

Draft Reply to Comments by Members¹ on Agenda item 14, Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Committee

1. With regard the delay in the document availability, the Secretariat would like to express sincere apology. The reasons of delay are mostly internal processes in the Organization. The Secretary of COFI would like to propose the same indicator on this matter, namely “All COFI document including SOFIA are made available in all FAO languages at least four weeks before the session commences” in the Draft MYPOW 2020-2023 and continue making utmost efforts to fulfil this indicator.
2. The Secretariat agrees on the utilization of MYPOW to streamlining agendas for COFI and its sub-committees and would like to follow the further guidance by the new Bureau of COFI 35.
3. The Secretariat agrees to avoid duplication of work with other Governing Bodies and further strengthen coordination with the Secretariats of them under the sensible guidance by the Bureaus of those bodies.
4. The Secretariat agrees to monitoring the implementation of MYPOW 2020-2023 inter-sessionally and report the progress to the Bureau.
5. With regard to the proposal to add “and the development of a third subcommittee” at the end of Paragraph 20 (c) of the draft MYPOW 2020-2023 by the United States of America, the Secretariat has no objection, but wish to follow the discussion under Agenda item 12 as well as other Members’ consent.

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