. The evaluation had followed a sound methodology, which was consultative of the views of the main stakeholders. It was comprehensive, evidence-based and provided valuable and well documented findings and recommendations for the future of FAO.
- 105. The Conference <u>welcomed</u> the Management Response "In Principle" (document C 2007/7 B). In particular, it appreciated management's statement to the Conference of support for IEE implementation of "reform with growth" and management's determination to immediately initiate reforms and improvements, in line with the recommendations of the IEE which lay within the effective authority of the Director-General and which did not have incremental cost implications.
- 106. The Conference expressed its appreciation to all those who had contributed to the IEE process, especially the IEE core team, the Chair of the Council Committee for the IEE, Ambassador Perri, and the Independent Chairperson of the Council, Professor Noori-Naeini who had led the Friends of the Chair process. The invaluable support extended by the FAO Director-General, the Secretariat, especially Mr. John Markie, Chief of the Evaluation Service and his colleagues, was also appreciated.
- 107. In approving Resolution 5/2007, the Conference reaffirmed the commitment of the membership to the fulfilment of FAO's mandate. Agriculture remains central in addressing the world's problems of hunger, poverty and economic and social development. It was recognized as being crucial in addressing the challenges of climate change and the sustainable management of natural resources. The IEE had found that the world needed FAO, but a more relevant, effective and efficient FAO. Building on the results of the IEE, the Conference declared its determination to move forward speedily, with dynamism and unity in the renewal of the Organization, making it fit and responsive to the needs of the 21st century.
- 108. The Conference <u>adopted</u> the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 5/2007 23

Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO

THE CONFERENCE,

- 1. **Recalls** its Resolution 6/2005 in 2005 to undertake the Independent External Evaluation of FAO, with a view to "chart the way forward" for FAO.
- 2. **Welcomes** the IEE report which will provide the basis for Members' decision making on an integrated package of reform with growth for the Organization. **Welcomes** also the Director-General's Management Response "In Principle", which will further assist Members' decision making.
- 3. **Reaffirms** the global mandate of FAO for food, agriculture and the related natural resource bases and **welcomes** the renewed global emphasis on the important role of agriculture for the present and future wellbeing of all, **stressing** the importance of the

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 $^{^{22}} C\ 2007/7A.1-Rev.1; C\ 2007/7A.1-Corr.1; C\ 2007/7A.2; C\ 2007/7B; C\ 2007/II/PV/3; C\ 2007/II/PV/4; C\ 2007/PV/11.$

²³ C 2007/PV/9.

Millennium Declaration and the major contributions which the Organization has to make in supporting the three agreed Goals of Member Nations as stated in the Strategic Framework:

- overcoming hunger and malnutrition;
- agriculture's contribution to sustainable economic and social development; and
- conservation and sustainable use of the natural resource base.
- 4. **Reaffirms** its political will and determination to seize this opportunity and to undertake early and well considered action for a programme of FAO renewal, in the overall context of UN system reforms.

The Conference decides to:

- 5. **Develop** an Immediate Plan of Action and a Strategic Framework for FAO renewal after a systematic review of the IEE report and its findings and recommendations and the management response. The Plan of Action will address:
 - a) an FAO vision and programme priorities:
 - i) priorities and programme adjustments for the period 2009-2011; and
 - ii) a draft covering the major elements of a long-term Strategic Framework and a draft Medium-Term Plan;
 - b) governance reform;
 - c) reform of systems, culture change and organizational restructuring:
 - i) institutional culture change and reform of administrative and management systems; and
 - ii) restructuring for effectiveness and efficiency.

In addressing each of the actions for reform, the Immediate Plan of Action will specify: the financial implications; targets to be achieved; timetable for implementation; and implementation milestones over the period 2009-2011.

- 6. **Convene** a special session of the FAO Conference in the latter part of 2008, immediately preceded by a shortened session of the Council. This special session of the Conference will provide for the entirety of the membership to come together to discuss and decide upon proposals for an Immediate Plan of Action and make decisions on the budgetary implications.
- 7. **Establish** a time-bound Conference Committee under Article VI of the FAO Constitution, mandated to complete its work with the presentation of proposals for an Immediate Plan of Action to the Special Session of the Conference in 2008. This Committee will be open to full participation by all Members of the Organization. It will strive for transparency and unity in its work and will collectively decide the final recommendations of the Committee to the Conference, arriving at its decisions to the maximum extent possible through consensus. It will conduct its work in all the languages of the Organization. The functions of the Committee, without prejudice to the statutory functions of the standing committees of the Council, are to:
 - a) recommend to the Conference proposals for the Immediate Plan of Action as defined in paragraph 5 above; and
 - b) provide ongoing review and feedback on the implementation of all actions, including *inter alia* quick wins, being undertaken by the Director-General, on those areas of the IEE follow-up lying essentially within his authority, recognizing that some actions are subject to the provision of the requisite budgetary resources.
- 8. In order to maintain the necessary momentum in reaching agreement on an Immediate Plan of Action for FAO reform with growth, to **request** the Conference Committee to initiate its work in December 2007 and develop its working arrangements, indicative

schedule of work and timetable of deliverables before the end of January 2008. Considering that the special session of the FAO Conference should be held no later than November 2008, the Conference <u>requests</u> the Committee to provide a progress report by 1 May 2008 and its final report before the end of September 2008, and give early attention to:

- a) a detailed review of the IEE report, including each of the IEE recommendations, in order to develop preliminary conclusions to guide the further work of the Committee:
- b) development of information requirements for decision making, including requirements from the Secretariat to assist the Governing Bodies in arriving at conclusions on each of the areas referred to in clause 5 above;
- c) providing guidance for: drafting any agreed governance reforms requiring consideration by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM); such in-depth studies as may be required; and any immediate proposed adjustments in such areas as the programme of work and budget during 2009, administration, human resources and organizational structure; and
- d) agreement on draft major elements of a strategic framework and medium-term plan; development of suggestions for further follow-up to be undertaken during 2009 and beyond; and any special arrangements of the Governing Bodies required for further development and implementation of a programme of FAO renewal.
- 9. **Appoint** Prof. Mohammed Saeid Noori-Naeini as Chair, and Ms Agnes van Ardenne van der Hoeven and Wilfred Joseph Ngirwa as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. The Committee shall appoint its Bureau and co-Vice-Chairs respecting regional representation. The meetings of the Bureau will be open to non-speaking observers and will address exclusively administrative and organizational matters.

