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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 161st Session of the Council (8-12 April 2019)

Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 161st Session (8-12 April 2019) and includes a reference to: (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report; and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

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**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 161ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(8-12 April 2019)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	
Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21			
1. The Council (...) further <u>requested</u> that FAO increase the funding in the PWB 2020-21, through efficiencies and cost savings without negatively impacting the delivery of the agreed programme of work, or, if necessary, from the areas of technical de-emphasis to the extent feasible for: i) FAO's work on the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and on Joint FAO/WHO Scientific Advice Programme; and ii) mainstreaming biodiversity at FAO; (para 11. e)		X	The Adjustments to the PWB 2020-21 include proposals to increase resources for FAO's work on the International Plant Protection Convention and on the Joint FAO/WHO food safety scientific advice programme by USD 1 million each. The Adjustments further include a proposal to establish a new Biodiversity Cluster in the Office of the ADG of Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department (CBD), with USD 0.8 million in non-staff resources and a new P-5 Senior Biodiversity Officer. For more information please refer to CL 163/3 - Information Note 1.
2. The Council (...) <u>noted</u> that adjustments in resource allocations and results frameworks arising from decisions and guidance of the Governing Bodies would be reported in the Adjustments to the PWB 2020-21 for consideration by the Council in December 2019; (para 11. k)	X		The Adjustments to the PWB 2020-21 presents the adjustments in resource allocations and results frameworks arising from decisions and guidance of the Governing Bodies.
Technical Cooperation Programme			
3. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation review of TCP implementation in the next biennium; (para 11. g)		X	An evaluation of the TCP has been launched by the Office of Evaluation (OED). The findings will be presented to the fall 2020 session of the Programme Committee. A report containing a comprehensive review of TCP projects that completed implementation in 2018 has been published on FAO's Web site: http://www.fao.org/technical-cooperation-programme
4. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> the Secretariat to fully use the allocated amount of the TCP appropriation; (para 12. f)	X		As of 20 November 2019, 98 percent of the 2018/19 TCP allocation has been committed into operational projects. Full commitment will be achieved by the end of December 2019.

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Technical Cooperation Programme			
5. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that the Secretariat deliver fully implementation of TCP projects against the 2016-17 appropriation by the end of 2019; (para 15. g)	X		As of 20 November 2019, expenditures against the 2016-17 allocation have reached 98 percent. The allocation will be fully expended by the end of 2019.
Voluntary Contributions			
6. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to detailed information on the use of voluntary contributions over the past three biennia, deconstructed by programmatic and geographic dimensions, in the implementation of the programme of work at the Council session in December 2019; (para 11. j)	X		Please refer to CL 163/3 Information Note 2 “Voluntary contributions in the biennia 2014-15, 2016-17, 2018-19” published in preparation for the 163 rd Session of the Council.
Antimicrobial Resistance			
7. The Council (...) <u>stressed</u> the need for continued work and maintenance of current resource allocation for addressing AMR in agriculture in all regions; and (para 12. e)		X	The Adjustments to the PWB 2020-21 take into account the importance for FAO to continue addressing the increasing global threat of AMR through a coordinated, multi-sectoral, One Health approach in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in close cooperation with the Tripartite Agencies. In the 2020-21 work planning process AMR activities are included under SPs 2, 4 and 5, as well as under the umbrella of the FAO Action Plan on AMR 2016-2020.
UN System Survey on Sexual Harassment in our Workplace			
8. The Council (...) noted the outcomes of the UN System survey on Sexual Harassment in our Workplace and <u>appreciated</u> the informal seminar held by the Director-General during which the outcomes of the survey were shared with Members, and <u>looked forward</u> to a further survey, in coordination with the Rome-based Agencies, with an improved response rate; (para 17. b)		X	An employee satisfaction survey will be carried out in December 2019. It will include follow-up questions on sexual harassment and reporting. The Staff representative bodies have been consulted on the content of the survey and their suggestions included. As it is a broader employee satisfaction survey, an improved response rate is anticipated.

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Nutrition Strategy			
9. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing an updated Nutrition Strategy at its December 2019 session with an expanded scope, which would give consideration to nutrition from the perspective of sustainable agriculture and food systems and healthy diets, and addressing all forms of malnutrition; (para 18. a)		X	Document PC 127/8 “Progress on updating the Strategy on Nutrition” was submitted to the 127th Session of the Programme Committee in November 2019.
FAO’s Policy on Gender Equality			
10. The Council (...) <u>recognized</u> the opportunity to update FAO’s Policy on Gender Equality, in alignment with the UN System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP 2.0) and to develop an action plan no later than November 2020; (para 18. b)		X	Document PC 127/4 “Progress report on the main features of the draft updated Gender Strategy” was presented to the 127th Session of the Programme Committee in November 2019.
Biodiversity			
11. The Council (...) <u>stressed the need</u> for further consultation [on the strategy on biodiversity mainstreaming across agricultural sectors] with Members and in this respect noted that inputs were still being collected from FAO Members. In consideration of the above, the Council <u>recommended</u> that the Conference mandate the Council to consider and to adopt the Strategy before 2020; (para 18. e)		X	In line with the request by the 41st Session of the Conference in June 2019, a consultative process with Members was initiated. In August 2019 a draft version of the Strategy was posted on the FAO Members Gateway for Consultation. Further to inputs received, a revised draft was posted for additional consideration by Members. The Chairperson of the Programme Committee convened two informal consultations open to all Members in September and October 2019. The draft Strategy was reviewed by the 127th Session of the Programme Committee in November 2019 and submitted to the 163rd Session of the Council in December 2019 for approval.

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Implementation of Outstanding Decisions			
12. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to an update on the implementation of the outstanding decisions at its 163rd Session; (para 29)	X		

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 160th SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(3-7 December 2018)**

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Article XIV Bodies			
13. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> 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; (para 13. b)		X	The Independent Chairperson of the Council has had further exchanges with the Chairpersons of Article XIV Bodies with the aim of finalizing the procedure for the appointment. The ICC has kept Members updated through regular informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups.