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Rome, 3-7 December 2018

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(as from 1 July 2018)

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<sup>7</sup> Malaysia to replace Thailand from 1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020

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## Introductory Items<sup>1</sup>

1. The 160<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council was held in Rome from 3 to 7 December 2018 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of Council.

### Statement by the Director-General<sup>2</sup>

2. The Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, delivered a statement to Council.

### Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable<sup>3</sup>

3. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, as amended. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

### Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee<sup>4</sup>

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Thanawat Tiensin (Thailand), Mr Thomas Duffy (United States of America) and Mr Elías Rafael Eljuri Abraham (Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of).

5. The Council elected Mr Vlad Mustaciosu (Romania)<sup>5</sup> as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, Japan, Russian Federation, Sudan, and Zambia.

## Reports of the Technical Committees

### Report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (1-5 October 2018)<sup>6</sup>

6. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), in particular:
- a) the main priorities identified for FAO's work in food and agriculture to be taken into account in the review of the Medium Term Plan 2018-21, including FAO's involvement in interdisciplinary activities and multi-stakeholder partnerships;
  - b) the promotion by FAO of sustainable food systems, livestock production, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), the revitalization of rural areas for youth, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) monitoring, water scarcity, agroecology, biodiversity, sustainable soil management and climate change, as well as gender mainstreaming, innovation including biotechnology and investments for sustainable agriculture development;
  - c) emphasized the importance of international standard setting work such as within Codex Alimentarius and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and stressed the need for sustainable funding from the regular budget for the joint FAO/WHO food safety scientific advice programme and the IPPC;
  - d) highlighted the importance of FAO's work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the need for progress reporting to be a standing item on the COAG agenda;
  - e) the Ten Elements of Agroecology to be further revised by FAO to reflect the discussions of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG and to present the revised version to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference;

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<sup>1</sup> CL 160/PV/1; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>2</sup> CL 160/PV/1; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>3</sup> CL 160/1 Rev.2; CL 160/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 160/INF/3; CL 160/PV/1; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>4</sup> CL 160/PV/1; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>5</sup> The Council endorsed Ms Delphine Borione (France) to replace Mr Vlad Mustaciosu (Romania) for part of the Drafting Committee's deliberations.

<sup>6</sup> C 2019/21 Rev.1; CL 160/PV/1; CL 160/PV/2; CL 160/PV/7

- f) the preparation by FAO, in collaboration with the COAG Bureau, of a draft resolution on the further integration of all sustainable agricultural approaches, including agroecology as one of these approaches, in the future planning activities of the Organization, to be submitted to the next Council for consideration;
- g) the need to strengthen the role of youth through education, entrepreneurship, access to markets and services, co-financing, capacity building and rural-based youth organizations and a rural youth action plan to be developed by FAO and partners, based on existing instruments, and to be submitted to the next session of COAG;
- h) the continuing focus on GIAHS;
- i) the request to the Secretariat to prepare a report on administrative and financial implications, and the terms of reference that include rationale, function, structure and implementation modalities, for the establishment of the sub-committee on livestock, to be considered by the COAG Bureau for submission to the next COAG session, and for subsequent review by the Programme and Finance Committees;
- j) the need for FAO to have an operational and comprehensive strategy with regard to eradicating and stopping the advances of Fall Armyworm in Africa and any other region;
- k) the need for FAO to emphasize its work on plant protection, including through South-South Cooperation; to strengthen collaboration with partners, and to disseminate lessons learned from countries' experiences, in particular from Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America on Fall Armyworm;
- l) encouraged Members to participate in and support the *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) Global Eradication Programme;
- m) engagement by FAO in regional and international discussions, and in national discussions as appropriate, on how to implement the "Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture" on the ground;
- n) the support to the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) as a key coordination mechanism to adapt to water scarcity in agriculture;
- o) the development by FAO of a strategy on biodiversity mainstreaming across agricultural sectors, for consideration by the Programme Committee and Council, to be presented at the FAO Conference in 2019, in view of the preparation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); and
- p) for the COAG Bureau to undertake an inclusive consultation process to prepare a revised text of the International Code of Conduct for the Use and Management of Fertilizers to be presented to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference taking into account the regional proposals, including the African proposal.

### **Report of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (26-28 September 2018)<sup>7</sup>**

7. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)<sup>8</sup>. In particular:

<sup>7</sup> C 2019/22; CL 160/PV/2; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>8</sup> The delegation of the United States of America made the following declaration: "The United States endorses the Committee on Commodities Problems report, while taking note of the discussions on the State of Agricultural Commodities Market report. The United States supports the role of the FAO in supporting Members in their efforts to achieve their food security and nutrition efforts, working towards a goal of food security for all. The United States further recognizes the role that agricultural trade, and climate change efforts, can play in supporting food security. However, the United States disagrees with the characterization of trade in paragraphs 21 and 30 and will continue to promote open, transparent, and predictable international trading systems. Similarly, the United States takes note of paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Committee on Commodities Problems report, and stresses these paragraphs contain recommendations that fall outside the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization. The United States underscores the respective mandates and roles of the Food and Agriculture Organization in working to achieve food security for all, the World Trade Organization as the primary institution dealing with global trade, and the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change as the primary international forum for considering international climate change issues. The United States believes the work of these institutions is more effective, and efficient, when their respective competences are respected."



- a) underlined the importance of strengthening FAO's commodity market monitoring, assessment and outlook work and the reports produced for improved market transparency and informed policy decisions, and supporting Members to achieve target 2.c of Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2) to "Adopt measures to ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets and their derivatives and facilitate timely access to market information, including on food reserves, in order to help limit extreme food price volatility";
- b) welcomed the commodity medium-term projections produced jointly by FAO and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and stressed their importance, usefulness and relevance to inform policy decisions;
- c) highlighted the importance of liaising with national and regional institutions and recommended South-South and triangular cooperation to promote the uptake and use of these projections as well as the inclusion of other commodities that are important for food security;
- d) welcomed FAO's support to Members in agricultural trade agreements and stressed the importance of continuing this work;
- e) underlined FAO's role to enhance and support policy dialogue at global, regional and national levels regarding trade and climate change, including the Paris Agreement and the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements, and to strengthen the mutually supportive role of these multilateral accords considering their respective mandates;
- f) urged FAO to continue strengthening its capacity development activities to help countries overcome the growing challenges in addressing the impact of climate change;
- g) stressed the need to undertake further analysis on the implications of trade and related policies for achieving food security and nutrition objectives;
- h) took note of the proposal to convene an Intergovernmental Group (IGG) meeting on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats in 2019 and to formulate voluntary guidelines on vegetable oils in support of the achievement of relevant SDGs;
- i) outlined the importance of convening the Intergovernmental Group on Bananas and Tropical Fruits;
- j) endorsed the main priorities for FAO's work in the areas of commodity markets and trade for consideration in the review of the Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2018-2021; and
- k) expressed support for FAO's standard-setting activities and for strengthening this work, including ensuring sustainable funding.