The Conference further decides:

- 10. In the interests of efficiency, the Committee of the Conference will establish such task-defined working groups as it requires to prepare individual inputs for its consideration. The working groups will be made up of a maximum of three member country representatives per region. Meetings of the working groups will be open to observers from the whole of the FAO membership, ensuring transparency, and will conduct their work in all languages of the Organization. In order to assure that all Members may be present at Working Group and Bureau sessions, no meetings will be held simultaneously with the same timings nor will they coincide with Bureau meetings. The chairs of the Committee, the Bureau and the working groups will ensure that aidemémoires are available to the FAO membership following each session. The Chairperson of the Committee will present its final report to the Special Session of the Conference.
- 11. FAO management will provide full support, as requested, to the workings of the Conference Committee, its Bureau and its working groups.
- 12. In conducting its work, the Conference Committee will decide when necessary to call on the Committees of the Council to give their advice on aspects of the reform process within their mandates.
- 13. The Conference recognizes the need for additional resources for the 2008-09 Regular Programme Budget of the Organization to fund the implementation of this Resolution, amounting to US\$4 million and provided for in Resolution 3/2007.

LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

ADOPTION OF RUSSIAN AS A LANGUAGE OF THE ORGANIZATION (AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XXII OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULE XLVII OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION) ²⁴

- 109. The Conference noted that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), at its Eighty-first Session (4 and 5 April 2007) had proposed to the Council, at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session (18-22 June 2007) two draft Conference resolutions for the adoption of Russian as a language of the Organization. Both resolutions had been endorsed by the Council and forwarded to the Conference for approval.
- 110. One of the resolutions provided for the Russian text of the Constitution to be equally authoritative with the texts in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish, which involved an amendment of Article XXII of the Constitution. The Council also proposed that, through the same resolution, the Conference should approve an authentic Russian text of the Constitution.
- 111. Furthermore, the Conference noted that the Council had, also on the basis of a recommendation of the CCLM, endorsed a draft Conference resolution amending Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization on the languages of the Organization.
- 112. The Conference <u>adopted</u>, by a nominal vote, the following Resolution amending the Constitution and approving the authentic Russian text of the Constitution:

RESOLUTION 6/2007

Amendment of Article XXII of the FAO Constitution -Authentic Russian Text of the FAO Constitution

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the decision taken by the First Session of the Conference held in Quebec City, Canada, 16 October - 1 November 1945, that the languages of the Organization shall be those adopted by the United Nations Organization;

Recalling further the decision taken at its Special Session held in Washington, D.C., in 1950 where the Conference expressed the view that consideration should be given to constitutional amendments to make the text of the Constitution in other languages of the Organization equally authentic;

Considering that Belarus and the Russian Federation became Member Nations of the Organization in 2005 and 2006 respectively;

Having considered that, at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session, held from 18 to 22 June 2007, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eighty-first session, held on 4 and 5 April 2007, proposed that the Russian text of the Constitution should be equally authoritative with the texts in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish, and that the Constitution should be amended to that effect;

²⁴ C 2007/18; C 2007/PV/10; C 2007/PV/11.

1. **Decides** to amend Article XXII of the Constitution to read as follows:

"The Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Constitution shall be equally authoritative".

2. **Approves** the authentic Russian text of the Constitution, which is set out in the Annex to document C 2007/18.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

113. The Conference also <u>adopted</u> by a nominal vote an amendment to Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization concerning the Adoption of Russian as a language of the Organization:

RESOLUTION 7/2007

Amendment of Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization - Adoption of Russian as a Language of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the decisions taken by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference to approve an authentic Russian text of the FAO Constitution and to amend Article XXII of the Constitution whereby "the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Constitution shall be equally authoritative";

Considering that Belarus and the Russian Federation became Member Nations of the Organization in 2005 and 2006 respectively;

Having considered that, at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session, held from 18 to 22 June 2007, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eighty-first session, held on 4 and 5 April 2007, proposed that Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization be amended to the effect that Russian should be a language of the Organization;

Decides to amend Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization as follows:

"Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the languages of the Organization".

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Streamlining of Membership Rules of the Open Committees of the FAO Council (Amendments to the General Rules of the Organization) ²⁵

114. The Conference noted that the issue of the streamlining of membership rules of the open Committees of the FAO Council had been examined by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eightieth Session (Rome, 2-3 October 2006), which proposed various amendments to the General Rules of the Organization. The Council, at its Hundred and Thirty-first Session (Rome, 20-25 November 2006), endorsed a draft Conference resolution amending Rule XXIX.2, Rule XXXII.2 and Rule XXXIII.2 of the General Rules of the Organization and forwarded it to the Conference.

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²⁵ C 2007/LIM/1; C 2007/PV/10; C 2007/PV/11.

115. The Conference adopted, by a nominal vote, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 8/2007

Amendment to Rule XXIX.2, Rule XXXI.2, Rule XXXII.2, and Rule XXXIII.2 of the General Rules of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

<u>Having taken note</u> of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Eightieth Session (Rome, 2-3 October 2006) on the proposed amendments to Rule XXIX.2 (Members of the Committee on Commodity Problems), Rule XXX.2 (Members of the Committee on Fisheries), Rule XXXII.2 (Members of the Committee on Forestry), Rule XXXII.2 (Members of the Committee on Agriculture), and Rule XXXIII.2 (Members of the Committee on World Food Security) of the General Rules of the Organization;

<u>Considering</u> that the Council, at its Hundred and Thirty-first Session (Rome, 20-25 November 2006), agreed to transmit to the Conference, for approval, the proposed amendments to the above mentioned Rules XXIX.2, XXXX.2, XXXII.2, XXXII.2, and Rule XXXIII.2 of the General Rules of the Organization;

<u>Having noted</u> that these Rules that require biennial notification of membership to the "*Open Committees*" of the Council resulted in cumbersome and time-consuming administrative processes, without offering any added value to the substantive work of such Committees, and that the proposed amendment to the above Rules dealing with membership to these Committees would allow streamlining administrative procedures with respect to participation of Members;

Having further noted that there has to be formal recognition of the effective presence of Members at the meetings of the above Committees to avoid the validity of the deliberations being questioned, but that it is equally evident that the present system based on expiry of membership at the end of each biennium places an administrative burden on Permanent Representatives, Government Offices and the Secretariat, and that reducing this burden would significantly contribute to efficiency savings in governance;

<u>Recalling</u> that the principle of loss of membership after failure to attend two consecutive sessions of one the Governing bodies of the Organization is already contained in Rule XXII.7 of the General Rules of the Organization governing Membership of the FAO Council which provides that "A Member of the Council shall be considered to have resigned if [...] it has not been represented at two consecutive sessions of the Council.";

Decides ²⁶ to amend Rule XXIX.2, Rule XXX. 2, Rule XXXI.2, Rule XXXII.2, and Rule XXXIII.2 of the General Rules of the Organization as follows:

"2. The notification [...] may be made at any time and Membership acquired on the basis thereof shall be for a biennium considered valid unless the Member has not been represented at two consecutive sessions of the Committee, or has notified its withdrawal from it. The Director-General shall circulate, at the beginning of each session of the Committee, a document listing the Members of the Committee."

