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

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2. Listed hereunder are the decisions taken by the Hundred and Thirty-first Session of the Council and their implementation up to the date of going to press.
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DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL
(Rome, 20-25 November 2006)****PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY,
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS****PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
REPORT 2004-2005**

Continue the trend of reducing the number of planned biennial outputs and adopt a strategic approach leading to more focused prioritization of objectives and activities (para. 23)

Action is being taken, and follow-up will be reported in the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2006-07 and in subsequent planning documents.

Further improve reporting on programme implementation in the next PIR, as per the requests of the Programme and Finance Committees (para. 24)

Action is being taken, and follow-up will be reported in the PIR 2006-07.

**REPORTS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF
THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE (MAY AND
SEPTEMBER 2006)***Revised PWB 2006-2007*

Postpone the issuance of the Medium-Term Plan 2008-13 as per the recommendation of the May 2006 Joint Meeting (para. 34)

Action has been taken.

Other Matters Arising out of the Reports

Charge the remaining US\$ 6.4 million of the cost of the unforeseen and unbudgeted General Service salary increase to the Special Reserve Account (para. 37)

The remaining US\$ 6.4 million of the cost of the unforeseen and unbudgeted General Service salary increase was charged to the Special Reserve Account in December 2006.

Have the Finance Committee submit proposals on the possible replenishment of the Special Reserve Account (para. 37)

Proposals regarding the possible replenishment of the Special Reserve Account are included in document CL 132/3, presented to the Finance Committee at its May 2007 Session under the Agenda item of Summary Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09.

DECISION

Prepare a paper for consideration by the May 2007 Joint Meeting exploring the extent to which closer and wider collaboration on “back office” administrative and processing work could lead to overall savings among Rome-based UN food and agriculture organizations (para. 38)

REPORTS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH (MAY 2006) AND NINETY-SIXTH (SEPTEMBER 2006) SESSIONS OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Ensure continuous dialogue among the parties, including donors, on measures needed for improving the performance on the future of desert locust management and control campaigns (para. 44)

IMPLEMENTATION

An inter-agency working group was established and presented a paper to the Joint Meetings of the Programme and Finance Committees in May 2007 (JM 07.1/3).

A “Multilateral Evaluation Working Group” refined the recommendations of the Evaluation. It presented its Final Report in November 2006, which was extensively drawn upon in the Management Response to the Multilateral Independent Evaluation of the 2003-2005 Desert Locust Campaign, submitted for consideration by the Programme Committee.

Measures taken since the 2003-2005 desert locust control campaign were explained to over 100 Rome-based Permanent Representatives in January 2007, and discussed in April 2007. Meetings were also held to discuss improvements in future desert locust campaigns of the Central Region Commission. A number of international workshops and planning meetings including major donors and affected countries were held in Western Africa in 2006-2007 and regular consultations with and among countries and major donors and regional organizations (Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa, Central Region Commission) have been held on a weekly basis.

The first global technical conference on biological pesticides for locust control was held in February 2007 to reduce non-target effects on humans, domestic animals, and the environment.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****REPORTS OF THE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH (FEBRUARY 2006), HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH (MAY 2006), HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH (JUNE 2006), HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH (SEPTEMBER 2006) AND HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH (OCTOBER 2006) SESSIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE***FAO Audited Accounts 2004-2005*

Implement the recommendations in the Report of the External Auditor (para. 46)

Consistent with standard practice, the Secretariat reports to each session of the Finance Committee on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor. The relevant paper at the May 2007 Session is FC118/5. See also document CL 132/14: *Report of the 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 17-25 May 2007)*.

Forward a draft Resolution on FAO Audited Accounts 2004-05 to the Conference for adoption (paras. 47 and 48)

A draft Resolution on the FAO Audited Accounts 2004-05 is included in the draft Provisional Agenda of the 34th Session of the FAO Conference.

Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation

Encourage Regional Groups to consult actively on the Finance Committee proposals to improve the Organization's cash shortage situation, including timely payment of Assessed Contributions, in order to achieve consensus by the Council Session of June 2007 (para. 49)

At its 115th Session, the Finance Committee reviewed document FC 115/8 Measures to Improve the Organization's Cash Shortage Situation and encouraged the Regional Groups to consult actively on the proposals summarized therein with a view to arriving at a consensus by the June 2007 Session of the Council. The matter was discussed further by the Finance Committee at its May 2007 Session (FC 118/13). See also document CL 132/14: *Report of the 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 17-25 May 2007)*.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION***Status of Contributions 2006*

Develop a cashflow analysis with all financial demands on the budget for the remainder of 2006-07 (para. 54)

A cashflow analysis reflecting all financial demands on the budget for the remainder of 2006-07 was presented to the May 2007 Session of the Finance Committee under the item on Financial Highlights and Status of Current Assessments and Arrears. See also document CL 132/14: *Report of the 118th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 17-25 May 2007)*.

Submit an appropriate financial proposal aimed at restoring the financial health and long-term sustainability of the Organization (para. 54) as part of the Summary Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009.

Action has been completed. Financial proposals aimed at restoring the financial health and long-term sustainability of the Organization were presented to the May 2007 Session of the Finance Committee as part of the Summary Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009 (CL 132/3).

Have the Finance Committee at its May Session in 2007 review the funding of the unbudgeted costs estimated at US\$ 27 million and report the result to the Council (para. 55)

The Finance Committee reviewed the funding of unbudgeted costs at its May 2007 Session, as part of its discussions on the Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers (FC 118/2) and reported in CL 132/14.

