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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hundred and Twenty-third Session

Rome, 6 – 10 October 2008

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Adoption of Provisional Agenda and Timetable (docs. FC 123/1, FC 123/1 Add.1 and FC 123/INF/1) **for approval**

In accordance with the Committee's internal working procedures, the Provisional Timetable provides to the extent possible for discussion at the beginning of the meeting of those items on which the Committee is required to make decisions or recommendations to the Council.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORTS

2. Financial Highlights and Status of Current Assessments and Arrears (doc. FC 123/2) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

The Financial Highlights Report is designed to show, at a summary level, the financial situation of the Organization. In terms of the structure of the report, there are three groupings of data: income and expenditure by source of funds, the plan (budget) for particular sources of funds and balances for the comparative period in the previous biennium. Also included is the report on "Collection of Current Assessments and Arrears," which will present the status of member nation contributions to the Regular Programme as at 30 June 2008.

- 3a) Audited Accounts - FAO 2006-2007 (docs. C 2009/5 A & B) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

The Committee will receive the audited accounts of the Organization for 2006-2007, together with the Long-Form Report of the External Auditor for review and comment prior to their submission to the Conference for approval.

- 3b) Audited Accounts – FAO Credit Union 2007 (doc. FC 123/3b)) **for information**

The Committee will receive the 2007 audited accounts of the Credit Union for information and, as decided at its 115th Session, the Committee might take action as deemed appropriate.

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- 3c) Audited Accounts – FAO Commissary 2007 (doc. FC 123/3c) **for approval**

The Committee will receive the 2007 audited accounts of the Commissary for approval.

OVERSIGHT MATTERS

4. Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (doc. FC 123/4) **for discussion**

A report will be provided on actions taken in respect of recommendations made by the External Auditor in his report on the 2004-2005 accounts, as well as recommendations brought forward from previous biennia.

5. Reports of the UN Joint Inspection Unit (doc. CL 135/INF/...) **for discussion/information**

The Committee will review those documents provided to it and will submit any comments it may wish to make to the Council.

6. Charter for the Office of the Inspector-General (doc. FC 123/6) **for information**

The Committee will be presented with a new Charter for the Office of the Inspector-General at its October Session.

FINANCIAL POLICY MATTERS

7. Measures to Encourage Timely Payment of Contributions (doc. FC 123/7) **for discussion**

At its 122nd session, the Committee decided to review more in detail at its October 2008 session various alternative and additional measures to improve collection.

8. Incentive Scheme for Payment of Contributions (doc. FC 123/8) **for discussion**

The Committee will be asked to consider the proposed discount rate to be used in applying credits to the 2008 assessments.

9. Annual Report on Special Fund for Emergency and Rehabilitation Activities (doc. FC 123/9) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

As requested at its 108th Session, the Committee will be provided with the annual report on the utilization of the Special Fund for Emergency and Rehabilitation Activities.

10. Replenishment of the Special Reserve Account (doc. C 2008/3) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

At its 2007 Session, Conference decided, via resolution 4/2007, to defer consideration of the Replenishment of the Special Reserve Account to its 2008 Session (ref. C 2007/REP para. 103). The Committee will thus be made aware of the requirement of the resolution, so that it may offer its views, if any, to Council at its 135th Session for transmission to Conference.

BUDGETARY MATTERS

11. Annual Report on Support Costs Expenditure and Recoveries (doc. FC 123/11) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

The Committee is invited to note the experience in the implementation of the policy on support cost reimbursement rates during the period June 2007 to May 2008. Further, the Committee is invited to note the developments in harmonizing support cost recovery policy in the UN system and the potential future policy implications. The Committee is also requested to support in principle a mechanism to carryover a portion of funds across biennia to improve financial management, for which the Committee will receive a detailed proposal in 2009.

12. Review of Procedures regarding Financial Regulation 4.5 (b) (doc. FC 123/12) **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

At its 122nd Session the Committee agreed to review the procedures regarding Financial Regulation 4.5(b) at its next session.

13. Progress Report on Implementation of the Technical Cooperation Programme (doc. FC 123/13) **for discussion**

The Committee will be provided with a detailed report on the Implementation of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), as requested by the Committee at its 122nd Session.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

14. Progress Report on Implementation of Human Resources Management Strategy and Policy Framework (doc. FC 123/14) **for discussion**

This report embodies actions to be implemented in the area of Human Resources and replaces the Human Resources Action Plan which was contained in the former Progress Report on Human Resources.

15. Professional and General Service Staffing in FAO (FC 123/15) **for information**

Following its request during the 122nd Session, the Committee will be provided with a report showing the balance between Professional and General Service Staffing in FAO together with a comparison between the general service salary structures in Rome and the FAO Regional Offices.

16. Staffing Levels and Current and Projected Cost Savings at the Shared Services Centre, Budapest (doc. FC 123/16) **for discussion**

Following a presentation made at its 122nd Session, the Committee will receive a written report on the subject.

17. FAO Use of Contractors and Retirees (doc. FC 123/17) **for discussion**

Following a presentation made at its 122nd Session, the Committee will receive a written report on the subject.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

18. Review of the Draft Report of the Conference Committee for the Follow-up to the IEE, and Consideration by the Finance Committee of the Implementation of the Immediate Action Plan, with a focus on its Cost and Funding Modalities **for discussion/requiring attention by the Council**

The Finance Committee is invited to review the draft report prepared by the CoC-IEE for consideration by Conference at its special session in November 2008; and to provide any recommendations it may have to the Council on the costs and funding of the implementation of the Immediate Action Plan.

19. Working Methods of the Finance Committee (no document) **for discussion**

In accordance with the standard practice of the Committee, members will be given an opportunity to comment on the functioning of the session and to make suggestions for future improvements.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME MATTERS

20. Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008-2009) (doc. FC 123/20) **for discussion**

This is the third update for the current biennium on the implementation of the WFP Management Plan.

21. Report of the External Auditor on Results-based Management (doc. FC 123/21) **for discussion**

The second element in a two stage independent review of the World Food Programme's progress in implementing results-based management, examining progress in mainstreaming results-based management and how well it is being implemented across the organization.

22. Response of the Secretariat to the Report of the External Auditor on Results-based Management (doc. FC 123/22) **for discussion**

The Committee will be provided with a Response of the Secretariat to the Report of the External Auditor on Results-based Management.

23. Update on the WINGS II Project (doc. FC 123/23) **for discussion**

This is the seventh progress report on the WFP Information Network and Global System II (WINGS II) Project which updates status report WFP/EB.A/2008/6-I/1., submitted to the Finance Committee at its 122nd session.

24. Audit Strategy – Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2008-2009 Biennium (doc. FC 123/24) **for discussion**

The External Auditor will present the WFP Executive Board with a paper setting out its programme of work for the 2008-09 biennium, covering financial audit and the work they will be undertaking on the first set of IPSAS accounts; management audit work; and field visits.

25. Appointment and Re-appointment of the External Auditor (doc. FC 122/25) **for discussion**

The document discusses the terms of appointment and re-appointment of the External Auditor and proposes a change to financial regulation 12.2.

OTHER MATTERS

26. Date and Place of the Hundred and Twenty-fourth Session of the Finance Committee **for information**

The Committee will be informed of arrangements for its next session.

27. Any Other Matters