### **Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 July 2018)<sup>9</sup>**

8. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI). In particular:

- a) welcomed the 2018 State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) publication and requested the Secretariat to ensure it is released in a timely manner for future sessions;
- b) welcomed the improvement in the 2018 questionnaire on the implementation of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (the Code) and noted the progress of Members on the implementation of the Code and related instruments, but also identified gaps and constraints and underscored the important role of FAO in assisting Members;
- c) endorsed the reports of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture;
- d) welcomed the increasing number of Parties to the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, and encouraged further adherence to the Agreement; welcomed the launch of the public version of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessel and Supply Vessels (Global Record); welcomed the global study on trans-shipment and called for in-depth studies to support the development of guidelines on best practices for regulating, monitoring and controlling trans-shipment; and expressed support for the work of FAO in continuing to develop the technical guidelines for the estimation of the magnitude and geographic extent of IUU fishing;

<sup>9</sup> C 2019/23; CL 160/PV/2; CL 160/PV/7

- e) welcomed progress in implementing the Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) Guidelines and requested FAO to further develop an implementation monitoring system for the SSF Guidelines, with due regard for women and indigenous people; in this regard, welcomed the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2022;
- f) noted the increasing importance of sustainable aquaculture development for food security and nutrition and its potential to meet growing demand to fill the gap in global fish supply, notably in inland areas; recognized the need to implement best practices in aquaculture and recommended that FAO develop sustainable aquaculture guidelines;
- g) acknowledged the ongoing work to establish a new legally-binding agreement for the conservation of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), noting that it should not undermine existing relevant instruments and mechanisms; and called for FAO to continue its cooperation with Regional Fishery Bodies (RFBs), including Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs);
- h) emphasized the importance of Members achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG14; requested FAO to continue to assist Members in strengthening statistical capacity and delivery of their data and information; requested FAO to review potential opportunities arising from the Blue Growth and Blue Economy initiatives; and further requested FAO to support Members in inland fisheries and in the development of best practices for the management of inland fisheries;
- i) endorsed the Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear;
- j) welcomed FAO's work on bycatch, including marine mammal bycatch;
- k) endorsed the priority areas of work for 2018-2019, especially in support of SDG14;
- l) supported the hosting by FAO of an International Symposium on Fisheries Sustainability: Strengthening the Science Policy nexus, planned for November 2019 in Rome;
- m) requested that FAO prepare and operationalize a fisheries and aquaculture biodiversity plan as part of its Biodiversity Strategy and contribution to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Post-2020 Biodiversity framework;
- n) noted the support for FAO's provision of scientific advice to the Codex Alimentarius Commission noting the need to ensure sustainable funding for this work;
- o) noted the progress report by the Republic of Korea on the pilot programme for the World Fisheries University; and
- p) requested that all COFI documents, including SOFIA, be made available in all FAO languages at least four weeks before the start of the Session.

### **Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (16-20 July 2018)<sup>10</sup>**

9. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO). In particular:

- a) welcomed the State of the World's Forests 2018 (SOFO 2018), recognized the importance of forests for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and requested FAO to assist countries in strengthening the role of forests and trees in achieving multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in accelerating progress in this regard, in accordance with national priorities, and to strengthen its role as coordinator of forest data reporting;
- b) requested FAO to promote action to halt deforestation and increase forest cover and support countries in sustainable management of all types of forests worldwide, developing policies and measures that lead to sustainable value chains for forest products, strengthening capacities in implementation innovation and in monitoring progress, including through data for the Global Core Set of Forest-related Indicators;
- c) recognized that sustainable management of urban and peri-urban forests and trees and their integration in urban planning could help achieve the SDGs, ensuring people's health and well-being and tackling climate change, and requested FAO to support international dialogue and countries' efforts in this regard;
- d) recognized that the implementation of sustainable forest management was important for mainstreaming biodiversity in forestry and requested FAO to contribute to an improved

<sup>10</sup> C 2019/24; CL 160/PV/2; CL 160/PV/7

- understanding of the implications of forest biodiversity loss for forestry, fisheries and agriculture and to develop a biodiversity strategy, which will include a plan to mainstream biodiversity in the forest sector and bring to COFO's consideration;
- e) welcomed the policy recommendations, as endorsed by the CFS, on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition and requested FAO to support countries in developing cross-sectoral policies and integrate food security and nutrition objectives into their sustainable forest management practices;
  - f) encouraged FAO and Member Nations to explore options for linking the work of the regional forestry commissions to other policy areas and to further mainstream the outcome of their meetings into the Regional Conferences;
  - g) recommended that FAO continue its work on boreal forests within its existing programmes and available resources and through existing mechanisms, and include it in the next Programme of Work and Budget;
  - h) requested FAO to:
    - i. continue to facilitate inter-sectoral dialogues to address the vulnerabilities and mitigation potential of forests, promote more holistic landscape-based approaches, and integrate forestry into national plans and action to address climate change, including with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including rural and indigenous communities who depend on the forest for their livelihood;
    - ii. assist countries to promote actions to prevent deforestation and forest degradation and implement Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) and alternative strategies, forest financing strategies and investment plans;
  - i) supported the eight thematic priority areas for FAO's work in forestry in 2018-2021 and encouraged FAO to continue strengthening its contribution to global forest goals and targets, and to integrate them explicitly into the forest-related plans and programmes;
  - j) requested FAO to continue to strengthen its leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and to initiate new activities, including *inter alia* on forest education and support to smallholders;
  - k) encouraged FAO to recognize the contribution to the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 as an important sector of work of the Organization, and to include it in the Medium Term Plan and the Programme of Work and Budget;
  - l) encouraged FAO to give high priority to its scientific and technical expertise, as well as standard setting activities throughout its work; and
  - m) underlined the need to promote an integrated approach with regard to the linkages between forestry and agriculture.

## Reports of the Committees of the Council

### Report of the Joint Meeting of the 125<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 173<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (November 2018)<sup>11</sup>

#### 10. The Council:

- a) endorsed the Adjustments in the structure under the Deputy Director-General (Programmes), (DDG-P), specifically to, within existing resources:
  - i. adjust the reporting line of the Investment Centre Division (TCI) from Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department (ADG-TC) to DDG-P;
  - ii. rename the Technical Cooperation Department (TC) as the *Programme Support and Technical Cooperation Department* (PS);
  - iii. rename the Resource Mobilization Division (TCR) as the *Business Development and Resource Mobilization Division* (PSR);
  - iv. rename the Emergency and Rehabilitation Division (TCE) as the *Emergency and Resilience Division* (PSE);

<sup>11</sup> CL 160/5 Rev.1; CL 160/16; CL 160/16 Add.1; CL 160/PV/3; CL 160/PV/7

- v. separate the Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS) into the *Partnerships Division* (PSP) and the *Office of South-South and Triangular Cooperation* (OSS), and adjust the reporting lines from DDG-P to Assistant Director-General, PS; and
  - vi. welcomed Management's commitment to better project performance management and using key performance indicators in the strategic results framework.
- b) expressed support to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (Repositioning the United Nations Development System in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system) and appreciated FAO's engagement in the joint planning for implementation of that process to start in January 2019;
  - c) authorized FAO to pay the cost share contribution of USD 4.7 million for funding the Resident Coordinator System for 2019 and supported the potential funding sources put forward by the Joint Meeting, stressing the preference to find efficiency savings;
  - d) supported the establishment of a dedicated Trust Fund for 2019 for voluntary contributions that would offset the unbudgeted amount of USD 2.55 million, should donors express interest;
  - e) appreciated the continued strong collaboration of the Rome-based Agencies; agreed on a more strategic and structural approach towards planning and reporting; and supported continued engagement in coordinated actions as the lead group of agencies within the UN Development System (UNDS) to deliver Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2) and as important contributors to the broader Agenda 2030;
  - f) recommended greater engagement with Members in the preparatory and follow-up activities of the joint annual informal meetings of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board via: (a) briefings (informal seminars) of the membership after meetings of the Senior Consultative Group, especially on the progress in the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279; and (b) involving the Membership through the ICC informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups of FAO, the Bureau of the Executive Board of WFP and Convenors and Friends of IFAD, in preparing the joint annual informal meeting of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board; and
  - g) welcomed the continued progress in implementation of the Strategies for partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations and their continued review as an integral part of the Organization's work, highlighting the importance of following a strategic approach in this area aligned with the Strategic Objectives and priorities set out in the Programme of Work and Budget.

