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## COUNCIL

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### IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Approved Methods of Work of the Council require that an information document be prepared for each Council session reporting on the implementation of the decisions taken at the preceding session (see CL 60/REP, Appendix G, paragraph 7.8).
2. Listed hereunder are the decisions taken by the Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session of the Council and details of their implementation.
3. The text in the decision column includes a reference in brackets to the relevant paragraph in the Council Report.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION****HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE COUNCIL  
(Rome, 15 - 19 June 2009)****ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP****Report of the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee  
on Fisheries (2-6 March 2009)**

Further prioritize the Programme of Work at the next Session of COFI with regard to the proposed six Organizational Results in Strategic Objective C- Sustainable Management and Use of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources (para. 6)

Further prioritization of the Programme of Work, as well as the provision of more precise advice on priorities, shall be implemented during the next session of COFI in 2011. Consultations shall be held informally during 2010 with Members, as appropriate, in order to ensure that the question of current and future prioritization is effectively addressed by COFI at its subsequent sessions.

**Report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee  
on Forestry (16-20 March 2009)**

Further prioritize the Programme of Work at the next Session of COFO (para. 11)

The next Session of the Committee on Forestry, to be held in October 2010, shall work closely with the Secretariat in order to further refine prioritization for the 2012-13 biennial allocations.

**Report of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee  
on Commodity Problems (20-22 April 2009)**

Continue analysis of the effects of bio-fuel development on, and the relationship between, food and energy markets, including the important efforts to develop second-generation bio-fuel technologies (para. 13)

Analysis of the effects of bio-fuel developments on the markets for food and other agricultural commodities continues. This includes both model-based analyses and country case studies. Updated projections for global bio-fuel production and impact of changing oil prices have been made.

Continue analytical work on food price volatility and formulation of appropriate policies to counter its negative impact (para. 13)

Analytical work on food price volatility has continued. A technical workshop has been organized to assess appropriate policies to deal with price volatilities.

**DECISION**

Engage in further analyses on factors influencing food and commodities markets at the next Session of CCP (para. 13)

**Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (22-25 April 2009)**

Promote interdepartmental collaboration and further prioritization of the Programme of Work at the next Session of COAG (para. 16)

Increase efforts for greater partnerships with other United Nations Agencies and international organizations, national institutions and the private sector, and accord greater visibility to partnerships (para. 17)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Major developments affecting agricultural commodity markets continue to be monitored and analyzed on a regular basis. The assessments are reported in two publications: "Food Outlook" and "Crop Prospects and Food Situation". A World Food Portal has been established which gives ready access to relevant and up-to-date information on market situations and international food prices. A review of the state of agricultural commodity markets will be an agenda item for the 68th Session of the CCP. This will include discussion, based on documents prepared by the Secretariat, of the current situation and outlook and the impacts of the financial crisis.

NR will collaborate in this exercise once the preparatory process for the Twenty-second Session of COAG gets under way.

NR co-sponsored and co-organised meetings on Climate Change with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and other partners, including the International Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change in West African Agriculture (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 27-30 April 2009) and the Third World Climate Conference (WCC-3) (Geneva, Switzerland, 31 August - 4 September 2009). In addition, NR supported and collaborated with the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in the preparation for CSD-16 and CSD-17 (2008 -2009) which focused on agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa.

**DECISION**

Include an item on livestock on the agenda of future COAG meetings, and allocate a greater share of resources to support the development of national livestock policies and institutions, in particular those related to poverty alleviation and small-scale livestock activities and those related to animal health, animal identification and traceability, as well as harmonized regional approaches to disease surveillance in close cooperation with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (para. 18)

Develop a global early warning system on the quality and quantity of water in agriculture (para. 19)

Follow-up on the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, and devote increased emphasis to smallholder farmers and rural development as reflected in the revised Strategic Objective G (para. 20)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Action shall be taken to this effect.

FAO builds on its long-term expertise in global water monitoring through the AQUASTAT programme which already deals with quantity and quality of water use in agriculture. FAO plans to make substantial efforts in the next biennium to promote the development of global early warning capacities through UN-Water. Emphasis shall be given to early warnings related to "water scarcity" and "droughts", particularly in view of climate change and variability.

In the framework of the UN-Water initiative, the development of an early warning system on the quality and quantity of water in agriculture is being discussed with WMO, the Stockholm International Water Institute and the United Nations Environmental Programme. The proposed early warning system will also be part of the development of the *State of Land and Water Resources (SOLAW)* and of the *Impact Focus Area on Water and Land Scarcity*, for resources mobilization. In this connection, a first draft concept note is expected to be produced by December 2009.