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

Amendments to the General Regulations of WFP 27

116. The Conference noted that the Executive Board of the World Food Programme had recommended amendments to the General Regulations of the Programme, in order to allow for

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²⁶ Words struck out to be deleted, words underlined to be added.

²⁷ C 2007/LIM/16; C 2007/PV/10; C 2007/PV/11.

the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards at WFP. The Conference was informed that the proposed amendments to the General Regulations had been endorsed both by the Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO which had forwarded them to the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of FAO for approval, in accordance with Article XV, paragraph 1 of the General Regulations of WFP. The Conference also noted that the amendments would be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its current session.

117. Therefore, the Conference <u>adopted</u> the following amendments to the General Regulations of WFP:

Article VI (Powers and Functions of the Board), paragraph 2(b)(viii):

[(b) The Board [...] shall, in particular:]

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"(viii) consider the biennial report on inspections and investigations the annual report of the Inspector-General, and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate."

Article XIV (Financial Arrangements), paragraph 6 (b):

- [6. The Executive Director will submit the following to the Executive Board for approval:]
- "(b) biennial annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor".

AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2004-2005 28

118. The Conference took note of the Audited Accounts 2004-2005 and the Report of the External Auditor, as reviewed by the Finance Committee at its Hundred and Fifteenth Session and by the Council at its Hundred and Thirty-first Session, and <u>adopted</u> the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 9/2007

FAO Audited Accounts 2004-2005

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the Hundred and Thirty-first Session of the Council, and **Having examined** the 2004-2005 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon,

Invites the Secretariat to further implement the recommendations of the External Auditors, and **Adopts** the Audited Accounts.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2008-2009 29

119. The Conference noted that at its Hundred and Thirty-second Session the Council had recommended that the FAO proposed Scale of Contributions for 2008-2009 be derived from the UN Scale of Assessments in force during 2007.

 $^{^{28}}$ C 2007/5A; C 2007/5 B; C 2007/LIM/3; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

²⁹ C 2007/INF/11; C 2007/LIM/5; C 2007/LIM/5-Corr.1; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11...

120. The Conference then <u>adopted</u> the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 10/2007

Scale of Contributions 2008-2009

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the Council;

Confirming that, as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different membership of FAO;

- 1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2008-2009 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2007.
- 2. **Adopts** for the use in 2008 and 2009 the Scale as set out in *Appendix I* of this Report.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

PAYMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION ³⁰

121. Article XVIII, paragraph 6 of the Constitution provides that:

"A Member Organization shall not be required to contribute to the budget as specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, but shall pay to the Organization a sum to be determined by the Conference to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its membership in the Organization [...]".

- 122. At its Twenty-seventh Session in 1993, the Conference requested the Finance Committee to examine the methodology for the calculation of the lump sum paid by the European Community. At its Seventy-eighth Session in April 1994, the Finance Committee recommended a methodology on the basis of which the Conference set the payment to be made by the European Community at various sessions.
- 123. The methodology was re-examined by the Finance Committee at its Hundred-and-eighth Session (September 2004) and Hundred-and-ninth Session (May 2005). The Committee examined a proposal for a revised methodology whereby the biennial adjustment to the European Community's contribution would reflect the official cost of living increases in the Euro area or in the host country. Under the revised methodology, the adjustment formula would be more in line with the system of split assessment and would not have a material impact on the biennial adjustment to the contribution of the European Community to the Organization. The Committee agreed with the proposed revision of the methodology whereby the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country would be used to adjust the European Community's contribution for any given biennium.
- 124. Applying the new methodology, the Thirty-third Session of the Conference in 2005 set the lump payment due by the European Community at Euro 517 145 for the 2006-07 biennium.
- 125. In accordance with the above, the methodology to be used for adjusting the lump sum was based on the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the host country. Using the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) figures, the consumer price inflation for the Euro Area (27 countries) for 2006 was 2.2% and for 2007 is forecast to be 2.0%, which gives an average of 2.1%. The EIU figures for harmonized consumer price index for Italy are, for 2006, 2.2% and for 2007, forecast at 1.9%, which gives an average of 2.05%. Therefore the inflation

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³⁰ C 2007/LIM/17; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

figure used in the calculation was 2.1%, being the higher of the two. Applying this rate to the previous contribution of Euro 517 145 gave the new figure of Euro 528 005.

- 126. The Conference set the lump-sum payment due by the European Community to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its membership in the Organization at Euro 528 005 for the 2008-09 biennium.
- 127. As in previous biennia, it is proposed that the sum due by the European Community be paid into a trust or special fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS 31

Statement by Representative of FAO Staff Bodies

128. The President of the Association of Professional Staff (APS) spoke on behalf of the three Staff Representative Bodies focusing his intervention on the Independent External Evaluation of FAO. He indicated that staff are committed and support reform and stressed the need for sufficient funding to implement the programmes that Members require.

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³¹ C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION 32

129. The Conference had before it applications for membership from the following countries:

- The Principality of Andorra;
- The Republic of Montenegro.
- 130. The Conference also had before it an application for associate membership from the Faroe Islands.
- 131. These applications were supplemented by the formal instrument required under Article II of the Constitution, and were thus found to be in order. They were submitted within the time limit prescribed by Rule XIX GRO.
- 132. The Conference proceeded to a secret ballot on the applications from the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Montenegro and the Faroe Islands at its second plenary meeting on Saturday, 17 November 2007, in accordance with Article II-2 of the Constitution and Rule XII-9 of the General Rules of the Organization. The results were as follows:

Admission of Principality of Andorra

1.	Number of ballots deposited	137	
2.	Defective ballots	0	
3.	Abstentions	1	
4.	Number of votes cast	136	
5.	Majority required	91	
6.	Votes for	136	
7.	Votes against	0	
Admission of the Republic of Montenegro			
1.	Number of ballots deposited	137	
2.	Defective ballots	0	
3.	Abstentions	2	
4.	Number of votes cast	135	
5.	Majority required	90	
6.	Votes for	134	
7.	Votes against	1	

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³² C 2007/10; C 2007/LIM/9; C 2007/PV/2; C 2007/PV/11.