### Report of the 125<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (12-16 November 2018)<sup>12</sup>

#### 11. The Council:

- a) took note of the review of the priorities expressed by the Technical Committees, recalling the decision of the 159<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council on the outcome of the 2018 FAO Regional Conferences, and recent developments in trends and emerging issues influencing the work of the Organization in the medium term, in particular the rise of global hunger as a result of *inter alia* the adverse impact of climate change and the increasing number of conflicts, acknowledged their continued relevance in the context of FAO's Strategic Framework and recommended further review within the context of the Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 at its next session;
- b) highlighted FAO's comparative advantage and technical expertise, underlined the importance of sustainable funding from the regular budget in this regard, and encouraged FAO to further develop multi-stakeholder partnerships at national, regional and global levels to ensure increased funding;

<sup>12</sup> CL 160/3; CL 160/PV/3; CL 160/PV/4; CL 160/PV/5; CL 160/PV/7

- c) acknowledged the leading role of FAO in sustainable agriculture and food systems and in providing a neutral and balanced platform in this respect;
- d) welcomed the evaluation of FAO's contribution to integrated natural resource management for sustainable agriculture, Strategic Objective 2 (SO2), and encouraged FAO to promote further integration with other SOs at the country level to facilitate the implementation of SDGs in a cross-cutting manner, as well as continue promoting cross-sectoral and integrated approaches as key elements of solutions to sustainability, while continuing to develop key performance indicators (KPIs) to better manage project performance;
- e) noted progress in the follow-up Report to the Evaluation of FAO's evaluation function, and recommended reviewing the governance and overview mechanisms for country-level evaluations and of the availability of financial resources before considering a proposal for decentralized evaluations, within the context of the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21; encouraged the Office of Evaluation to strengthen evaluation reports with a ratings system;
- f) appreciated the progress highlighted in the Follow-up report to the Evaluation of FAO's Contribution to Strategic Objective 5, stressing the need for resilience building to continue to be a priority for FAO in the face of increasingly protracted crises, climate change and disruption of livelihoods; highlighted the importance of the Global Report of Food Crises and the Global Network against Food Crises;
- g) endorsed the indicative rolling work plan of evaluations for 2019-2021;
- h) reiterated the importance of the *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) Global Eradication Programme (GEP) which addresses one of the root causes of hunger and poverty for 300 million families across the globe; and supported the measures proposed to pursue the eradication of this devastating disease by 2030, including action in collaboration with the Group of FAO Permanent Representatives "Friends of PPR-GEP" for securing the funding needed to finance priority actions of the PPR-GEP;
- i) welcomed the progress report on the FAO Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance using a One-Health approach, stressing the importance of continued effective public awareness raising by the Tripartite Plus partners (FAO, OIE, WHO and UN Environment), governments and all other actors; as well as the importance of continued work with the Codex Alimentarius;
- j) stressed that information on meetings, symposia, seminars and other events convened is disseminated through the corporate channels of the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and the Programme Implementation Report (PIR); and
- k) took note of the arrangements for March 2019 session of the Programme Committee.

### **Reports of the 172<sup>nd</sup> (5-6 November 2018) and 173<sup>rd</sup> (12-16 November 2018) Sessions of the Finance Committee<sup>13</sup>**

12. The Council approved the Reports of the 172<sup>nd</sup> and 173<sup>rd</sup> Sessions of the Finance Committee. In particular:

#### *On the Financial Position*

- a) noted delays in the payment of current assessed contributions, and the continued high level of assessments that remain unpaid from prior years, and urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions to ensure that the Organization is able to meet the operating cash requirements for the Programme of Work;
- b) welcomed the issuance for the first time of a Statement of Internal Control with the FAO Audited Accounts for 2017;
- c) recommended the Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts 2017, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this report, as presented in paragraph 13 of document CL 160/4;

<sup>13</sup> CL 160/4; CL 160/4 Add.1; CL 160/4 – Information Note 1 Rev.1; CL 160/12; C 2019/6 A; C 2019/6 B; CL 160/LIM/2; CL 160/PV/4; CL 160/PV/7

*On Human Resources Matters*

- d) welcomed the additional information and statistical data on Human Resources provided in response to earlier requests of the Finance Committee and the Council;
- e) endorsed the Finance Committee's guidance to the Secretariat on continuing to improve the information presented in future reports on Human Resources and Geographic Balance of Consultants;
- f) encouraged the efforts of the Secretariat to improve the geographic balance of consultants funded by the regular programme, maintaining merit as the primary criterion for recruitment;
- g) recalled its guidance to the Secretariat that the efforts to improve equitable geographical distribution of consultants will take into account the need for a flexible approach in the selection process, including cost implications retaining merit as the primary criterion for recruitment, and will not apply rigid numerical ranges;
- h) welcomed the reduction in the number of non-, under- and over-represented countries, the increased number of equitably represented countries, and the improvement in gender parity;
- i) endorsed the Committee's guidance to the Secretariat on its implementation of the detailed action plan towards improving equitable geographic distribution and gender parity of FAO staff;
- j) requested that the staff mobility programme should be reviewed as soon as possible by one of FAO's auditing bodies;
- k) encouraged FAO to continue improving the number of women in senior level and managerial positions;

*On Other Matters*

- l) noted that while the Regular Programme budget had remained generally flat over the reporting period covered by the Human Resources data, the total budget had in fact increased reflecting the confidence of Members in FAO leadership and programme delivery;
- m) supported the request to the Secretariat to undertake a review of the independence of the Ethics Office, Office of the Inspector-General and ombudsperson functions as soon as possible;
- n) recalled its previous request made at the 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council for annual reporting of the Ethics Office to the Finance Committee; and
- o) supported the Committee's conclusion on the importance of addressing the External Auditor's recommendation related to the efficiency and oversight of corporate travel management.

**Report of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters  
(22-23 October 2018)<sup>14</sup>**

13. The Council approved the Report of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) held from 22 to 23 October 2018. In particular:

- a) took note of the transitional measures and facilities proposed by the Director-General, within existing resources and authority, in the discharge of the obligation set out in Rule XXXVII, paragraph 6 of the General Rules to the benefit of the Director-General Elect, including a hand-over ceremony, as reflected in the Report of the CCLM;
- b) requested the ICC to continue his consultations with the concerned Article XIV Bodies and the FAO Secretariat towards agreement on a proposal on procedures for the appointment of Secretaries to these Bodies by December 2019;
- c) agreed that the interim arrangements for the appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, agreed on at its 155<sup>th</sup> Session and set out in document CCLM 107/3, be followed, until a lasting solution acceptable to the concerned Article XIV bodies and the FAO Secretariat is found;

<sup>14</sup> CL 160/2 Rev.1; CL 160/PV/5; CL 160/PV/7

- d) agreed with the CCLM views that, taking into consideration the number of candidates for the office of the Director-General, up to 90 minutes should be granted to each candidate to address the Council and respond to the questions Members may put to him/her;
- e) noted that the procedures followed at its 141<sup>st</sup> Session in April 2011, and at its 151<sup>st</sup> Session in April 2015, set out in document CCLM 107/4, might need to be adjusted depending on the number of candidates;
- f) mandated the ICC to convene an informal meeting of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the seven Regional Groups established for Council election purposes following the closure of the nomination period for Office of Director-General, with a view to agreeing on procedures for the address by candidates to the Council; and
- g) requested the ICC to circulate the agreed upon procedures to all Members as soon as possible thereafter.