An Information Paper, "Follow-up to the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD) – Advancing food security and rural development through better governance of tenure", has been prepared for the Thirty-fifth session of the Committee on World Food Security as requested by its previous session (see document CL 135/10).

**DECISION**

Develop greater knowledge with respect to the relation between bio-fuel production and food security (para. 24)

Implement the suggestions made on future work methods, including the structure of the agenda proposed for future sessions (para. 25)

**Report of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (14-17 October 2008)**

Encourage broad, inclusive participation in the reform process of CFS, and clearly define the role of the different stakeholders, with decision-making remaining with governments (para. 29)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

FAO and IFAD commissioned a study by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) on agricultural investment and international land deals in Africa that includes bio-fuel production, which was published in 2009. FAO and the World Bank are also collaborating on a global study on foreign investment in agricultural production that shall include bio-fuel production.

The recommendations in question shall be reflected in the agenda of the next COAG session.

This activity is on-going. Over the past six months, with support from the Secretariat, as well as advice from an inclusive and participatory Contact Group, the CFS Bureau has prepared a draft proposal for CFS reform.

This document was despatched to Governments and will serve to guide the key discussion item for the 35th Session of CFS (14-17 October 2009).

In developing this document, there was consensus that decision-making shall remain with Governments. While the specific role of different stakeholders is still being negotiated, it is anticipated that this matter could be resolved during the CFS session.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION****Preparations for the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference***Arrangements for the Session and Provisional Agenda*

Submit to the Conference for approval the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in the Council document, establish two Commissions to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters, and set the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council at 12.00 hours on Monday 16 November 2009 (para. 31)

Action has been taken (see document C 2009/12 on Arrangements for the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference).

*Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council*

Set the deadline for receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council at 12.00 hours on Monday 7 September 2009 (para. 32)

Action has been taken.

*Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II*

Recommend to the Conference that the theme of the general debate at the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference be: *Improving Preparedness for, and Effective Response to, Food and Agricultural Threats and Emergencies* (para. 34)

Action has been taken (see C 2009/2-Add. 1, the background paper for the General Debate at the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference).

**PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS****Reports of the 99<sup>th</sup> (28-30 May 2008), 100<sup>th</sup> (6-10 October 2008) and 101<sup>st</sup> (11-15 May 2009) Sessions of the Programme Committee**

Proceed with the proposed modifications to TCP approval criteria. (para. 37)

The modified TCP approval criteria shall come into force on 1 January 2010, which shall coincide with the effective implementation date of the TCP decentralization, as agreed at the 35th (Special) Session of the Conference.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION**

Ensure that evaluation teams be balanced in terms of geographic representation (para. 40)

The need to balance different perspectives and backgrounds in evaluation teams is included in the draft Charter for the Office of Evaluation, as is the need for demonstrated technical competence in the area under evaluation. While it would not be practical to have representatives from each geographical region participate in all evaluations, a certain equilibrium needs to be maintained. The Evaluation Service maintains records of consultants for independent evaluations implemented under its authority and they can be shared with the Programme Committee. Member Nations are also encouraged to submit names of qualified evaluators for inclusion in the FAO roster.

Council request that the recruitment process for the Director of Evaluation be carried out in accordance with the IPA (para. 41)

As called for by the IPA, a selection panel was established, chaired by the Deputy Director-General in his role as Chair of the Evaluation Committee (Internal), comprising representatives of management, of the Programme Committee and independent evaluation specialists. Short-listed candidates went through a series of interviews and were requested to complete a written exercise in a short time. The Panel's preferred candidates were submitted to the Director-General who reached a final decision on the appointment. The new Evaluation Director has been in place since 1 September 09.

**Reports of the 121<sup>st</sup> (31 January - 1 February 2008), 122<sup>nd</sup> (22-30 May 2008), 123<sup>rd</sup> (6-10 October 2008), 124<sup>th</sup> (5 and 6 February 2009), 125<sup>th</sup> (9 and 10 March 2009) and 126<sup>th</sup> (11-15 May 2009) Sessions Of The Finance Committee**

*Audited Accounts 2006–2007*

Continue to coordinate implementation of External Auditor recommendations, and report on the status of their implementation to the Finance Committee (para. 42)

Action being taken to the full satisfaction of Finance Committee.

Submit a Draft Resolution to the Conference for adoption on *FAO Audited Accounts 2006-07* (paras. 43 and 44)

The Draft Resolution to the Conference shall be tabled as document C 2009/LIM/3.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION***Other Matters Arising out of the Reports***Scale of Contributions 2010-2011**

Submit a draft Resolution to the Conference for adoption on *Scale of Contributions 2010-11* (para. 48)

The Draft Resolution to the Conference shall be tabled as document C 2009/LIM/4.

**Adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards**

Pursue the project for implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) at FAO in line with the revised timelines noted by Council (para. 49)

Action proceeding in line with AFF revised timeline, noted by the Council and reported in the MTP/PWB 2010-11.

*Annual Report on the Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2008-09 Biennium*

Vigorously pursue measures to achieve the remaining share of the USD 22.1 million efficiency savings as per Conference Resolution 3/2007 (para. 53)

An update on the actual efficiency savings achieved and the forecast to the end of the biennium was presented to the 128th Session of the Finance Committee in July 2009 (see document FC 128/3).

Update the tentative forecast transfers between budgetary chapters for submission to the Finance Committee at its July 2009 session, together with a detailed account of achieved efficiency gains and savings (para. 54)

Action has been completed (see document FC 128/3).

**Elements for the Draft Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan 2010-13, and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11**

Provide more precise advice on priorities in the future for COFI, COFO and COAG (para. 62)

Action shall be taken for the next sessions of the Technical Committees after prior consultation with Members of each of these Committees.

Include in the MTP/PWB 2010-11 the proposal from the Asia Group to strengthen the Asia Pacific Regional Office instead of establishing a new Sub-regional Office (pata. 63)

The Asia and Pacific Office will take on new responsibilities as set out in the MTP/PWB 2010-11 for all Regional Offices. A new Sub-regional Office shall not be established in the region.

**DECISION**

Present the Strategic Framework and the MTP/PWB proposals as two physically separate documents (para. 64)

Continue further analytical work, and have intergovernmental agreement reach more concrete shape in relation to several key areas, including structural arrangements at headquarters and in field locations, the refined formulation of Organizational Results with appropriate indicators, baselines and targets, and the concept of “Reform with Growth” (para. 65)

**Immediate Plan of Action Implementation  
Progress Report and Management Response  
to the Root and Branch Review**

Implement Root and Branch Review (RBR) recommendations under the relevant IPA projects, and have IPA actions and RBR recommendations dealt with as a single package (para. 69)

Encourage Members that had not yet contributed to the voluntary Trust Fund for the implementation of the IPA during 2009 to do so (para. 70).

Absorb Culture Change into all other aspects of the FAO reform effort, and ensure their success come hand-in-hand with the new Human Resources policies and enhancement in the Decentralized Offices (para. 71)

Further improve the language services and change the funding model in order to strengthen the Meeting, Programming and Documentation Service, and the quantity and quality of its services; initiate an internal study in this regard in consultation with relevant Members (para. 72)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Action has been completed (see documents C 2009/3 on the Strategic Framework 2010-2019, and document C 2009/15 on the Director-General’s Medium Term Plan 2010-13 and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11).

Further information and analysis, and refined formulation of Organizational Results to facilitate intergovernmental discussion and agreement, are provided in document C 2009/15 on the Director-General’s Medium Term Plan 2010-13 and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11.

Regular management updates provided to the Members, and action taken by the Chair of the CoC-IEE.

All three areas of recommendations of the Culture Change Team being pursued by the Human Resources Management Division.

The implications of the new proposed model have to be further evaluated in order to assess the impact of the split between Regular Budget and extra-budgetary funds, the principle of parity of languages and the available resources. The full implementation of the new funding model may spread over more than one biennium. As mandated by the Council, a study will be carried out in consultation with Members.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION**

Provide further clarifications regarding the Headquarters structure, in particular the Chief Information Office, and give a more appropriate placement in the organigramme to the Human Resources function (para. 73)

Proposed structure outlined in document C 2009/15 (MTP/PWB) for discussion at Council and Conference.

Proceed with the initiation of a review of the administrative activities performed by the Office of the Director-General (para. 73)

Action being taken: review of ODG to be finalized by end-October 2009.

**FAO Contribution to the Implementation of the Comprehensive Framework for Action**

Continue to catalyze resource mobilization for investments with a mid- and long-term perspective in strengthening food security within national plans and strategies (para. 77)

After a generation of under-investment in agriculture, there are encouraging signs of a shift in policy. The Joint Statement on Global Food Security of the L'Aquila G-8 Summit held in July 2009 included the decision to mobilize USD 20 billion over three years for a comprehensive strategy focusing on small farmers. FAO is working with the High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Crisis to coordinate with donors on how to best assist farmers in food-insecure countries, including an updating of unfunded and underfinanced plans, and the expansion of the implementation capacity.

