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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 153rd Session of the Council (30 November – 4 December 2015)

Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 153rd Session (30 November - 4 December 2015) and includes a reference to: (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report and the background report/document in brackets; 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 153 rd SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (30 November – 4 December 2015)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	Not Yet Started	
PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17				

<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
1. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to continued attention to mainstreaming of gender across FAO's activities and to the implementation of the FAO Policy on Gender Equality, including consideration of UN/SWAP, as well as reporting thereon, through the standing corporate accountability mechanisms, notably the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 in May 2016, the Mid-Term Review in March 2017, and the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review to be considered by the 40 th Session of the Conference in 2017 (para 7 f)		X		Strategic Programme Leaders continued attention to mainstreaming gender in the 2016-17 Strategic Programme work plans. The Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 was provided to the Programme and Finance Committees in May 2016, and to the Council in May/June. Reporting through standing corporate accountability mechanisms continues as per Council guidance.
2. The Council (...) <u>stressed the importance</u> of the due attention to the cross-cutting themes, including gender, nutrition, climate change and governance, and <u>looked forward</u> to regular and systematic reporting on implementation of these priorities in the Mid-Term Review and Programme Implementation Reports (para 7 h)		X		Strategic Programme Leaders integrated cross-cutting themes in 2016-17 Strategic Programme work plans. Information provided to the Programme and Finance Committees and in the PIR 2014-15 , and further reporting will be provided to the Mid-Term Review in spring 2017 in line with guidance from the Council.
3. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing at its session in March 2017 within the context of the Mid-Term Review 2016 the impact of management arrangements and adjustments to headquarters' structure on implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17, as well as their impact on the technical departments (para 7 l)			X	Mid-Term Review 2016 report to be prepared in early 2017
4. The Council (...) <u>urged</u> the FAO Secretariat to undertake an independent assessment of the technical capacity of the Organization, both at headquarters and in the decentralized offices, to be presented to the Conference in 2017 (para 7 m)			X	Assessment to be initiated in third quarter of 2016.

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5. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> the FAO Secretariat to undertake action to address the high vacancy rate and noted that an update on the work planning process, including skills analysis and vacancy management to optimally deliver the Programme of Work would be submitted to the Finance Committee (para 7 o)	X			See FC 161/8 Human Resources Management and CL 154/4 Report of 161 st Session of the Finance Committee
Report of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee (2-6 November 2015) ----- Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo				
6. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's contribution on knowledge on food and agriculture and <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing progress on actions taken to address the recommendations and findings of the evaluation, notably as regards greater dissemination and outreach of knowledge products in all FAO languages (para 12 a)		X		In line with FAO's policy on evaluations, a follow-up report providing an update on the implementation of the actions set out in the Management Response will be provided to the Programme Committee at its November 2017 session.
7. The Council <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing at a future session the Committee's recommendations on a strategy for FAO's work on climate change, as well as progress on actions taken to address the recommendations of the evaluation (para 12 c)		X		A roadmap for the strategy was presented to the 119 th Session of the Programme Committee (PC 119/4), and will also be submitted to the sessions of FAO's Technical Committees in 2016. The strategy itself will be presented to the Programme Committee at its November 2016 session, and to the Council at its December 2016 session.
8. The Council (...) took note of the progress and roadmap proposed for the independent evaluation of the evaluation function, and <u>looked forward</u> to receiving the Programme Committee's views on the final report at the 155 th Session of the Council in December 2016 (para 12 d)		X		The report of the independent evaluation of the evaluation function will be submitted to the Programme Committee at its November 2016 session.

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Independent Review of Decentralized Offices Network -----				
<i>Reporting Officer: Daniel Gustafson</i>				
9. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> the document be transmitted for review by the 2016 Regional Conferences (para 16 e)	X			The document was presented to and discussed at all five Regional Conferences. The conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Conferences are included in Council document CL 154/6.
10. The Council (...) <u>agreed</u> to re-examine the coverage of FAO's decentralized offices at its next session in June 2016 (para 16 f)	X			The Council will re-examine document CL 154/6 as agreed at its 153 rd Session, as Item 8 on the Provisional Agenda (CL 154/1).
GOVERNANCE MATTERS				
Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Council 2016-19 -----				
<i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
11. The Council <u>agreed</u> that a section on outstanding and strategic issues to be tracked over time be added to the MYPOW and that the format of the document be improved by making the Results Section more focused and specific (para 23)	X			The Council MYPOW 2016-19 was discussed at the ICC Informal Meeting with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups in January 2016, and the document subsequently circulated to all groups for their input, underlining the decision by Council that a section on outstanding and strategic issues, to be tracked over time, be included if deemed appropriate.
Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies -----				
<i>Reporting Officer: Mario Lubetkin</i>				
12. The Council <u>encouraged</u> FAO to join IFAD and WFP in producing a joint paper that outlined the elements of future RBA collaboration, to be reviewed by the respective Governing Bodies in 2016 (para 40)		X		Item to be reviewed at the 155 th Session of Council in December 2016.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 151 ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (23-27 MARCH 2015)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	Not Yet Started	
PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Medium Term Plan 2014-17 (reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17				
----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
13. The Council (...) supported the proposed Programme of Work and noted that further clarifications would be provided by the Secretariat for consideration by Members, including further information on how gender as a cross-cutting issue was reflected throughout the Programme of Work and Budget (para 7 b)		X		Information provided at the informal meeting of the Programme Committee on 16 March 2016, and included in C 2017/8 Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 for consideration by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in May 2016.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 150 TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (1-5 DECEMBER 2014)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	Not Yet Started	
PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Report of the Joint Meeting of the 116th Session of the Programme Committee and 156th Session of the Finance Committee (5 November 2014)				

<i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
14. The Council (...) invited the Organization to continue efforts in building partnerships with non-state actors at all levels, reiterating the request of the Joint Meeting for specific progress reports on each of the two Strategies in future [strategies with civil society organizations and the private sector] (para 15 a)		X		An annual progress report will be submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS				
Report of the 99th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal matters (20-23 October 2014)				

<i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>				
15. Following the mandate given to the Independent Chairperson of Council to hold consultations with regional groups with a view to reaching agreement on the proposed rules for participation of Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector Representatives in FAO meetings, the CCLM to review the proposal and finalize its work once agreement among Members has been reached (para 21 c)	X			The Independent Chairperson of the Council will report to the 154 th Session of the Council on the outcome of informal consultations with regional groups.