Admission of the Faroe Islands

1.	Number of ballots deposited	137
2.	Defective ballots	C
3.	Abstentions	2
4.	Number of votes cast	135
5.	Majority required	90
6.	Votes for	134
7.	Votes against	1

- 133. The Conference accordingly <u>admitted</u> the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of Montenegro to membership, and the Faroe Islands to associate membership, of the Organization.
- 134. The Conference <u>decided</u> that, according to established principles and customs, the contribution due for the last quarter of 2007 and the advance to be made to the Working Capital Fund was as follows:

Nation	Contribution Last Quarter 2007		Working Capital Fund Advance	
	EURO	US \$	EURO	US \$
Principality of Andorra	2,209.76	2,206.64		2,000.00
Republic of Montenegro	441,95	441.33		250
Faroe Islands	1,591.02	1,588.78		

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS 33

135. The Conference then <u>elected</u> the following Member Nations as Members of the Council:

Period November 2007 to 31 December 2010

REGION (SEATS)	MEMBERS
Africa (5)	1. Kenya
	2. Morocco
	3. Niger
	4. Republic of Congo
	5. Senegal
Asia (0)	
Europe (3)	1. Belgium
	2. Russian Federation
	3. Turkey
Latin America and the Caribbean (5)	1. Bolivia
	2. Brazil
	3. Cuba
	4. Mexico
	5. Trinidad and Tobago
Near East (2)	1.Kuwait
	2. Sudan
North America (2)	1. Canada
	2. United States of America
South West Pacific (0)	

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 $^{^{33}}$ C 2007/11; C 2005/PV11; C 2007/PV/11.

Period 1 January 2009 to November 2011

REGION (SEATS)	MEMBERS	
Africa (4)	1. Ghana	
	2. Mauritania	
	3. United Republic of Tanzania	
	4. Zimbabwe	
Asia (3)	1. India	
	2. Indonesia	
	3. Pakistan	
Europe (4)	1. France	
	2. Italy	
	3. Norway	
	4. United Kingdom	
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	1. El Salvador	
Near East (3)	1. Afghanistan	
	2. Egypt	
	3. Saudi Arabia	
North America (0)		
South West Pacific (1)	1. Australia	

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council 34

- 136. The Conference had before it one nomination for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council.
- 137. The Conference, after a secret ballot, <u>appointed</u> Mohammad Saeid Noori-Naeini (Iran, Islamic Republic of) to the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council and <u>adopted</u> the following Resolution:

³⁴ C 2007/9; C 2007/LIM/22; C 2007/PV/11; C 2007/PV/11.

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RESOLUTION 11/2007

Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

THE CONFERENCE,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization:

- 1. **Declares** that Mohammad Saeid NOORI NAEINI is appointed Independent Chairperson of the Council for a period of two years, that is, until the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 2009;
- 2. **Decides** that the conditions of appointment, including the allowances attached to the office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council, shall be as follows:
 - a) An annual allowance of the equivalent of US\$ 22 000 to cover the representation expenses and secretarial assistance in the Chairperson's home station, on the understanding that the Director-General will provide secretarial assistance when the Chairperson attends sessions of the Conference, Council, Programme Committee or Finance Committee; one-half of the allowance shall be payable in US dollars, the balance being payable, in whole or in part, in the currency of the home station of the Chairperson, or in Euros, according to his desires;
 - b) a per diem allowance at a rate equivalent to that for the Deputy Director-General, while the Chairperson is absent from his home station on Council business;
 - c) Travel expenses, including the above per diem allowance, shall be defrayed by the Organization, in conformity with its regulations and existing practice, when the Chairperson attends sessions of the Council, of the Programme and Finance Committees, of the Conference, or when he is invited by the Council or by the Director-General to travel for other purposes.
- 3. **Decides**, mindful of the fact that the amount of the annual allowance of the Independent Chairperson of the Council had not been adjusted since 1993, that in the future the amount of the annual allowance be determined on the basis of a study by the Finance Committee.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee 35

138. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Conference <u>appointed</u> four members and three alternate members to the Staff Pension Committee as follows and for the periods specified below:

For the period 1 January 2008 - 31 December 2008

Member Mr Mario Gustavo Mottin

Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO

Alternate Mr Ibrahim Abu Atila

Alternate Permanent Representative of Jordan to FAO

³⁵ C 2007/6; C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

For the period 1 January 2008 - 31 December 2009

Member Mr Kiala Kia Mateva

Alternate Permanent Representative of Angola to FAO

For the period 1 January 2008 - 31 December 2010

Member Mr Leslie deGraffenried

Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO

Alternate Ms Natalie Feistritzer

Permanent Representative of Austria to FAO

For the period 1 January 2009 - 31 December 2011

Member Mr Ibrahim Abu Atila

Alternate Permanent Representative of Jordan to FAO

Alternate Mr Mario Gustavo Mottin

Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO

OTHER MATTERS

DATE AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH CONFERENCE SESSION 36

139. The Conference <u>decided</u> that a special Session of Conference should be held in Rome from 17 to 22 November 2008.

REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES (INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND, 3-7 SEPTEMBER 2007) AND OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (ROME, 11-15 JUNE 2007) 37

- 140. The Conference considered the reports of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Interlaken, Switzerland, 3-7 September 2007), and of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 11-15 June 2007).
- 141. The Conference expressed its gratitude to the Swiss Government for having hosted the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and to the many countries which had generously supported the process, both in cash and in kind.
- 142. The Conference <u>welcomed</u> the outcomes of the Interlaken Conference, the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* and the *Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* as milestones in international efforts to promote the sustainable use, development and conservation of animal genetic resources.
- 143. The Conference <u>also welcomed</u> the Multi-year Programme of Work, adopted by the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. It noted that the Commission would oversee, assess and report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources.
- 144. The Conference acknowledged the need for new and additional resources for the successful implementation of the Global Plan of Action. It noted that, while the primary responsibility for its implementation rested with national governments, developing countries lacked adequate resources. It <u>agreed</u> that financial support, capacity-building and technology transfer were necessary to successfully implement the Global Plan of Action in developing countries. It <u>requested</u> the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to develop a Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. It also noted the important role of FAO and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to support country-driven efforts.
- 145. The Conference noted that the Global Plan of Action would facilitate the sustainable utilization and exchange of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture in accordance with relevant international obligations and national laws.
- 146. The Conference recognized the important role of small-scale livestock keepers, particularly in developing countries, as custodians of most of the world's animal genetic resources for food and agriculture in the use, development and conservation of livestock resources. It requested the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to address this issue in its report to the 2009 session of the FAO Conference.

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³⁶ C 2007/PV/9; C 2007/PV/11.

³⁷ C 2007/INF/23; C 2007/LIM/11; C 2007/LIM/13; C 2007/I/PV/1; C 2007/I/PV/3; C 2007/PV/11.

