

29th Session of the Committee on Agriculture

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members – English version

Item 4.2 – Implementation of the recommendations of the 28th Session of the Committee

Member name	Comments
<p>Japan Friday, 20 September 10:45AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan thanks the Secretariat for the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture published in COAG/2024/3. We acknowledged the progress of FAO’s work in various areas towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. • We appreciate FAO’s work regarding the progress of FAO's Action Plan on AMR (2021-2025). Since continuous efforts are crucial in addressing AMR, we look forward to the ongoing implementation of these efforts. • Regarding UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 (UNDFE), Japan would like to highlight the relationship between family farming and GIAHS. We highly appreciate that FAO organized “the International Symposium on GIAHS and Family Farming” in 2022 and 2023, as well as “the Workshop on Traditional Knowledge and Innovation in GIAHS 2024”. We consider these initiatives valuable in that they focus on the role of Family Farming in building a sustainable agrifood system from the perspective of GIAHS. These initiatives on the UNDFE and GIAHS were also mentioned in paragraph 65 of the Secretary-General’s report for UN General Assembly, “Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2019–2028)”, published in July 2023, (A/78/233). Japan requests FAO to continue such efforts and play a leading role in the implementation of the UNDFE. • The sustainable use and management of plastics in agriculture is an emergent global issue of importance, and the agricultural sector must actively address this. Japan highly commends the development of the Voluntary Code of Conduct on the Sustainable Use and Management of Plastics in Agriculture (VCoC), in accordance with the COAG 28 recommendation, through active participation of various member countries and technical experts, as this VCoC provides flexible and practical principles, actions and measures in a well-balanced manner tailored to the circumstances of each region and country. Japan expects its adoption at COAG 29 and believes it is crucial for each country to voluntarily takes actions and measures guided by the VCoC.
<p>New Zealand Friday, 20 September</p>	<p>New Zealand appreciates the fulsome update provided to Members on this agenda item. We want to comment on the items on the Action Plans for the implementation of the FAO strategies on Climate Change (2022-2031) and the Science and Innovation (2022-2025). The implementation of the FAO strategies is of utmost interest to</p>

11:51AM	Members as reflected in the requests from the last Programme Committee for transparency on the current status. We strongly encourage FAO to keep Members abreast and updated on that status of the implementation of these strategies.
Australia Friday, 20 September 2:51PM	<p>Australia thanks FAO for the updates on implementation from past recommendations and provides the following comments.</p> <p>Regarding the SOLAW report, we appreciate the update of the theme for the second edition and would welcome further details on when it will be launched.</p> <p>On the implementation of the Science and Innovation Strategy, we note that an analysis on the competencies and gaps in human resources in innovation was conducted but no further details are provided. As per the recommendation 63, we would welcome an understanding in particular of how the decentralized offices are poised to implement the Strategy at the field level, and what approaches the Organization will take to boost competencies in this area as required.</p>
European Union and its 27 Member States Monday, 23 September 4:16PM	<p>Madam/Mr Chair,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States. 2. We thank the Secretariat for the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture and take note of it. 3. The background document demonstrates that the COAG plays an important role in guiding FAO on the challenges faced by its members to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 4. The EU and its Member States appreciate the Committee's efforts into relation to the SDGs, and the contribution of FAO to making progress on a great number of issues, in particular 'One Health' and related policies, the FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2021-2025, agriculture and forestry linkages, the SOLAW21 report, the governance of tenure of water resources for food and agriculture, and the guidance on the use of plastics in agriculture. 5. Finally, we encourage FAO to continue working to implement the recommendations on remaining challenges and to report regularly on the progress made. <p>Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.</p>
United States of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States appreciates FAO's comprehensive report on the implementation and recommendations of the 28th meeting of the Committee.

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- We continue to encourage the FAO to seek Member input and advice on the guidelines, voluntary guidelines, and various workstreams and actions plans on the important issues facing us today.