*High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE/FSN)*

Have Working Group IV of the CFS Contact Group address the questions raised with regard to the establishment of the HLPE/FSN, and have the Working Group initiate its work immediately (paras 80 and 82)

In June 2009, a large consultative process involving representatives of Members, the Rome-based Agencies, other UN Agencies, and relevant international NGOs and CSOs, was initiated within Working Group IV of the CFS Contact Group to address the questions raised by the Council. The Working Group held several meetings and made significant progress on a number of issues related to the Terms of Reference of the HLPE/FSN, including key functions, structure, operation and possible timing for its first meeting.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION**

Include the establishment of the proposed HLPE/FSN as part of the dialogue among Membership on the CFS reform, to include its proposed terms of reference, structure and composition (para. 83)

Draft Terms of Reference for the HLPE/FSN, and an associated diagram, were included in the draft document on the "Reform of the CFS" and discussed by the CFS Contact Group in July 2009. The discussion over the establishment of the HLPE/FSN is an integral part of the overall discussion and dialogue on the reform of the CFS.

*Proposed Summit on Food Security in 2009*

Convene the Summit on Food Security, proposed in document CL 136/22, in November 2009, in close proximity to the FAO Conference (para. 84)

This event was officially announced through the FAO website at <http://www.fao.org/wsfs/>.

Have the Secretariat report to the Finance Committee at its July 2009 session on the detailed cost estimates and the status of extra-budgetary contributions for the Summit (para. 85)

The Secretariat reported to the 128<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee in July 2009 on the financial arrangements for the Summit (see document FC 128/22). Extra-budgetary resources have been mobilized.

Establish an Open-Ended Working Group to decide as soon as possible on necessary arrangements for the Summit, including its objectives and outcomes, and have the preparatory process begin as of the week immediately following the Council session (para. 87)

The Open-Ended Working Group has been established and meets regularly.

**Programme Implementation Report  
2006-2007**

Engage in consultations with the Membership in order to assess their expectations regarding a results-based implementation report format to be used starting with the 2010-11 biennium (para. 89)

A first draft format shall be available in early 2010.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION**

Make further efforts to improve recovery of administrative and operational support costs for extra-budgetary activities (para. 90)

The 128th Session of the Finance Committee in July 2009 welcomed the progress by the ongoing inter-agency consultation and study on the harmonization of cost recovery policies. It took note of the recommendations to extend an apportionment of costs incurred in country offices, specific categories of fixed indirect costs, security and those costs related to the role of the Administrative Agent for all projects funded through voluntary contributions. The Committee endorsed in principle the enlargement of FAO Support Cost policy scope to include these cost categories, and looked forward to receiving details of the revised policy for its consideration at a future session before its implementation.

Implement the policy of language balance for publications and meetings and ensure the quality of translations (para. 90)

As requested by the 136th Session of the Council in June 2009, an internal study on quantity and quality of language services and their funding model will be carried out in consultation with Members and is expected to be completed in early 2010.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS****Report of the 84<sup>th</sup> (2-4 February 2009), 85<sup>th</sup> (23-24 February 2009), 86<sup>th</sup> (7-8 May 2009) and 87<sup>th</sup> (25-26 May 2009) Sessions of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters***Changes to the Basic Texts Required for the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal*

Set out the proposed amendments to the Constitution in appropriate draft Conference resolutions to be reviewed by the Council and its Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session before being referred to the Conference for approval (para. 94)

The proposed amendments are presented in draft Conference resolutions in document CCLM 88/4, which will be reviewed by the CCLM at its Eighty-eighth session (23-25 September 2009) and by the Council at its 137<sup>th</sup> Session, and then forwarded to the Conference for approval.

Circulate the proposed amendments to the Constitution to the Members in the course of the month of July, or 120 days before the opening of the session of the Conference (para. 95)

Action has been taken.

**DECISION****IMPLEMENTATION***Draft Proposed Amendments to the FAO Constitution for the Reform of the Committee on World Food Security*

Have the Contact Group of the CFS further discuss the proposed constitutional amendments submitted by France and advise the Conference in November to take a decision regarding the forwarding of the CFS reports to the General Assembly (para. 96)

This matter is still under discussion within the Contact Group of the CFS.

Circulate the draft amendments to the Constitution for the CFS reform to the Members of the Organization as required by Article XX-4 of the Constitution (para. 97)

Action has been taken.

**OTHER MATTERS****Margarita Lizárraga Medal**

Have the Margarita Lizárraga Medal presented to the Honourable Abraham Iyambo, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources in Namibia by the Director-General as part of the proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Session of the Conference (para. 100)

The necessary arrangements to ensure that Minister Iyambo receive the Margarita Lizárraga Medal at the 36th Session of the Conference have been made.

**Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO**

Allocate more time to this item in future sessions, and organize a Seminar for Permanent Representatives to further inform on these and other developments in fora of importance for the mandate of the Organization (para. 103)

A more extensive discussion of this agenda item is foreseen at the 137th Session of the Council.