147. The Conference <u>adopted</u> the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 12/2007

International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Interlaken, Switzerland, 3-7 September 2007) and 11th Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 11-15 June 2007)

THE CONFERENCE,

Welcoming the successful outcome of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which adopted the Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources and the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources;

Welcoming the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture as the first comprehensive worldwide assessment of the state of animal genetic resources; and

Reiterating the essential roles and values of genetic resources for food and agriculture, including animal genetic resources, in particular their contribution to food security for present and future generations, and the threats to food security and sustainable livelihoods posed by the loss and erosion of these resources:

- Endorses the report of the Interlaken Conference, the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources and the Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources, as a major contribution of FAO to the overall international framework on agricultural biodiversity;
- 2. Endorses the Multi-year Programme of Work, adopted by the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and requests the Commission to oversee and assess the implementation of the Global Plan of Action, and to report back at the 2009 session of the FAO Conference on steps taken as a follow up to the Interlaken Conference;
- 3. Stresses the importance of implementing the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, in order to achieve global food security and sustainable rural development, and in particular to achieve Millennium Development Goals 1 and 7;
- 4. Calls for prompt action to conserve animal breeds at risk, due to the alarming rate of erosion in animal genetic resources;
- 5. Appeals to all FAO Members and to relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies to ensure due priority and attention to the effective allocation of predictable and agreed resources for the implementation of activities within the Strategic Priority Areas of the Global Plan of Action; and
- 6. Warmly thanks the Government of Switzerland for having hosted the International Technical Conference, and the countries that contributed towards this, including in order to make possible the participation of developing countries.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION'S CASH SHORTAGE SITUATION 38

148. The Conference noted that the Finance Committee in May 2006, September 2006 and May 2007 had reviewed the impact on the Organization's liquidity situation of Members' outstanding contributions and had proposed to the Council some measures to encourage timely payment of contributions. The Conference noted that the Hundred and Thirty-third Session of the Council had discussed two draft resolutions on Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation, and that the Council had recommended that discussions should continue during the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference with a view to reaching agreement on the issue. As a result of negotiations during this Session, two draft resolutions were submitted to the Conference under Item 25, *Any Other Matters*. Having considered all aspects, the Conference adopted the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 13/2007

Measures to Encourage Timely Payment of Contributions

THE CONFERENCE

Noting that the Regular Programme liquidity situation of the Organization is critical and can only be improved through timely payment of assessed contributions by all Member Nations;

Recognizing that a comprehensive package of measures is required in order to encourage the payment in full and on time by all Member Nations of their assessed contributions;

Recalling that accumulation of non-payment could impact upon Member Nations' voting rights and seats in the Council, while the Conference may, nevertheless, permit such Member Nations to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member Nations concerned;

- 1. **Urges**_all Member Nations to make all necessary efforts to pay promptly all their assessed contributions to the Organization both for the ongoing year and the past years if applicable, or to submit an instalment plan to accommodate their payment in the latter case where appropriate;
- 2. **Requests** the Council to submit to its consideration at its next Regular Session a comprehensive package of incentive and other measures aimed at ensuring payment in full and on time by all Member Nations of their assessed contributions;
- 3. **Decides** to keep the matter under review.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

RESOLUTION 14/2007

Measures to Encourage Timely Payment of Contributions – Acceptance of Non-Freely Convertible Currencies under Certain Conditions

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that the Regular Programme liquidity situation of the Organization is critical and can only be improved through timely payment of assessed contributions by the Member Nations;

Recognizing that additional measures are required in order to encourage timely payment from Member Nations of assessed contributions;

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³⁸ C 2007/LIM/7; C 2007/PV/II; C 2007/PV/11.

1. **Decides**, in order to facilitate the payment of contributions by those Member Nations with limited availability of convertible currency, to approve a derogation from Financial Regulation 5.6 to allow the Director-General to accept contributions in non-freely convertible local currencies under the following conditions:

- the Organization requires to have activities in the country for which the currency can be spent;
- the currency is usable without further negotiation within the exchange regulations of the country;
- local currency contributions can only be accepted in such amounts as can be utilized during a short period of time, with a view to ensuring that the currency is received and spent at the same UN operational exchange rate;
- credit shall be granted against assessed contributions at the UN operational rates of exchange in force on the date the local currency is received in a bank account of the Organization;
- where the UN operational rate of exchange differs significantly from the market exchange, the rate of exchange to be applied for the purpose of crediting the contribution of the Member Nation is the rate that FAO will have obtained for the conversion into euro/dollars at the date on which the local currency is credited to the bank account of the Organization;
- local currency amounts will not be accepted for those countries whose currency is subject to persistent devaluation. If at any time during the period of utilization of the local currency funds, there shall occur a reduction in the exchange value or a significant devaluation of the local currency with respect to the euro/dollar, the Member Nation will be required upon notification to make an adjusting payment to cover the exchange loss pertaining to the unspent balance of that contribution;
- payments of arrears shall not be accepted in non-freely convertible currencies.
- 2. **Decides** that a Member Nation, whose currency is not freely convertible, wishing to avail itself of this payment method, shall submit a request to the Director-General and obtain approval prior to effecting any transfer of funds to the Organization. The Director-General shall decide on such a request based on whether it is in the best interests of the Organization and involves no risk of financial loss.

(Adopted on 24 November 2007)

EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION IN THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF STRUCTURE 39

- 149. The Conference <u>commended</u> the efforts being made by the Organization to redress geographical and gender imbalances in the professional staff structure.
- 150. The Conference <u>requested</u> the Director-General to pursue actively such efforts in accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 3 of the Constitution, Resolution 1/99 "Correction of Geographical and Gender Imbalances in the Professional Staff Structure" and Resolution 15/2003 "Methodology for Equitable Geographic Distribution".

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³⁹ C 2007/PV/11; C 2007/PV/11.

APPENDIX A

AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF THE STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- 1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
- 2. Appointment of General Committee and Credentials Committee
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
- 4. Admission of Observers
- 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture

SUBSTANTIVE AND POLICY MATTERS IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- 6. Progress Report on Implementation of the FAO Gender and Development Plan of Action
- 7. Interim Report on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System
- 8. United Nations/FAO World Food Programme
- 9. International Year of the Potato 2008
- 10. International Year of Natural Fibres 2009

PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

- 11. Programme Implementation Report 2004-2005
- 12. Programme Evaluation Report 2007
- 13. Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009 (Draft Resolution)
- 14. Independent External Evaluation of FAO

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LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Constitutional and Legal Matters

 Adoption of Russian as a Language of the Organization (Amendment of Article XXII of the Constitution and Rule XLVII of the General Rules of the Organization) (Draft Resolutions)

- 16. Other Constitutional and Legal Matters
 - 16.1 Streamlining of Membership Rules of the Open Committees of the FAO Council (Amendments to the General Rules of the Organization) (Draft Resolution)
 - 16.2 Amendments to the General Regulations of WFP

B. Administrative and Financial Matters

- 17. Audited Accounts 2004-2005 (Draft Resolution)
- 18. Scale of Contributions 2008-2009 (Draft Resolution)
- 19. Payment by the European Community to Cover Administrative and other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization
- 20. Other Administrative and Financial Matters

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

- 21. Applications for Membership in the Organization
- 22. Election of Council Members
- 23. Appointments
 - 23.1 Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council
 - 23.2 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

OTHER MATTERS

- 24. Date and Place of the Thirty-fifth Conference Session
- 25. Any Other Matters
 - 25.1 McDougall Memorial Lecture
 - 25.2 Presentation of B.R. Sen Awards
 - 25.3 Presentation of A.H. Boerma Award
 - 25.4 Presentation of Edouard Saouma Award

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- 25.6 In Memoriam
- 25.7 Reports of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Interlaken, Switzerland, 3-7 September 2007) and of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 11-15 June 2007)
- 25.8 Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation
- 25.9 Equitable Geographical and Gender Distribution in the Professional Staff Structure

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REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON THE ROLE OF AQUACULTURE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2007

The High-Level Event on The Role of Aquaculture in Sustainable Development was held on 19 November 2007. Sixty-nine FAO Member delegations, of which twenty-three headed by Ministers, attended the Special Event.