## Committee on World Food Security

### Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (15-19 October 2018)<sup>15</sup>

14. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). In particular:
- a) noted the recent rise in the number of food insecure people in the world and the related trends in hunger and malnutrition, as highlighted in the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2018 report, and encouraged all stakeholders to take the necessary actions to reverse the trends;
  - b) welcomed the endorsement of the documents: “CFS Evaluation: Plan of Action” and the “CFS Evaluation – Implementation of the Response to the Evaluation”, acknowledging that the 2009 Reform Document remained the cornerstone of CFS work, recognizing the importance of this work for CFS to improve its core function as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition for a broad range of stakeholders;
  - c) noted the request to the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) to undertake a study on “Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030” to be presented during the first semester of 2020;
  - d) welcomed the endorsement of the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition in support of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025 and looked forward to them being submitted to the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of CFS in 2020;
  - e) recognized the progress made in developing the CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF review and the decision to continue sending inputs to future reviews of the HLPF;
  - f) noted the suggestion to use the HLPE report on “Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda” as the starting point of a follow-up process focusing on knowledge and lesson-sharing on effective multi-stakeholder partnerships;
  - g) reiterated its request that the CFS present a feasible and realistic Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW), taking into account available resources, notably for translation and interpretations services, and the need to prioritize its workload in the intersessional period and stressed the importance of reasonably limiting the number of CFS work-streams to enhance the quality and inclusiveness of the process and encouraged the CFS to operate within its mandate and comparative advantages, while acknowledging the existing CFS products; and
  - h) noted the increasing number of side events and requested the CFS Secretariat, Bureau and Advisory Group to ensure better planning of side events at CFS sessions.

<sup>15</sup> C 2019/20; CL 160/PV/5; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

## Other Matters

### Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board<sup>16</sup>

15. The Council, Pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, elected six members of the WFP Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021) in accordance with the following distribution:

- List A: Nigeria<sup>17</sup>;
- List B: Afghanistan<sup>18</sup> and Kuwait<sup>19</sup>;
- List C: Mexico<sup>20</sup>;
- List D: The Netherlands and the United States of America.

### Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2017<sup>21</sup>

16. The Council welcomed and endorsed the Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council on its activities in 2017.

17. In particular, the Council:

- a) acknowledged WFP's programme performance results in meeting its Strategic Objectives, supported by achievements by Management Results Dimensions;
- b) recognized the commitment of WFP staff in the field that are working in challenging circumstances in addressing an unprecedented number of both Level 2 (L2) and Level 3 (L3) emergencies, including protracted crises;
- c) welcomed the on-going implementation of the Integrated Road Map, including the Strategic Plan for 2017-2021, the country strategic planning, as well as the Financial Framework Review and the revised Corporate Results Framework, which fully align WFP's strategy to the Agenda 2030 and its principles; and
- d) welcomed WFP's involvement in partnership and coordination efforts, including its engagement with partners towards zero hunger and the SDGs.

### Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse<sup>22</sup>

18. The Council:

- a) took note of the policies, procedures and mechanisms in place in the Organization to prevent harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse;
- b) strongly supported FAO's zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and abuse, and all other forms of exploitation, and its prevention; noted the updated Action Plan for Implementation of the policy and looked forward to a strengthened whistle-blower protection policy being included in it;
- c) encouraged Senior Management to lead the cultural change needed to implement FAO's corporate policy to prevent harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse and any forms of discrimination;
- d) looked forward to receiving an annual report and updated action plan to be presented to the next session of the Programme and Finance Committees for consideration; as well as to receiving a report on the outcomes of the UN system-wide and FAO's surveys;

<sup>16</sup> CL 160/7 Rev.1; CL 160/LIM/4 Rev.1; CL 160/PV/5; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>17</sup> Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Nigeria serving in 2019 and Côte d'Ivoire serving in 2020 and 2021.

<sup>18</sup> Afghanistan and India reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Afghanistan serving in 2019 and India serving in 2020 and 2021.

<sup>19</sup> Kuwait and Afghanistan reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Kuwait serving in 2019 and 2020 and Afghanistan serving in 2021.

<sup>20</sup> Mexico and Peru reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Mexico serving in 2019 and Peru serving in 2020 and 2021.

<sup>21</sup> CL 160/8; CL 160/PV/5; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>22</sup> CL 160/9; CL 160/9 Add. 1; CL 160/5 Rev.1 paragraph 3; CL 160/PV/4; CL 160/PV/7



- e) requested FAO Management to conduct the staff satisfaction survey in 2019, and on a regular basis thereafter;
- f) in line with UN system-wide mechanisms, looked forward to FAO's reporting at future Council sessions on qualitative and quantitative indicators, integrating *inter alia* FAO's interactions with partners and whistle-blower protection;
- g) supported FAO's participation in the sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse Chief Executives Board (CEB) task force and looked forward to FAO implementing the recommendations from the first phase of the group's work;
- h) welcomed the training initiatives implemented by FAO to prevent harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse and urged FAO to continue to expand training in this area; and
- i) considered the possibility of requesting from the candidates for the post of Director-General a declaration on the issue of harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse in their address to the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council.

### **International Years and Days<sup>23</sup>**

19. The Council, recalling the criteria outlined in the FAO Policy on the Proclamation and Implementation of International Years, as adopted by the 144<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (June 2012), and the ECOSOC Resolution 1980/67 regarding International Years and Anniversaries, endorsed the following:

- a) the draft Conference resolution submitted by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG on the observance by the UN System of an "International Year of Fruits and Vegetables" in 2021<sup>24</sup>, set out in *Appendix D* to this report;
- b) the proposal by the Government of Estonia, as endorsed by the 31<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference for Europe, to establish the observance by the UN System of an "International Year of Rye" in 2025<sup>24</sup>, set out in *Appendix E* to this report;
- c) the proposal by the Government of India, as endorsed by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG, to establish the observance by the UN System of an "International Year of Millets" in 2023<sup>24</sup>, set out in *Appendix F* to this report;
- d) the draft Conference resolution submitted by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG on the observance by the UN System of an "International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste" on 29 September every year, set out in *Appendix G* to this report; and
- e) the proposal by the Government of the People's Republic of China, as endorsed by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCP, to establish the observance by the UN System of an "International Tea Day" on 21 May of every year, set out in *Appendix H* to this report.

20. The Council requested that the relevant draft resolutions provide that financing of the International Years and Days will be covered by extra-budgetary contributions, including those from the private sector in line with standing FAO policy, and that they be submitted to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

21. The Council requested that future proposals for international years and days be carefully assessed in compliance with the above-mentioned policy of the FAO Council and ECOSOC resolution.

### **Margarita Lizárraga Medal<sup>25</sup>**

22. The Council endorsed the nomination of the research vessel Dr Fridtjof Nansen and recommended that the Medal be presented by the Director-General at an award ceremony to be held before 31 December 2019.

<sup>23</sup> CL 160/10; CL 160/11 Rev.2; CL 160/13 Rev.1; CL 160/14; CL 160/15; C 2019/21 Rev.1 paragraphs 67-69; C 2019/22 paragraph 33; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>24</sup> The three proposals for International Years are exceptions to the FAO Policy on the Proclamation and Implementation of International Years.

<sup>25</sup> CL 160/LIM/5; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

### **Arrangements for the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (April 2019) and 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2019)<sup>26</sup>**

23. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in document CL 160/6 for approval, and in particular recommended that:
- a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture; and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters; and
  - b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12:00 hours on Monday 24 June 2019, and the election be held on Friday 28 June 2019.
24. The Council further agreed to recommend to the Conference that the theme of the General Debate at the 41<sup>st</sup> Session be “Migration, Agriculture and Rural Development” and that statements by heads of delegation be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.
25. The Council decided to establish a deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) at 12:00 hours on Friday, 5 April 2019.
26. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity.
27. The Council agreed to defer the finalization of procedures for the address to Council by candidates for the post of Director-General until after the close of the nomination period of 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019, at a special informal meeting of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the seven Regional Groups for Council election purposes to be convened by the ICC.

