

## 171st Session of the Council

### **Item 9: Reports of the 192nd (1-3 June 2022), 193rd (27-28 October 2022) and 194th (7-11 November 2022) Sessions of the Finance Committee**

Chairperson, Members of Council,

I am pleased to present the Reports of the 192nd, 193rd and 194th Sessions of the Finance Committee. These Reports are submitted to the Council in documents CL 171/16, CL 171/18 and CL 171/9 respectively.

While the 194th Session dealt with FAO matters, the 192nd and 193rd Sessions were convened to deal with World Food Programme (WFP) matters. The Council is requested to note the Finance Committee's consideration of matters relating to the World Food Programme presented in the Reports of its 192nd and 193rd Sessions prior to their consideration by the WFP Executive Board.

I would now like to highlight the following matters presented in the Report of the 194th Session of the Finance Committee.

On the review of the *Audited Accounts - FAO 2021* and *Management Response to the Recommendations presented in the Report of the External Auditor for 2021*, the Council is requested to submit the Draft Resolution, for adoption by the Conference, of the FAO Audited Accounts for 2021 as presented in paragraph 12 of document CL 171/9.

On the review of *FAO Oversight Advisory Committee Membership*, the Council is requested to endorse the appointment of Mr Honoré Ndoko as a member of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee for an initial period of three years.

Furthermore, the Council is requested to endorse the conclusions of the Finance Committee on its consideration of the *Financial Position of the Organization*, on the *Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization*, and on the *Update on the status of recommendations presented in the JIU Report, Review of Whistleblower Policies and Practices in United Nations System Organizations (JIU/REP/2018/4) and JIU Report, Review of the State of the Investigation Function: Progress made in the United Nations System Organizations in Strengthening the Investigation Function (JIU/REP/2020/1)*.

Finally, the Council is requested to note the Finance Committee's considerations related to the updates it received on the implementation of recommendations of the External Auditor and the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee, and on scheduling of the FAO Management and Administration Review by the JIU.

I would be pleased to provide any further explanations you may have regarding our Reports.

*Ms Imelda Smolčić Nijers, Chairperson of the Finance Committee*