The Director-General delivered a welcoming address. He expressed the importance of the aquaculture sector and future challenges in ensuring its sustainability.

His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, could not attend the meeting in person. A video containing his keynote address was shown. While recognizing the importance of the sector, and thanking FAO for bringing the subject of aquaculture to a high level of discussion, the President made several recommendations and remarks towards making aquaculture a high priority sector for global social and economic development, as well as within the mandate of FAO.

The meeting was co-chaired by Her Excellency Helga Pedersen, Minister for Fisheries and Coastal Affairs of Norway, and by His Excellency Amin Ahmed Mohamed Othman Abbaza, Minister for Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt.

Mr Ichiro Nomura, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, introduced the subject by presenting the salient points of Conference Document C 2007/INF/16 – The Role of Aquaculture in Sustainable Development.

The meeting was opened for discussion and 12 Ministers and 14 delegates made interventions.

Members thanked FAO for recognizing aquaculture as an important activity and for organizing the special event on aquaculture. All interventions emphasized the importance of the sector and explained how national aquaculture policies and plans had been developed and implemented in support of its development.

Although negative environmental impacts of aquaculture had been significantly reduced through continued stakeholder participation, the meeting considered continued sustainable aquaculture production with minimal negative social and environmental impact to be imperatively important.

The meeting recognized that small-scale aquaculture farmers were facing difficulties in producing for export due to stringent trading requirements. Empowering small-scale farmers to become competitive in global trade was therefore important and urgent, and perhaps was a significant corporate social responsibility.

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The importance of aquaculture as a strong food producing sector, while contribution from capture fisheries was becoming limited, was duly recognized. Better management of the sector was essential to ensure maximizing its contribution to social well-being, national economies and international trade.

In the light of rapid growth of aquaculture in comparison with other food-producing sectors, the importance and necessity for creating a sound enabling policy, regulatory, institutional, and economic environment, including strong private sector investments, to ensure sustainability was stressed.

The meeting recognized that the commitment of governments to provide appropriate support to aquaculture growth was essential. Such commitment should be expressed in the form of clear articulation of policies, plans, regulatory frameworks and strategies, availability of adequate funding for their implementation, and incentives for investment.

It was stressed that there was a clear need for a concerted effort towards promoting aquaculture development in Africa, as a part of the overall regional development programme. FAO's Special Programme for Aquaculture Development in Africa (SPADA) was highlighted as a platform for collaboration.

The meeting recognized that the institutional and regional cooperation was important for technology transfer, sharing experiences, improving production and dealing with transboundary issues. It was also recognized that research, training, capacity-building and extension were key areas for sustainable development of aquaculture.

The meeting recommended that the issue of climate change and its potential effects on aquaculture should be further studied and researched in order to enable necessary adaptations based on gained knowledge, and made a strong call for increased allocation of FAO resources to be made available to aquaculture. Strengthened assistance to Members by FAO, as well as its normative work, were recognized as necessary in order to realize the full potential of aquaculture.

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REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON FORESTS AND ENERGY

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007

The High-Level Special Event on Forests and Energy took place on 20 November 2007. It was addressed by His Excellency Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde, who delivered a keynote speech after the opening by the Director-General. The session was chaired by His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister for Forestry of the Republic of Congo, and by His Excellency Martins Roze, Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia.

Two hundred and seventy five participants from approximately 90 FAO Member Nations attended the Event. The principal key issues were addressed by the 24 delegations, some headed by Ministers, that requested the floor. The Event recognized that:

- 1. bioenergy had become a global strategic issue which increasingly affects economic, social and environmental conditions and had a potential to mitigate climate change;
- 2. wood was the most important bio-fuel and an economically-and environmentally-efficient substitute for fossil fuels;
- 3. there was, particularly in developing countries, a lack of information on wood used for fuel, which hampers countries' decision-making on the sustainable use of this resource, and thus hinders an opportunity to mitigate climate change and strengthen their energy mix;
- 4. with growing population and increasing land allocation for the use of energy, trade-offs between forest, energy and agricultural use of land was to be carefully examined.
 - To cope with the current and future challenges, there was a need to:
- 1. assist FAO Members to develop and integrate bioenergy strategies in their national forest programmes and plans, through capacity-building;
- 2. enhance capacities of FAO Members for the use of alternative renewable energy sources, including hydropower, solar energy and biogas;
- 3. increase the energy efficiency of wood combustion at household and industrial levels;
- 4. make better use of post-consumer wood;
- 5. consider the value of wood for other end-uses before using it for energy generation;
- 6. build wood energy strategies based on sustainable forest management concepts;
- 7. address bioenergy as a cross-sectoral issue and integrate energy in the forest, agriculture and other land use policies;
- 8. coordinate bioenergy strategies with poverty eradication and poverty reduction policies;
- 9. effectively disseminate research and development findings, technologies and know-how for the efficient and healthy energy use;
- 10. avoid market distortions when promoting bioenergy;
- 11. design systems of continuous check-ups and balances for production of bio-fuels to avoid negative impacts on the environment and well-being of the local communities;

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12. carefully consider food security and negative effects on the other sectors when designing and implementing incentives for the bio-fuel production.

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APPENDIX F

REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON FINANCING OF AGRICULTURE

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007

The High-Level Special Event on The Financing of Agriculture was held on 20 November 2007. Over 200 delegates attended the Event, including Ministers. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Einar Kristinn Guofinnsson, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of Iceland. Representatives of 13 delegations made interventions.

The Director-General delivered a welcoming address. He pointed out the lamentable decline in financing for agriculture over the last decade even though overall Official Development Assistance had increased substantially, and recalled that insufficient investment in agriculture was one of the main constraints to increasing agricultural production. The Director-General presented figures showing the decline in allocations to agriculture by the main international financing institutions, and drew attention to the fact that although Foreign Direct Investment to developing countries had increased enormously over the last 20 years, agriculture's share of these investments was less than 1 percent. He also highlighted that farmers themselves were the largest investors in the sector, with US\$18.6 billion invested in 2003.

Mr Tesfai Tecle, Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department, introduced the subject and the first keynote speaker.