*Other Matters Arising out of the Reports***Recommendations and Decisions of the ICSC and UN Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and Change in Salary Scales and Allowances**

Implement the recommendations made by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) regarding the Salary Scale of the General Service category, including the 12.16 percent increase, effective 1 November 2005 (para. 59)

Action was taken with the Salary Scale adjustments in the December 2006 payroll.

Report on Support Costs Expenditure and Recoveries

Increase the PSC rate for projects in direct support to the Regular Programme from 6 to 13 percent (para. 61)

The increase in the PSC rate for projects in direct support to the Regular Programme has been implemented.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE DECISIONS ON REFORMS AND PROPOSALS FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL***Conclusions of the Council*

Implement the restructuring at Headquarters as described in section V of document CL 131/18 (para. 63)

The restructuring at Headquarters has been completed, and is reported in Progress on Implementation of FAO Reforms (CL 132/16).

Establish a new Sub-regional Office in Central America; the modalities of implementation to be addressed by a working group to be convened by the Secretariat with the participation of the interested countries, and submit these modalities to the Council in 2007 for final decision (para. 64)

Implementation of the decision is almost completed. See document CL 132/16 on Progress in the Implementation of FAO Reforms.

Further examine the establishment of a Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Region to present a concrete proposal to Council (para. 65)

This matter will be discussed by the 132nd Session of the Council. See document CL 132/16.

Ensure that progress in the implementation of the above decisions be within the approved budget and in the context of a financial plan (para. 67)

Action has been completed for the Sub-regional Office for Central America. See Summary Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09 (CL 132/3) and Annual Report on Budgetary Performance (FC 118/2).

PROGRESS ON THE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO

Have the Independent Chairperson informally convene, as he considers necessary in preparation for Council sessions, Friends of the Chair to discuss issues pertaining to follow-up to the IEE and their relationship to the Director-General's Reforms and the ongoing reforms in the UN system (para. 73)

Action to this effect is still under consideration. See document CL 132/15.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WFP****OUTCOME OF AND FAO FOLLOW-UP
TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ICARRD)
(PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL,
7-10 MARCH 2006)**

Have COAG consider at its next Session, ICARRD recommendations and submit to the CFS, if appropriate, relevant recommendations for consideration at its Thirty-third Session in 2007 (para. 78)

Action taken. See documents CL 132/9: *Report of the 20th Session of the Committee on Agriculture* and CL 132/10: *Report of the 33rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 7-10 May 2007)*.

**NEW INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS ON PESTICIDE
MANAGEMENT**

Implement the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to the extent possible within existing resources (para. 84)

The Director-General informed the SAICM-Secretariat, located at UNEP, of the involvement of the Organization in the SAICM process in February 2007 through the Pesticide Management Group. Plant Protection Officers at the Regional Offices have been informed about SAICM regional meetings, and the meeting of Arab countries on implementation of SAICM was attended by the Regional Plant Protection from RNE in April 2007.

Have FAO activities include risk reduction, including the progressive ban on highly hazardous pesticides, promoting good agricultural practices, ensuring environmentally-sound disposal of stock-piles of obsolete pesticides and capacity-building in establishing national and regional laboratories (para. 86)

An information document, "New Initiative for Pesticide Risk Reduction" (published as COAG 2007/INF.14) was presented to the Twentieth Session of the Committee on Agriculture (Rome, May 2007). Furthermore, a side-event, also during the COAG meeting, was designed to obtain feedback from countries and important stakeholders on management approaches in reducing risks associated with pesticide use.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS****REPORT OF THE EIGHTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (ROME, 2-3 OCTOBER 2006)***Revised Statutes of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)*

Implement the operative paragraphs of Resolution 1/131 on Revised Statutes of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) (para. 95)

The Revised Statutes have been circulated to all the Members of WECAF with the relevant paragraph of the Council's report.

Streamlining of the Membership Rules of the Open Committees of the FAO Council

Forward to the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference in 2007 a draft Resolution on amendments to the General Rules of the Organization regarding the membership rules of the Open Committees of the FAO Council (para. 97)

Item inserted in the Provisional Agenda of the 34th Session of the Conference.

Representation of the Near East Region in the Finance Committee

Have the CCLM further consider representation of the Near East Region in the Finance Committee (para. 98)

Considered by CCLM, postponed to next Session.

Access by Members to Reports of the Office of the Inspector General

Reconsider the matter of Access by Members to Reports of the Office of the Inspector General at the Spring 2007 Session of the CCLM (para. 99)

Considered by CCLM, postponed to next Session.

Personal Status for Purposes of Staff Entitlements

Reconsider the matter of Personal Status for Purposes of Staff Entitlements at the Spring 2007 Session of the CCLM (para. 100)

Concluded.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****OTHER MATTERS****CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2007-2008**

Convene the Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the FAO Council over five days, on an experimental basis, from 18 to 22 June 2007 and take stock of the outcome during the Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session of the Council in November 2007 (para. 106)

Action has been taken. The Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the FAO Council will meet from 18 to 22 June 2007.

ADDRESS BY THE STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

Conceive and implement reforms and changes in consultation with the stakeholders, including the staff (para. 112)

Management has continued to hold regular meetings with the staff representatives through the *ad hoc* Joint Advisory Committee on Reform.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS

Start planning the activities for the International Year of Forests (2011) within FAO's mandate and in accordance with the decision (already taken) of the Sixty-first Session of the UNGA on the matter, and report to the Council and Conference, in due time, on its programme of implementation (para. 114)

FAO is committed to work in close collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests for planning the implementation of the year. FAO plans to initiate its actual programme of implementation through the Regional Forestry Commission sessions in 2008 and the 19th Session of the Committee of Forestry in 2009, and report to the Council and the Conference accordingly in 2009.