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Item 4.3 – Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee (MYPOW)

Member name	Comments
<p>Argentina Tuesday, 10 September 10:10AM</p>	<p>Agradecemos a la Secretaria del COAG, Sra. Ariella Glinni, por la elaboración del documento. Como es costumbre, los Programas Plurianuales representan una herramienta fundamental para determinar los objetivos del COAG durante los períodos intersesionesales. En particular, la Argentina nota que el documento, por un lado, establece criterios amplios de trabajo sin definir acciones o marcos de discusión puntuales. Por ejemplo, existen referencias sobre el impacto de los conflictos en los sistemas alimentarios, pero no indica cuál será el criterio de análisis, qué resultados se esperan obtener y tampoco se clarifica si dicha propuesta se solapa -o no- con las discusiones que se llevan adelante en el Consejo. Por otro lado, notamos la ausencia de precisiones sobre el presupuesto y los recursos que podrían demandar las ideas que buscan estructurar el documento sobre PTPA. En este contexto, Argentina toma nota sobre la propuesta y, a su vez, solicita mayores detalles sobre el esquema final que adoptará el PTPA.</p>
<p>New Zealand Friday, 20 September 11:51AM</p>	<p>New Zealand appreciates the very active role of the COAG over the last two years. It has been a full year of intersessional activities.</p> <p>We note the work of the Subcommittee on Livestock and look forward to further progressing work in this area, especially with the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock.</p> <p>We note the very active engagement with Members and stakeholders on the Voluntary Code of Conduct on the Sustainable Use and Management of Plastics in Agriculture and appreciate the efforts of the secretariat in addressing this issue.</p> <p>We support the approval of the proposed MYPOW 2024-27 as provided to Members in the annex of this agenda paper.</p>

<p>Switzerland Friday, 20 September 12:58PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switzerland thanks FAO for the progress report 2022-2025 and for the proposed MYPOW. • With regards to the proposed MYPOW 2024-2027, we appreciate the importance of contributing to FAO's Strategic Framework. In this respect, we would like to also highlight the importance of contributing the implementation all the relevant organizational strategies and action plans of FAO • We appreciate the importance given to collaboration within FAO governing bodies (such as the Programme Committee), FAO units but also other relevant organizations within and outside the UN system and encourage FAO to pursue this collaborative approach.
<p>Australia Friday, 20 September 2:51PM</p>	<p>Australia congratulates the outgoing Chair of the COAG, Ms Julie Emond, and fellow Bureau members, for their dedication and efforts over the last intersessional period.</p> <p>We note in particular the success of the Sub-Committee on Livestock and the progress made in undertaking its workplan and related activities. Australia looks forward to the development of the Global Action Plan for Sustainable Livestock Transformation.</p> <p>We support the proposed MYPOW 2024-27 (annexed).</p> <p>Regarding the strategic issues to be tracked over time in future COAG sessions, Australia welcomes the recognition the contribution of discussions at Regional Conferences can make to inform COAGs future agenda. One topic that Australia believes the Committee should give consideration to relates to good agriculture policies and mechanisms that support sustainable agri-food systems.</p>
<p>European Union and its 27 Member States Monday, 23 September 4:16PM</p>	<p>Madam/Mr Chair,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am honoured to write on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States. 2. We thank the FAO for the comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)'s Multi-Year Programme of Work 2022-25 (MYPOW). 3. We appreciate the wide range of inter-sessional activities under the leadership of the Chairperson and Bureau of the COAG, supported by the Secretariat. For example, those related to a Voluntary Code of Conduct (VCoC) on the Sustainable Use and Management of Plastics in Agriculture and the collaboration with technical committees, particularly with the Committee on Forestry (COFO). We also appreciate COAG's contribution to the FAO submission to the High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF).

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regarding the proposed MYPOW 2022-25, we underline the importance of the close collaboration between COAG with other technical committees and with the competent staff of FAO's technical divisions. 5. We appreciate the planned continuity of inter-sessional activities and the active involvement of FAO Members in all relevant discussions. We also welcome the ambitions set out in the proposed MYPOW in terms of strategy, priorities, programmes and budget. 6. With these comments, the EU and its Member States welcome and endorse the approval of the proposed MYPOW for the period 2024-27. <p>Thank you, Madame/Mr Chair</p>
<p>United States of America Wednesday, 25 September 3:56PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We note the importance of the Committee and its relevance to global food security and international agricultural trade. • We thank the Secretariat for putting a focus on intersessional and information-sharing activities over the next two years, as we continue address current, new, and emerging issues that affect agricultural trade. • When discussing regulatory matters noted in Annex 1, it's important to stress the need for science- and risk-based decision-making, underpinned by evidence. We must ensure we do not create unnecessary barriers to trade. • The United States endorses the MYPOW and looks forward to the faithful execution of it by the Secretariat.
<p>Africa Regional Group Friday, 27 September 2:34PM</p>	<p>Thank you, Chairperson, for giving us the floor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The United Republic of Tanzania has the honour to deliver this African Regional Group statement on behalf of Senegal and South Africa, 2. Chairperson, our Regional Group expresses its sincere gratitude to the FAO Secretariat for the comprehensive report on the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2022-2025 for the Committee on Agriculture. We appreciate the valuable background document that outlines the insights provided and the alignment of the MYPOW 2024- 2027 with the countries' priorities 3. We strongly support FAO's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable transformation of agri-food systems. We believe that increased focus on climate adaptation, youth engagement, gender equality, technology adoption, value chain development, and collaboration are crucial for achieving our goals.

4. We urge FAO to continue providing enhanced support for capacity- building initiatives, robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and strategic partnerships with relevant organizations to foster the development of agri-food systems
5. Furthermore, we recommend prioritizing specific areas within the MYPOW that address the unique needs of African countries and tailoring the MYPOW 2024-2027 to more effectively reflect the current context and challenges.
6. We believe that through effective collaboration and implementation of the MYPOW 2024-2027, countries can make significant progress towards achieving sustainable agri-food systems transformation to ensure we attain better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life for all.
7. The African Group takes note of the progress report of the implementation of the MYPOW 2022-2024 and approves the proposed MYPOW 2024-2027

Thank you for your kind attention!