His Excellency Rupiah Banda, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia, delivered the first keynote address in the name of the President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Patrick Levy Mwanawasa. The Vice-President outlined the constraints to financing agriculture in Zambia, in particular the difficulties of local financing institutions, and also listed some of his Government's priorities for the sector, including support for fertilizer and crop marketing. He stated that Zambia had increased its allocation of the national budget to agriculture to 8.5 percent and aimed to meet the 10 percent target set by the Maputo Declaration. He stressed the importance of investment in agriculture in Africa, because this sector provided the livelihoods for the majority of the population. The Vice-President also referred to the importance of private sector initiatives and opportunities for public-private partnerships in the agriculture sector.

Mr Jerzy Bogdan Plewa, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, delivered the second keynote speech. The Deputy Director-General reviewed the different financing channels used by the European Union, and highlighted the fact that agriculture would receive greater attention under the 10th European Development Fund, with some €3 billion for the sector, focusing on Africa. He also stated that improving aid effectiveness and donor coordination through mechanisms such as the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development was at the forefront of the European Union's political agenda.

The third keynote address was given by Mr Akinwumi Adesina, Vice-President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). Referring to the recent release of the World Bank's World Development Report 2008 which focuses on agriculture, he called for innovative financing mechanisms to be found, especially for Africa. In this context, he gave examples of the impact that smart subsidies could have on agricultural production. Mr Adesina outlined how

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AGRA, chaired by Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, with support from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, aimed to catalyze a green revolution in the continent. He also pointed to the renewed political commitment to revitalizing agriculture in the continent reflected in the Maputo Declaration and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

Members thanked FAO for recognizing the importance of financing of agriculture and for organizing the Event. The interventions emphasised the importance of the agriculture sector and the urgent need to secure increased funding from both domestic and external sources. The importance of investing in agriculture to achieve the Millennium Development Goal number 1 was stressed.

Several delegates raised the issue of the use of subsidies in order to boost agricultural production, and pointed to the positive impact that subsidies could have. Reference was made to the high level of subsidies that benefit the agriculture sector in many developed countries. The meeting recognized the important role of ministers of finance in allocating resources for public investment in the sector. The utilization of savings from debt relief measures had been allocated predominantly to the social sectors rather than to agriculture.

Several delegates were keen to explore the ways in which resources under AGRA could be accessed and appealed for support. The need to be conscious of the environmental impacts of rapid intensification was also raised.

Reference was also made to the importance of ensuring that the cost of financing to farmers themselves was reduced, and to enhance accessibility and reliability of loans.

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APPENDIX G

REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2007

The High Level Special Event on Food Quality and Safety was held on 21 November 2007. Delegations from 57 countries, including five Ministers and three INGOs, attended the Event.

In his introductory statement, the Director-General highlighted the changing nature of food production and consumption, the increased public awareness of food safety and quality issues, and the need for countries to continuously improve their food control systems. He referred to FAO's work in food safety and quality through the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, the work of the expert bodies and consultations that provide independent scientific advice, and the technical assistance and capacity-building activities in support of developing countries efforts in this field.

In his keynote address, His Excellency Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of Equatorial Guinea, emphasized the importance of food safety for developing countries and the need to address the issues of low availability of food, along with food safety and quality, in a comprehensive manner. He highlighted the impact of climate change on food production, as well as the effects of increasing levels of urbanization on food distribution and consumption patterns. He called upon industrialized countries to increase their assistance to developing countries to improved food production and processing techniques and other technical support.

The Event was chaired by His Excellency Ahmed El-Hawshabi, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of Yemen, who highlighted the initiatives taken by his country to strengthen food safety, including capacity-building efforts, increased information access, training, and inclusion of consumers in the food safety decision-making process. The need for developing countries to improve food safety to gain access to food export markets, and thus increase national income levels was highlighted.

Mr. Stuart Slorach, former Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, outlined some of the emerging food safety challenges facing FAO Member Nations, including the changing food safety environment, "new" chemical hazards, nanotechnology, and antimicrobial resistance. The need to strengthen international cooperation in assessing emerging food safety risks, as well as between Codex and OIE and IPPC, was emphasized. He also underlined the need to provide more support to developing countries to accelerate development of their food safety systems for mutual benefit.

The background document entitled "Bridging the gap between food safety policies and implementation" was presented by Mr José M. Sumpsi, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, who noted the growing global focus on food safety. He also emphasized that improving food safety was a key policy objective, but that translating such policy into practice was a major challenge. Examples of recent trends that exacerbate the challenges faced, and experiences in food safety implementation in various countries and subsectors were given. Key implementation gaps and recommendations to bridging these gaps were presented.

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Delegates commended the document prepared by the Secretariat and thanked FAO for the opportunity to discuss this topic, as well as for FAO's ongoing work in food safety capacity-building and standard-setting. One delegate noted that many Codex Members were facing difficulties to participate in all Codex meetings, and stressed the need to enhance the participation of all Codex Members, especially from developing countries. He further proposed that improvements be made to the geographical distribution of Codex Committees to address this problem. Several delegations emphasized the need for continued capacity-building in food safety and quality, as well as strengthening the Codex Trust Fund to facilitate increased active participation of developing countries in the entire standard-setting process. The need for FAO and WHO to continue to carry out food safety risk assessments at an international level was also underlined, as developing countries often do not have the resources to conduct these on their own. The importance of experts from developing countries participating in such risk assessments, and especially the importance of developing countries supplying data for such panels, was underlined, so that these assessments reflect the conditions in developing countries.

Several delegations noted the ongoing activities in their country to improve food safety and quality, particularly those involving FAO. Several other countries made specific requests for FAO assistance in institutional building, as well as in capacity strengthening in this field. The need to strengthen capacity in food safety at a regional/subregional level was also emphasized.

Some delegates referred to the growing importance and number of private standards in food trade. It was noted that many food importers enforce much stricter standards than the internationally-agreed Codex standards, making it difficult for producers from developing countries to access these markets. The continuing need for increased collaboration between FAO, WHO, OIE, ILO and UNIDO in standards related to food trade was also noted.

The meeting was informed of Codex work in the area of foods derived from modern biotechnology, including the adopted guidelines on the conduct of safety assessment of such foods in 2003, and that FAO is currently establishing a database to provide access to information on such safety assessments conducted at the national level.

The meeting was also informed that all recommendations of the 2002 Joint Evaluation of Codex and FAO/WHO Food Standard Work had mostly been implemented, and that the review of Codex committee structure was currently under way.

The FAO Secretariat noted the increasing number of requests for FAO technical assistance and the need also for FAO to elevate such assistance. The rising importance of the food safety and quality programme within FAO was also emphasized. The Secretariat noted that countries could request technical assistance from FAO through the Technical Cooperation Programme or by directly seeking support from donor agencies within their countries. It was noted that such projects could be prepared and conducted with the technical advice of FAO through various other funding agencies, such as the Standards and Trade Development Facility. The importance of involving the private sector in improving food safety and quality was underlined.