### **Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 159<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (4-8 June 2018)<sup>27</sup>**

28. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 159<sup>th</sup> (4-8 June 2018), 158<sup>th</sup> (4-8 December 2017) and 155<sup>th</sup> (5-9 December 2016) Sessions and requested the Secretariat to implement the outstanding decisions.
29. The Council requested that the joint Country Programming Frameworks (CPF) to be piloted with IFAD and WFP, be initiated and a progress update be provided at the next joint informal meeting of the RBA governing bodies and to also keep the FAO Council updated.

### **Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-2022<sup>28</sup>**

30. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2019-22, set out in *Appendix I* to this report.
31. The Council requested the Secretariat to include the proposed amendments to the MYPOW and that the revised version be circulated by the ICC to all Members.
32. The Council noted the living nature of the document and agreed to continue using the informal meetings convened by the ICC with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups as a forum for further discussion and refinement of the document.

### **Working Methods of the Council<sup>29</sup>**

33. The Council welcomed the implementation of initiatives to improve its methods of work, including the rescheduling of the standing item on *Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO* to the first day of Council, and encouraged further improvements.
34. The ICC indicated that proposed improvements would be discussed during future informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups.

<sup>26</sup> CL 160/6; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>27</sup> CL 160/LIM/3; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>28</sup> CL 160/LIM/6; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>29</sup> CL 160/INF/5; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

### **Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-2020<sup>30</sup>**

35. The Council took note of the amendments to the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2019-20, as reproduced in *Appendix J* to this Report.

### **Provisional Agenda for the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (April 2019)<sup>31</sup>**

36. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 161<sup>st</sup> Session (April 2019), as contained in document CL 160/INF/2.

### **Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO<sup>32</sup>**

37. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following topics:

- a) Milan Urban Food Policy Pact 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering And Mayors' Summit (Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel, 4-5 September 2018);
- b) Progress in the preparation of the UN Decade on Family Farming; and
- c) UN Network on Migration and Global Compact.

### **Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee<sup>33</sup>**

38. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Council, on behalf of the Conference, confirmed the appointments to the Staff Pension Committee as follows:

- a) Ms Kelli Ketover, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to FAO, as alternate member until 31 December 2019, to replace and complete the term of Ms Daleya Uddin; and
- b) Ms María Cristina Boldorini, Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO, as member until 31 December 2020, to replace and complete the term of Mr Antonio Ricarte.

### **Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies<sup>34</sup>**

39. Ms Susan Murray, General Secretary of the Union of General Service Staff made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

### **Debriefing on 2018 Field Visit by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations<sup>35</sup>**

40. The Council was given a debriefing on the field visit to Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations (23-30 June 2018).

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<sup>30</sup> CL 160/LIM/1; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>31</sup> CL 160/INF/2; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>32</sup> CL 160/INF/4; CL 160/PV/2; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>33</sup> CL 160/LIM/7 Rev.1; CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>34</sup> CL 160/PV/6; CL 160/PV/7

<sup>35</sup> CL 160/PV/7



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## **Appendix A**

### **Agenda for the 160<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council**

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#### **Procedure of the Session**

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

#### **Reports of the Technical Committees**

3. Reports of the Technical Committees:
  - 3.1 Report of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (1-5 October 2018)
  - 3.2 Report of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (26-28 September 2018)
  - 3.3 Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 July 2018)
  - 3.4 Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (16-20 July 2018)

#### **Reports of the Committees of the Council**

4. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 125<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 173<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (November 2018)
5. Report of the 125<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (12-16 November 2018)
6. Reports of the 172<sup>nd</sup> (5-6 November 2018) and 173<sup>rd</sup> (12-16 November 2018) Sessions of the Finance Committee
  - 6.1 Audited Accounts - FAO 2017
  - 6.2 Status of Contributions and Arrears
7. Report of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (22-23 October 2018)

#### **Committee on World Food Security**

8. Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (15-19 October 2018)

#### **Other Matters**

9. World Food Programme:
  - 9.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
  - 9.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2017
10. Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse
11. International Years and Days:
  - 11.1 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
  - 11.2 International Year of Rye
  - 11.3 International Year of Millets

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- 11.4 International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
  - 11.5 International Tea Day
  12. Margarita Lizárraga Medal
  13. Arrangements for the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (April 2019) and 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (June 2019)
  14. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 159<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (4-8 June 2018)
  15. Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-2022
  16. Working Methods of the Council
  17. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-2020
  18. Provisional Agenda for the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (April 2019)
  19. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
  20. Any Other Matters
    - 20.1 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee
    - 20.2 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

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## Appendix B

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CL 160/3	Report of the 125 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (12-16 November 2018)
CL 160/4	Report of the 173 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (12-16 November 2018)
CL 160/4 Add.1	Updated action plan for the achievement of equitable geographic distribution and gender parity of FAO staff
CL 160/4 - Information Note 1 Rev.1	Legal opinion on the use of equity from the liquidation of the FAO Commissary for financing the Organization's 2019 share of the United Nations Resident Coordinator network
CL 160/5 Rev.1	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 125 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 173 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (12 and 15 November 2018)
CL 160/6	Arrangements for the 161 <sup>st</sup> Session of the Council and 41 <sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference
CL 160/7 Rev.1	Membership of the WFP Executive Board
CL 160/8	2017 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
CL 160/9	Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse
CL 160/9 Add.1	Updated Action Plan for Implementation of the Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse
CL 160/10	International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
CL 160/11 Rev.2	International Year of Rye
CL 160/12	Report of the 172 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (5-6 November 2018)
CL 160/13 Rev.1	International Year of Millets
CL 160/14	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
CL 160/15	International Tea Day
CL 160/16	Adjustments in the structure under the Deputy Director-General (Programmes)
CL 160/16 Add.1	Adjustments in the structure under the Deputy Director-General (Programmes) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 <b>C 2019 Series</b>	
C 2019/6 A	Audited Accounts - FAO 2017
C 2019/6 B	Audited Accounts - FAO 2017 - Part B - Report of the External Auditor

C 2019/20	Report of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 15-19 October 2018)
C 2019/21 Rev.1	Report of the 26 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (Rome, 1-5 October 2018)
C 2019/22	Report of the 72 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (Rome, 26-28 September 2018)
C 2019/23	Report of the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, 9-13 July 2018)
C 2019/24	Report of the 24 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (Rome, 16-20 July 2018)

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CL 160/LIM/6	Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22
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**Appendix C**  
**Draft Resolution for the Conference**  
**FAO Audited Accounts 2017**

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**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Having considered** the Report of the 160<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, and

**Having examined** the 2017 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

**Adopts** the Audited Accounts.



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## Appendix D

### Draft Resolution for the Conference International Year of Fruits and Vegetables

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#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Considering** the urgent need to raise awareness of the nutritional and health benefits of fruit and vegetable consumption and to advocate for healthy diets through the increased sustainable production and consumption of fruit and vegetables;

**Recalling** the UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025, and the need to implement sustainable food systems that promote healthy diets, which include a variety of foods and the abundance of the consumption of fruits and vegetables;

**Recalling** recommendation 10 of the Second International Conference on Nutrition, ICN-2 that establishes, inter alia, the promotion of crop diversification and increased fruit and vegetable production;

**Recognizing** the important contribution of fruits and vegetables in the prevention of non-communicable chronic diseases, especially cardiovascular and cancer, obesity and diabetes;

**Noting** the importance of sustainable farming and production practices to the livelihoods of millions of rural farm families and small family farmers around the world;

**Cognizant** of the important contribution of fruits and vegetables, and particularly indigenous crops, to food security, nutrition, livelihoods and incomes of family farmers especially small family farmers;

**Concerned** over the high levels of losses and waste in the fruits and vegetable supply/value chains, and the negative economic, environmental and social impacts of these losses and waste;

**Recognizing** the need to empower women through education, to assure the quality of family diets;

**Recognizing** that the observance of an International Year of Fruits and Vegetables in 2021 by the international community would contribute significantly to raising awareness of the nutritional and health benefits of fruit and vegetable consumption and promote global attention to increasing healthy diets and lifestyles through fruit and vegetable consumption, while directing policy attention to addressing production issues and losses and waste;

**Stressing** that costs for implementation of the Year and the FAO involvement will be covered by extra-budgetary resources to be identified;

**Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session, declaring 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables.



