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Report of the 169th Session of the Council for Adoption

Procedure of the Session

Introductory Items¹

1. The 169th Session of the Council was held on 8 April 2022, under the Chairpersonship of Mr Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The one-day, unplanned Session of the Council was convened in line with Rule XXV, paragraph 1, of the General Rules of the Organization, and Rule II, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, on request received in writing from 43 Member Nations, and subsequent consultation between the Director-General and the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC).
3. The Session was convened in hybrid modality, on an exceptional basis, and without creating a precedent, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns, with some representatives attending in person at FAO headquarters and others participating virtually.
4. The Council confirmed, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, that it agreed to the suspension of any rules incompatible with the hybrid setting, specifically Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which provides that each session of the Council shall be held at the seat of the Organization.

Statement by the Director-General²

5. The Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to Council.

Adoption of the Agenda³

6. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union, and adopted the Agenda for the Session.
7. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons⁴

8. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Khaled Ahmad Zekriya (Afghanistan); Ms Demitu Hambisa Bonsa (Ethiopia); and Ms Michèle Pranchère-Tomassini (Luxembourg).

¹ CL 169/PV/1; CL 169/PV/..

² CL 169/PV/1; CL 169/PV/..

³ CL 169/1; CL 169/INF/4; CL 169/PV/1; CL 169/PV/..

⁴ CL 169PV/1; CL 169/PV/..

Impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)⁵

1. The Council voted against a motion to adjourn the meeting as provided for in the provisions of Rule XII-21 and XII-24 of the General Rules of the Organization.⁶
2. The Council decided by vote^{7,8} to adopt the Proposal contained in document CL 169/4, and co-sponsored by 80 FAO Members including 22 Member Nations of the Council as outlined in document CL 169/4 Add.1. Accordingly, the Council adopted the following decision:
3. **The Council:**
 - a) **endorsed and reaffirmed the Resolution adopted on 2 March 2022 by the United Nations General Assembly at its 11th emergency special session (A/RES/ES-11/1);**
 - b) **affirmed that the aggression against Ukraine by the Russian Federation, with the involvement of Belarus, is in violation of the objectives and purposes of the Organization as set out in the Preamble of the Constitution and of the obligations accepted by the Russian Federation and Belarus as Members of the Organization, and demanded the immediate cessation of the use of force against Ukraine, including the targeting of civilians and civilian food supply and agricultural infrastructure and the further aggravation of world food insecurity;**
 - c) **expressed the gravest concern about the impact of the conflict on increased food insecurity globally, as Ukraine, the Russian Federation, and the region are one of the world's most important areas for grain, oilseed, and other agriculture exports, when millions of people are already facing hunger or the immediate risk of hunger or are experiencing severe food insecurity in several regions of the world;**
 - d) **stressed the role of FAO, in coordination and collaboration with other United Nations entities and relevant bodies, especially the Rome-based agencies and international financial institutions, to address within its mandate the consequences of the conflict within Ukraine and on world food security and agriculture;**
 - e) **requested the Director-General:**
 - i. **to leverage FAO's role as a knowledge institution to closely monitor the implications on world food security and agriculture, including through the regular, comprehensive data**

⁵ CL 169/3; CL 169/3 Add.1; CL 169/4; CL 169/4 Add.1; CL 169/5; CL 169/6; CL 169/7; CL 169/PV/1; CL 169/PV/2; CL 169/PV/..; CL 169/PV/..;

⁶ Indonesia issued an Explanation of Vote which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the session (CL 169/PV/..)

⁷ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 27; votes in favour: 23; votes against: 4; abstentions: 16.

⁸ Brazil, Egypt and Indonesia issued an Explanation of Vote which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the session (CL 169/PV/..)

- analysis on the effects of the conflict on food systems;**
- ii. to review and make recommendations on the conflict's implications for FAO's implementation of its Strategic Framework (2022-2031) and Programme of Work and Budget (2022-2023);**
 - iii. to develop immediate, medium-term, and longer-term plans to address the global food security impacts of the conflict in Ukraine, including emergency response, recovery assistance, and resilience building in food systems; and**
 - iv. to keep Members notified in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting to the FAO Governing Bodies; and**
- f) decided to add this matter to the agenda of the next regular session of the FAO Council in June 2022.**
4. The Council, through a roll call vote as per the provisions of Rule XII-7(a), rejected the proposal for decision as contained in CL 169/6.⁹
 5. Furthermore, Members of the Council underlined the preeminent role of FAO in global food and agriculture matters, and stressed the importance to continue working within the constitution and mandate of the Organization as a specialized agency of the United Nations.
 6. The Council reviewed documents CL 169/3 and CL 169/3 Add. 1, *Impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)* and Members stressed the need for joint, coordinated actions and policy responses, including FAO's support to Members, to address current challenges, and to mitigate the impact on food insecurity at domestic and global level, including:
 - a) keeping trade in food and fertilizers open, thus enabling the Russian Federation and Ukraine to meet domestic production and consumption needs, while also satisfying global demands;
 - b) finding new and more diverse food supplies, so that countries that rely directly on food imports from Ukraine and the Russian Federation may absorb the shocks from the war and remain resilient;
 - c) providing support to vulnerable groups, such as those in line with the FAO Ukraine Rapid Response Plan March-May 2022, including support for internally displaced people, refugees and those directly affected by the war;
 - d) avoiding *ad hoc* policy reactions, by weighing up carefully measures put in place in countries affected by potential disruptions from the war against their potentially detrimental effect on international markets in the short-term and over the longer term;
 - e) strengthening global market transparency and enabling dialogue and coordination among Members through initiatives such as the G-20's Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS); and

⁹ Indonesia issued an Explanation of Vote which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the session (CL 169/PV/..)

- f) containing the spread of African swine fever (ASF).
7. The Council expressed appreciation to FAO and its work in Ukraine and other conflict-affected areas, noted the data provided by the Organization and underlined the importance of retaining the integrity of decisions taken previously by the Council and Conference with regard to the Strategic Framework 2022-31.

Appendix A

Agenda for the 169th Session of the Council

1. Opening by the Independent Chairperson of the Council
2. Address by the Director-General

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Item 2: Election of three Vice-Chairpersons

Item 3: Impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Item 4: Any other matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 169/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 169/3	Impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
CL 169/3 Add.1	Addendum 1 – Impact of the Ukraine-Russia conflict on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
CL 169/4	Annex to the Letters from FAO Members - proposal for discussion and decision by the Council
CL 169/4 Add.1	Letter from 80 FAO Members co-sponsoring proposal for decision by the Council
CL 169/5	Letter from the Russian Federation - proposal for the 169th Session of the Council
CL 169/6	Letter from the Russian Federation - proposal for draft conclusions
CL 169/7	Letter from Nicaragua - proposal for the agenda of the 169th Session of the Council

CL 169 INF Series

CL 169/INF/2	Letters from FAO Members - request to convene an unscheduled session of the Council, and proposal for its agenda and draft decision
CL 169/INF/3	Letter from the Russian Federation - proposal for the 169th Session of the Council
CL 169/INF/4	Statement of competence and voting rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 169/INF/5	Letter from France and the United States of America - formal proposal for decision by the Council

Other Documents

List of Delegates and Observers

CL 169/Draft Report	Draft Report of Plenary
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CL 169 PV Series

CL 169/PV/1 to Verbatim Records of Plenary
CL 169/PV/2

CL 169 OD Series

CL 169/OD/1 Order of the Day