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APPENDIX H

REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL EVENT ON AID FOR TRADE AND FOOD SECURITY

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2007

The High-Level Special Event on Aid for Trade and Food Security took place on 1 November 2007. It was addressed by His Excellency Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of Malawi, who delivered a keynote speech after the opening by the Director-General. The session was co-chaired by His Excellency Ernest Akobour Debrah, Minister for Food and Agriculture of Ghana, and His Excellency Robert Montgomery Persaud, Minister for Agriculture of Guyana.

The Event was attended by many participants, representing several FAO Member Nations. Eight delegations, including seven Ministers, made interventions.

The Event recognized the following:

This was an important symposium to hold as the Aid for Trade was a new initiative that required careful deliberations and planning in order to move the process forward. The Event was also very timely in view of the first global review of the Aid for Trade initiative that had been taking place in Geneva during the same week.

Trade liberalization led to potential gains in income and welfare. Empirical analyses had estimated that potential total global gains from complete trade liberalization were in the order of US\$100 to US\$300 billion annually, of which 64 percent arising from agricultural trade liberalization. About 30 percent of these gains would accrue to developing countries.

Many developing countries, and the Least Developed Countries in particular, were not in a position to realize those gains because of lack of supply side capacity and other binding constraints – hence Aid for Trade was critical.

For a vast majority of the developing countries, agriculture and rural sectors were keys to economic growth and reduction of hunger, and therefore agriculture had to be a core component of the Aid for Trade initiative.

In view of the importance of trade in agriculture products, FAO had a substantive role to play towards implementing the initiative. The following five areas required priority attention by FAO under the initiative for the agricultural sector: technology transfer and utilization; policies for rural infrastructures development; water control strategies; technical standards of products; and trade negotiations and trade policy analysis.

The key challenge ahead is delivering this promise, namely implementing the programme, which had to be done without delay, and in a socially responsible manner, also taking account of gender implications.

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APPENDIX I

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2008-2009 (2006-2007 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

	Proposed Scale	Scale
Member Nations	2008-9 1	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Afghanistan	0.001	0.002
Albania	0.006	0.005
Algeria	0.086	0.078
Andorra	0.008	
Angola	0.003	0.001
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003
Argentina	0.327	0.975
Armenia	0.002	0.002
Australia	1.796	1.624
Austria	0.891	0.876
Azerbaijan	0.005	0.005
Bahamas	0.016	0.013
Bahrain	0.033	0.031
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.009	0.010
Belarus	0.020	0.018
Belgium	1.108	1.090
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.001	0.002
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia	0.006	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.006	0.003
Botswana	0.014	0.012
Brazil	0.880	1.554
Bulgaria	0.020	0.017
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.002

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 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2007-2009 as $\,$ adopted by General Assembly Resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006.

 $^{^2}$ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2004-2006 as $\,$ adopted by General Assembly Resolution 58/1B of 23 December 2003.

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	Proposed Scale	Scale
Member Nations	2008-9 ¹	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.001	0.002
Cameroon	0.009	0.008
Canada	2.992	2.869
Cape Verde	0.001	0.001
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.001	0.001
Chile	0.162	0.228
China	2.680	2.094
Colombia	0.106	0.158
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.001	0.001
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.032	0.031
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009	0.010
Croatia	0.050	0.038
Cuba	0.054	0.044
Cyprus	0.044	0.040
Czech Republic	0.282	0.187
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.007	0.010
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	0.003	0.003
Denmark	0.743	0.732
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.024	0.036
Ecuador	0.021	0.019
Egypt	0.089	0.122
El Salvador	0.020	0.023
Equatorial Guinea	0.002	0.002
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.016	0.012
Ethiopia	0.003	0.004
Fiji	0.003	0.004
Finland	0.567	0.544
France	6.332	6.151
Gabon	0.008	0.009
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.003	0.003

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	Proposed Scale	Scale
Member Nations	2008-9 1	2006-7 ²
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Germany	8.619	8.835
Ghana	0.004	0.004
Greece	0.599	0.541
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.032	0.031
Guinea	0.001	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.002	0.003
Honduras	0.005	0.005
Hungary	0.245	0.129
Iceland	0.037	0.035
India	0.452	0.430
Indonesia	0.162	0.145
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.181	0.160
Iraq	0.015	0.016
Ireland	0.447	0.357
Israel	0.421	0.476
Italy	5.104	4.983
Jamaica	0.010	0.008
Japan	16.706	19.858
Jordan	0.012	0.011
Kazakhstan	0.029	0.026
Kenya	0.010	0.009
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Korea, Republic of	2.184	1.832
Kuwait	0.183	0.165
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.001
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.001	0.001
Latvia	0.018	0.015
Lebanon	0.034	0.025
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.062	0.135
Lithuania	0.031	0.025
Luxembourg	0.086	0.079
Madagascar	0.002	0.003
Malawi	0.001	0.001

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	Proposed Scale	Scale
Member Nations	2008-9 1	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Russian Federation	1.206	
Rwanda	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.002
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.752	0.727
Senegal	0.004	0.005
Serbia	0.021	0.019
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Slovakia	0.063	0.052
Slovenia	0.097	0.084
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.292	0.298
Spain	2.983	2.571
Sri Lanka	0.016	0.017
St Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
St Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Sudan	0.010	0.008
Suriname	0.001	0.001
Swaziland	0.002	0.002
Sweden	1.076	1.018
Switzerland	1.222	1.221
Syrian Arab Republic	0.016	0.039
Tajikistan	0.001	0.001
Tanzania, United Republic of	0.006	0.006
Thailand	0.187	0.213
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.005	0.006
Timor-Leste	0.001	0.001
Togo	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.027	0.023
Tunisia	0.031	0.033
Turkey	0.383	0.380
Turkmenistan	0.006	0.005
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001

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	Proposed Scale	Scale
Member Nations	2008-9 1	2006-7 ²
	%	%
Jganda	0.003	0.006
kraine	0.045	0.040
nited Arab Emirates	0.304	0.240
nited Kingdom	6.675	6.250
nited States of America	22.000	22.000
ruguay	0.027	0.049
zbekistan	0.008	0.014
nuatu	0.001	0.001
nezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0.201	0.174
et Nam	0.024	0.021
men	0.007	0.006
mbia	0.001	0.002
mbabwe	0.008	0.007
	100.000	100.000

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¹ Austria to stand down on 31 December 2007 and Italy to stand for the remaining period of office.
² Seat previously occupied by Algeria. Sudan to stand down on 31 December 2007 and Algeria to stand for the remaining period of office.

³ Switzerland to stand down on 31 December 2007 and Finland to stand for the remaining period of office.

⁴ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2000-2002), List B (2003-2005), List A (2006-2008) and List C (2009-2011).

⁵ New Zealand to stand down on 31 December 2007. Belgium to stand for the remaining period of office.

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