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## Appendix E

### Draft Resolution for the Conference International Year of Rye

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#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Considering** the urgent need to raise awareness of the climate resilience of rye for cool temperate zones, semi-arid and high altitude zones, where other cereals cannot be grown, through the increased sustainable production and consumption of rye;

**Considering** the urgent need to raise awareness of the tolerance of rye to marginal lands, sandy soils, poor soils with low fertility and for weed control, where other cereals cannot be grown, through the increased sustainable production and consumption of rye;

**Considering** the unique nutritional benefits of rye and the opportunity to consume rye products, made available through the promotion of sustainable production techniques for rye;

**Recalling** the UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025, and the need to implement sustainable food systems that promote healthy diets, which include a variety of foods;

**Recalling** recommendation 10 of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN-2) that establishes, inter alia, the promotion of crop diversification to diversify diets;

**Noting** consumer demand for baked products with the unique flavour of rye and the market for baked products with reduced gluten compared to wheat flour;

**Recognizing** the important contribution of rye to the cultivation of staple foods in climate adverse environments;

**Recognizing** the importance of rye as a good rotational crop because of its ability to compete effectively with weeds in poor soils and to be used as a pioneer crop to improve the fertility of wasteland;

**Noting** the importance of sustainable farming and production practices to the livelihoods of millions of rural farm families and small family farmers around the world;

**Cognizant** of the historical contribution of rye to food security, nutrition, livelihoods and incomes of family farmers and its significant role for pasture, hay and as cover and green manure crop;

**Concerned** over the current need to invigorate market recognition of the benefits of rye and to promote efficient value chains;

**Recognizing** the vast genetic diversity of rye and its adaptive capacities to a range of production environments and potential as a genetic source for wheat improvement programmes, being a constituent of triticale, a synthesised crop;

**Recognizing** the need to empower women through education to assure the quality of family diets;

**Recognizing** that the observance of an International Year of Rye by the international community would contribute significantly to raising awareness of the nutritional and health benefits of rye consumption and its suitability for cultivation under adverse and changing climatic conditions, while directing policy attention to improving value chain efficiencies;

**Stressing** that costs for implementation of the Year and FAO involvement will be covered by extra-budgetary resources to be identified;

**Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider it at its next session, declaring 2025 as the International Year of Rye.



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## Appendix F

### Draft Resolution for the Conference International Year of Millets

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#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Considering** the urgent need to raise awareness of the climate resilient and nutritional benefits of millets and to advocate for healthy diets through the increased sustainable production and consumption of millets;

**Recalling** the UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025, and the need to implement sustainable food systems that promote healthy diets, which include a variety of foods;

**Recalling** recommendation 10 of the Second International Conference on Nutrition, ICN-2 that establishes, inter alia, the promotion of crop diversification to diversify diets;

**Recognizing** the important contribution of millets to the cultivation of nutritious foods in climate adverse environments;

**Noting** the importance of sustainable farming and production practices to the livelihoods of millions of rural farm families and small family farmers around the world;

**Cognizant** of the historical contribution of millets, to food security, nutrition, livelihoods and incomes of family farmers;

**Concerned** over the current need to invigorate market recognition of the benefits of millets and to promote efficient value chains;

**Recognizing** the vast genetic diversity of millets and their adaptive capacities to a range of production environments;

**Recognizing** the need to empower women through education, to assure the quality of family diets;

**Recognizing** that the observance of an International Year of Millets by the international community would contribute significantly to raising awareness of the nutritional and health benefits of millet consumption and their suitability for cultivation under adverse and changing climatic conditions, while directing policy attention to improving value chain efficiencies;

**Stressing** that costs for implementation of the Year and the FAO involvement will be covered by extra-budgetary resources to be identified;

**Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session, declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets.





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**Appendix G**  
**Draft Resolution for the Conference**  
**International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste**

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**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Considering** the urgent need to raise awareness of the economic, social and environmental impacts of Food Loss and Waste (FLW) and of the need for actions to stem the problem of FLW;

**Recalling** that SDG target 12.3 calls for halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along production and supply chains (including post-harvest losses) by 2030;

**Recognizing** that high levels of FLW reduce the efficiency of the value chain, and thus the sustainability of food systems;

**Recognizing** that high levels of food losses, negatively impact the availability of and access to food, as well as incomes in poorer segments of society in middle- and low-income countries;

**Noting** that FLW are drivers of climate change and environmental degradation;

**Noting** that reducing FLW will also directly impact a number of other SDG Goals;

**Cognizant** of the urgent need to raise awareness and to educate food supply chain actors and consumers in particular, in order to bring about behaviour change toward achieving the sustained reduction of food losses and waste;

**Expressing** concern that current efforts to address FLW reduction are highly fragmented;

**Cognizant** of the critical role of the private sector in bringing about a reduction in FLW at the global level;

**Recognizing** that the observance of an International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste would contribute significantly to raising awareness at all levels, of the need to reduce FLW and promote global efforts and collective actions toward achieving SDG *target 12.3*;

**Stressing** that costs arising from the implementation of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste will be met by voluntary contributions, including from private sector partners;

**Requests** the Director General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session, declaring 29 September each year as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.



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## Appendix H

### Draft Resolution for the Conference International Tea Day

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#### THE CONFERENCE,

**Noting** that tea constitutes the main means of subsistence for millions of poor families who live in a number of least developed countries;

**Noting** that tea production and processing contributes to the fight against hunger (SDG 2), the reduction of extreme poverty (SDG 1), the empowerment of women (SDG 5) and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (SDG 15);

**Recognizing** that tea is a main source of income and export revenues for some of the poorest countries and, as a labour-intensive sector, provides jobs especially in remote and economically disadvantaged areas;

**Affirming** that tea can play a significant role in rural development, poverty reduction and food security in developing countries, being one of the most important cash crops;

**Recalling** the urgent need to raise public awareness of the importance of tea for rural development and sustainable livelihoods and to improve the tea value chain to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

**Reemphasizing** the call from the Intergovernmental Group on Tea to direct greater efforts towards expanding demand, particularly in producing countries where per capita consumption is relatively low, and **supporting** efforts to address the declining per capita consumption in traditional importing countries;

**Trusting** that such a celebration would promote and foster collective actions to implement activities in favour of the sustainable production and consumption of tea and raise awareness of its importance in fighting hunger, malnutrition and poverty;

**Stressing** that the costs of activities associated with the implementation of the International Tea Day would be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

**Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with a view to having the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) consider it at its next session, declaring 21 May of each year as the International Tea Day.



