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Item 10: Report of the 117th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24-26 October 2022)

During the 117th Session held from 24 to 26 October 2022 in a hybrid modality, the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), after having considered the relevant documents prepared by the CCLM Secretariat, makes specific recommendations for decision by the Council on:

- the promulgation of the FAO Policy on Intellectual Property Rights;
- the proposal to amend the Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD); and
- the implementation of Recommendation 7 of the Joint Inspection Unit (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).

The CCLM considered the activities of the Development Law Branch; and the role of the Governing Bodies of the Organization, in particular the Council Committees, in the Organization's formal decision-making process and the role of informal consultations, having regard to the FAO Basic Texts. It brings to the attention of the Council for its endorsement, its conclusions regarding these items.

Finally, the CCLM considered the update on:

- the implementation of the FAO Data Protection Policy;
- the restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization;
- the Code of Conduct for Voting; and
- the Review of the jurisdictional setup of the United Nations common system.

The Committee informs the Council of the CCLM's considerations with respect to these items.

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