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## Appendix I

### Council Multi-year Programme of Work

#### Revised version covering the 2019-22 period

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### I. Overall Objective for the Council

1. The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. In accordance with the Basic Texts and Conference Resolution 8/2009, the Council also plays a dynamic role in the development of the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization and has an oversight and monitoring function over the implementation of governance decisions. In particular, the Council has a major role in deciding and advising on matters pertaining to the implementation of the PWB. The Council also elects the members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters biennially and six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme annually, and provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation and related matters which may have been referred to the Council. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in Section II F below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

### II. Results

#### A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning

2. Result: Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are aligned with and follow Council guidance based on FAO's Strategic Objectives as reflected in its Programme of Work and Budget.
3. Indicators and targets:
- a) Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
  - b) In reviewing and approving the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation from the Council on the alignment between strategies, priorities and work programmes with the proposed budget of the Organization<sup>1</sup>.
  - c) Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues, and affiliation with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) receive Conference approval.
  - d) Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.
4. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting membership priorities for addressing agriculture and food security issues in the context of FAO's Strategic Objectives, as reflected in its MTP and PWB and recommendations made to Conference.
5. Activities:
- a) Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the FAO Governing bodies, in particular review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
    - o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.

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<sup>1</sup> Basic Texts, Volume II, Section D, Resolution 8/2009, *Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Council*

- o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
  - b) Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation, including alignment with SDGs, as necessary.
  - c) Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
  - d) Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolutions, including the content and level of the budget.
  - e) Recommendation of the topic of the general debate at the Conference session.
  - f) Recommendation of the Biennial Theme for 2020-2021.
  - g) Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.
  - h) Development of a set of Members' priorities as an organizational work plan.
6. Working methods:
- a) Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Programme and Finance Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council (ICC).
  - b) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the ICC.
  - c) Regular contacts between the ICC and FAO Management.

### **B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions**

7. Result: Advise Conference through decisions on governance that directly support FAO's Strategic Objectives and regularly monitor the implementation of those decisions.
8. Indicators and targets:
- a) Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
  - b) The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.
9. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting the Council's assessment of the implementation of governance decisions.
10. Activities:
- a) Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
  - b) Recommendations and decisions on the need to convene Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
  - c) Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
  - d) Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.
11. Working methods:
- a) Feedback method to Conference via reports on implementation of governance decisions.
  - b) Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Programme and Finance Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the ICC.
  - c) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the ICC.
  - d) Regular contacts between the ICC and FAO Management.
  - e) Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

### **C. Exercise of oversight functions**

12. Result: Well-functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.
13. Indicators and targets:
- a) The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.

- b) Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
  - c) The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
  - d) Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
  - e) The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms with the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.
14. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions and recommendations made to Conference ensuring the well-functioning of FAO's legal, ethical, financial and administrative frameworks.
15. Activities:
- a) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
  - b) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
  - c) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
  - d) Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
  - e) Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
  - f) Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years (first review in 2016) – report to Management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee.
16. Working methods:
- a) Advice from the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
  - b) In-depth review of one substantive issue related to FAO's Strategic Framework to be chosen by the Council once every two years.
  - c) Regular contacts between the ICC and FAO Management.

#### **D. Monitoring and Evaluation of Management performance**

17. Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.
18. Indicators and targets:
- a) Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
  - b) Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.
19. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

20. Activities:
- a) Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meetings.
  - b) Programme Implementation Report.
  - c) Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
  - d) On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
  - e) Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.
  - f) Recommendations of the Programme Committee on Strategic Evaluations and their subsequent follow-up.
  - g) Regular review and assessment of FAO partnership agreements, including their financial implications with particular attention to their impacts on FAO's Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and their contributions to reaching FAO's Strategic Objectives and the SDGs.
21. Working methods:
- a) Regular contacts between the ICC and FAO Management.
  - b) Informal seminars and consultations among Members.
  - c) Presentations by the Secretariat on management strategies and policies to Council.
  - d) Informal briefing by the FAO staff representatives bodies.

### **E. Work planning and working methods**

22. Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.
23. Indicators and targets:
- a) Council agendas are focused.
  - b) Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
  - c) Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
  - d) Council documents are issued four weeks before a session opens.
24. Outputs:
- a) A MYPOW for Council.
  - b) A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
  - c) Annual briefing for new Council members.
  - d) Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.
25. Activities:
- a) Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
  - b) Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
  - c) Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
  - d) Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.
26. Working methods:
- a) Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
  - b) Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the ICC in closing and summing up each item.
  - c) Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.



- d) As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- e) Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the ICC.
- f) Regular contacts between the ICC and FAO Management.

#### **F. Sessions and Work plan of Council**

27. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:
- a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
  - b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB;
  - c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
  - d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.
28. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.
29. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
30. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
31. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
- a) Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
  - b) Human resources;
  - c) Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
  - d) Decentralization issues;
  - e) Contracting and purchasing issues;
  - f) Information and communication technology issues;
  - g) Strategic evaluations and management responses;
  - h) United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

## G. Outline of Council agendas for the period 2019-2022

<b>161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council, April 2019</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2020-2021</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General</li> <li>7) Arrangements for the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference</li> <li>8) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO</li> <li>10) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-2020</li> <li>11) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</li> </ol>

<b>162<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council, July 2019</b>
<p><b>Election of Committees</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee</li> <li>2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee</li> <li>3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session</li> <li>5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO</li> <li>6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-2020</li> <li>7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</li> </ol>

<b>163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council, December 2019</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-2021            2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.)            3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)            4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on World Food Security</b></p> <p>5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>7) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-2023            8) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>9) World Food Programme:                i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and                ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2018            10) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO            11) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-2021            12) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

<b>164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, June 2020</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Programme Implementation Report 2018-2019            2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.)            3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)            4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Regional Conferences</b></p> <p>5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2020) (t.b.d.)            6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2020) (t.b.d.)            7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2020) (...t.b.d.)            8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2020) (t.b.d.)            9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2020) (t.b.d.)            10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>12) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>13) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO            14) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021            15) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

<b>165<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2020</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of Medium Term Plan 2022-25            2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.)            3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)            4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security</b></p> <p>5) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2020) (t.b.d.)            6) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2020) (t.b.d.)            7) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2020) (t.b.d.)            8) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2020) (t.b.d.)            9) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>10) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>11) Rome-based Agencies Collaboration            12) Arrangements for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on the topic for the general debate at Conference)            13) Recommendation on the Biennial Theme 2021-2022            14) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2021-24            15) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>16) World Food Programme:                i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and                ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2019            17) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO            18) Margarita Lizárraga Medal            19) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2022            20) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

<b>166<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, March/April 2021</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Reviewed Strategic Framework            2) Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23            3) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2021) (t.b.d.)            4) Report of the Programme Committee (...2021) (t.b.d.)            5) Report of the Finance Committee (...2021) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2021) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>7) Arrangements for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference            8) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>9) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO            10) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22            11) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

<b>167<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, June/July 2021</b>
<p><b>Election of Committees</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee</li> <li>2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee</li> <li>3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session</li> <li>5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO</li> <li>6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22</li> <li>7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</li> </ol>

<b>168<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2021</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2021) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2021) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2021) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Committee on World Food Security</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2021) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2021) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Progress Report on Rome-based Agencies collaboration</li> <li>8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2022-25</li> <li>9) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) World Food Programme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and</li> <li>ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2020</li> </ol> </li> <li>11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO</li> <li>12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-2023</li> <li>13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</li> </ol>

<b>169<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, June/July 2022</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Programme Implementation Report 2020-2021  2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2022) (t.b.d.)  3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2022) (t.b.d.)  4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2022) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Regional Conferences</b></p> <p>5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2022) (t.b.d.)  6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2022) (t.b.d.)  7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2022) (...t.b.d.)  8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2022) (t.b.d.)  9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2022) (t.b.d.)  10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2022) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2022) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>12) Dates for submission of nominations for the Office of Director-General  13) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO  15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2022-2023  16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

<b>170<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, November/December 2022</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <p>1) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2022) (t.b.d.)  2) Report of the Programme Committee (...2022) (t.b.d.)  3) Report of the Finance Committee (...2022) (t.b.d.) (including a sub-item on Audited Accounts 2021)</p>
<p><b>Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security</b></p> <p>4) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2022) (t.b.d.)  5) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2022) (t.b.d.)  6) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2022) (t.b.d.)  7) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2022) (t.b.d.) (including sub-item on World Forestry Congress)  8) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2022) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <p>9) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2022) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>10) Arrangements for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation of the topic for the general debate at Conference)  11) Recommendation for the Biennial Theme 2023-2024  12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2023-26  13) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p><b>Other Matters</b></p> <p>14) World Food Programme:  i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and  ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2021  15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO  16) Margarita Lizárraga Medal  17) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2022-2024  18) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

## Appendix J

### Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-20

	2019		2020	
<b>JANUARY</b>				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	IFAD/GC 17 CGRFA WFP	11-15 18-22 25/02-01/03	IFAD/GC <b>35 NERC</b> WFP	10-14 <b>17-21</b> 24-28
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>108 CCLM</b> <b>174 FC</b> <b>126 PC</b>	<b>11-13</b> <b>18-22</b> <b>18-22</b>	<b>31 ARC</b> <b>110 CCLM</b> <b>35 APRC</b>	<b>2-6</b> <b>16-18</b> <b>23-27</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>161 CL</b>	<b>8-12</b>	IFAD/EB <b>36 LARC</b>	20-24 <b>27-30</b>
<b>MAY</b>	IFAD/EB <b>175 FC (WFP)</b>	2-8 <b>27-29</b>	<b>32 ERC</b> <b>178 FC</b> <b>128 PC</b>	<b>5-7</b> <b>18-22</b> <b>18-22</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	WFP <b>41 C</b>	10-14 <b>22-29</b>	<b>164 CL</b> WFP <b>25 COFO</b>	<b>8-12</b> 15-19 <b>22-26</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>162 CL</b> 42 CODEX	<b>1</b> 8-12 (Geneva)	43 CODEX <b>34 COFI</b>	6-10 (Rome) <b>13-17</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB	9-13	IFAD/EB <b>73 CCP</b> <b>27 COAG</b>	7-11 <b>23-25</b> <b>28/9-2/10</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>46 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b> <b>109 CCLM</b> <b>176 FC (WFP)</b>	<b>14-18</b> <b>16 (Wednesday)</b> <b>21-23</b> <b>30-31</b>	<b>47 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b> <b>111 CCLM</b>	<b>12-16</b> <b>16 (Friday)</b> <b>26-28</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>177 FC</b> <b>127 PC</b> WFP	<b>4-8</b> <b>4-8</b> 18-22	<b>179 FC</b> <b>129 PC</b> WFP <b>165 CL</b>	<b>9-13</b> <b>9-13</b> 16-20 <b>30/11-4/12</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>163 CL</b> IFAD/EB	<b>2-6</b> 9-13	IFAD/EB	7-11

Easter:	21 April 2019	Easter:	12 April 2020
Orthodox Easter:	28 April 2019	Orthodox Easter:	19 April 2020
Ramadan:	6 May – 4 June 2019	Ramadan:	24 April – 23 May 2020
Eid Al-Fitr:	5 June 2019	Eid Al-Fitr:	24 May 2020
Eid Al-Adha:	12 August 2019	Eid Al-Adha:	31 July 2020

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board





## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(July 2017 - July 2019)

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Canada (Ms Jennifer Fellows)  
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Côte d'Ivoire (Mr Kanga Kouamé)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (Mr Shahin Ghorashizadeh)\*  
Japan (Mr Toru Hisazome)

Jordan (Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)  
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New Zealand (Mr Matthew Hooper)  
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Switzerland (Mr François Pythoud)  
United Kingdom (Ms Terri Sarch)

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(July 2017 - July 2019)

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Equatorial Guinea (Mr Mateo Nsogo Nguere Micue)  
Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)\*  
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(July 2017 - July 2019)

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Jordan (Mr Ali Albsoul)  
Lesotho (Ms Lineo Irene Molise Mabusela)

Nicaragua (Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)  
San Marino (Ms Daniela Rotondaro)  
United States of America (Ms Emily Katkar)

## WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018

### Term of office expiring

31 December 2018

### Elected by FAO Council

Afghanistan (B)  
Benin (A)<sup>1</sup>  
Kuwait (B)  
Peru (C)<sup>2</sup>  
Switzerland (D)<sup>3</sup>  
United States of America (D)

### Elected by ECOSOC

Bangladesh (B)  
France (D)  
India (B)  
Liberia (A)  
New Zealand (D)<sup>4</sup>  
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2019

Argentina (C)  
Canada (D)  
Congo (A)  
Germany (D)  
Pakistan (B)  
Zimbabwe (A)<sup>7</sup>

Colombia (C)<sup>5</sup>  
Egypt (A)  
Greece (D)<sup>6</sup>  
Norway (D)<sup>6</sup>  
Saudi Arabia (B)  
Sudan (A)

31 December 2020

Algeria (A)  
Belgium (D)  
Brazil (C)  
Equatorial Guinea (A)<sup>8</sup>  
Ireland (D)  
Poland (E)

China (B)  
Guatemala (C)  
Hungary (E)  
Japan (D)  
Lesotho (A)  
United Kingdom (D)

<sup>1</sup> Mauritania stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Benin was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Mexico stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Peru was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

<sup>3</sup> Sweden stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Switzerland was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

<sup>4</sup> The Netherlands resigned its seat effective 31 December 2017, with New Zealand completing the term of office from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

<sup>5</sup> Mexico and Colombia reached an agreement to share an ECOSOC-elected seat with Mexico serving in 2017 and Colombia in 2018 and 2019.

<sup>6</sup> Finland and Spain resigned their seats effective 31 December 2017 and Norway and Greece will complete their respective terms of office from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.

<sup>7</sup> Zimbabwe and Angola reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Zimbabwe serving in 2017 and 2018, and Angola serving in 2019.

<sup>8</sup> Rotating seat occupied by a country of List A (2018-2020) held by Equatorial Guinea.



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**194 Member Nations**  
**2 Associate Members**  
**1 Member Organization**

Afghanistan	Gambia	Panama
Albania	Georgia	Papua New Guinea
Algeria	Germany	Paraguay
Andorra	Ghana	Peru
Angola	Greece	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Poland
Argentina	Guatemala	Portugal
Armenia	Guinea	Qatar
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Korea
Austria	Guyana	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Romania
Bahamas	Honduras	Russian Federation
Bahrain	Hungary	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Iceland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	India	Saint Lucia
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Samoa
Belize	Iraq	San Marino
Benin	Ireland	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Italy	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Serbia
Botswana	Japan	Seychelles
Brazil	Jordan	Sierra Leone
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Bulgaria	Kenya	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Slovenia
Burundi	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Somalia
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Africa
Cameroon	Latvia	South Sudan
Canada	Lebanon	Spain
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Chad	Liberia	Sudan
Chile	Libya	Suriname
China	Lithuania	Sweden
Colombia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Comoros	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Congo	Malawi	Tajikistan
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Thailand
Costa Rica	Maldives	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau (Associate Member)
Cyprus	Mauritania	Tonga
Czechia	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Tunisia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Turkey
Denmark	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Djibouti	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominica	Montenegro	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Ukraine
Ecuador	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Myanmar	United Kingdom
El Salvador	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Nauru	United States of America
Eritrea	Nepal	Uruguay
Estonia	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
Eswatini	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
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Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	
	Palau	

