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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Budgets of the Desert Locust Commissions (2008-09)

1. There are three Desert Locust Commissions currently operated by FAO: the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in Southwest Asia (Eastern Region); the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region; and the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region. According to the “Basic Texts for the Agreement of the Establishment” of each Commission [Article IV, section 4 Administrative Matters (b)] for the South-West Asia Commission and the Central Region Commission, and Article VII, section 4 “Functioning (c) of the Desert Locust Control Commission for the Western Region, the Budget of each Commission should be submitted to the Council (delegated to the Finance Committee) prior to implementation.
2. The Budgets of the Commissions draw on the funds available in the Trust Fund of each Commission. The source of these funds is the contributions made by the Member Countries of the Commission. The Budgets are decided upon at each Commission Session by participating countries and the level is agreed generally according to a standard budget, with additional amounts sometimes included that draw on unspent balances from previous years. Normally the Session approves the budget for the current year and for the next year.
3. The Budgets submitted here are the budgets approved by the Commission Sessions held in May 2006 for the Central Region and in November 2006 for Southwest Asia (Eastern Region). The budget for the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region is indicative: the fourth Session of the Commission had been scheduled to take place in June 2007 but was postponed until September 2007 in order to comply with a request from the host country since legislative elections were being held in Mali in June 2007.
4. Where the budget is shown as “indicative”, this is the standard budget applicable to the individual Commission, related to the level of annual contributions. The next Session of each Commission will prepare a more precise budget for these years, in which some unused balances may or may not be employed.

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5. For the Central Region Commission, the Budget 2006-2007 presented in Appendix B was endorsed at the 25th Session. The Secretary of the Commission, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, was authorized to cover the cost of implementing the Commission's recommendations when these are not reflected in the Commission budget workplan. The Central Region Commission will continue following the preventive Desert Locust control strategy established by EMPRES. Particularly in order to give the necessary continuing support in important key areas of Desert Locust management, assistance will be reinforced to the following key sectors:

- Early detection: Desert Locust survey and forecasting capacities will be further strengthened and improved.
- Early reaction: technical assistance is being provided to countries in order to increase their early intervention capacity and to ensure effective and environmentally safer control operations.
- Research: a platform for joint research programmes (national and international) on improved Desert Locust control tactics and strategies is being provided.
- Contingency planning and campaign arrangements are being developed to improve preparedness for Desert Locust interventions so that necessary resources can be mobilized early enough when an emergency situation arises.
- Capacity building support is being provided to member countries to conduct national training programmes.

6. The last session of the FAO Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in Southwest Asia (SWAC), held in November 2006, approved the budget as presented in Appendix A. The primary activity of the Commission in 2007 is the annual 30-day joint survey on both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border in the spring breeding areas of the Desert Locust. Results of the survey are used for planning the summer campaign along the Indo-Pakistan border. The remainder of the activities concentrate on strengthening the national capacities of the countries in early warning and early reaction. The activities comprise improving the means of recording and transmitting data from the field during survey and control operations by using the eLocust2 system. At the national locust centres, improvements to data management, analysis and reporting are envisaged through a regional workshop, expert visits and the continual backstopping of the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS) in the Locust Group at Headquarters. Improving the skills of field officers is emphasized through national training courses organized by National Master Trainers and translation of training materials into local languages. The procurement of small quantities of equipment to maintain a basic level of preparedness and make use of appropriate technologies is also planned for the two-year period.

7. The Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region intends to reinforce the activities developed in the Region in the context of the EMPRES/Western Region Programme, for the development of a preventive and sustainable strategy in the Region. The institutional aspect will be reinforced by activities such as training, research and the development of new technologies. From an institutional point of view, the Commission intends to establish and/or reinforce the Desert Locust control Units at national level. The units in Algeria, Libya and Morocco have been fully operational for many years. They have been established in Mali and Mauritania in 2006, and a unit is being established in Chad this year. The regional training programme developed and endorsed by all the countries of the Region in April 2007 in Niamey will be implemented with a view to reinforcing human capacity in Desert Locust survey and control. Regional sessions will be organized for the Training of Trainers, in addition to national training courses and individual Doctor and Master training. Exchange of technical expertise among the countries of the Region will contribute to reinforce the national capacities in early warning, early reaction and control of Desert Locust. Contributions will be provided to regional and national research programmes in acridology and alternatives to the use of conventional pesticides. The Commission intends to reinforce the information exchange system of the national Desert Locust Control Units with a view to improving their early warning capacity and early reaction. The activity will be coordinated by the Commission in close collaboration with the

Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS) based at Headquarters, on the analysis and the experience gained in the use of RAMSESV3, eLocust2 and Google Earth.

8. Resolution for the Finance Committee:

The Committee is invited to consider the three Commission budgets in accordance with the “Basic Texts for the Agreement of the Establishment” of each Commission [Article IV, section 4 “Administrative Matters” (b) for the Southwest Asia Commission and the Central Region Commission, and Article VII, section 4 “Functioning (c) of the Desert Locust Control Commission for the Western Region, indicating that the Budget of each Commission should be submitted to the Council (delegated to the Finance Committee) prior to implementation.

The Finance Committee notes that the Legal Counsel confirmed at the 102nd FC in May 2003 that the budgets required reporting to the Finance Committee, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.7 and the relevant provisions of the agreements concerned concluded under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution.

APPENDIX A

FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST

IN SOUTHWEST ASIA

TRUST FUND BUDGET

Account	Description	2007 (approved)	2008 (approved)	2009 (indicative)
5013	Consultants	16,500	7,500	7,000
5014	Contracts	10,000	0	0
5021	Travel	2,500	14,000	2,500
5023	Training	25,000	10,000	10,000
5024	Expendable Procurement	14,000	0	7,000
5025	Non Expendable Procurement	88,750	0	20,000
5028	General Operating Expenses	20,500	25,500	20,000
5029	Support Costs(*)	14,823	7,410	6,485
	TOTAL	192,073	64,410	72,985

*SC 5% on accounts 5024 and 5025

SC 13% on all other accounts

APPENDIX B

**FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN
THE CENTRAL REGION**

TRUST FUND BUDGET

Account	Description	2006 (approved)	2007 (approved)	2008 (indicative)
5011	Prof.(NPO Yemen)	0	30,000	30,000
5012	Salaries General Service	38,233	38,233	43,800
5013	Consultants	25,000	25,000	5,000
5014	Contracts	56,000	56,000	56,000
5020	Overtime	1,000	1,000	1,000
5021	Travel	43,000	30,000	30,000
5023	Training	170,000	170,000	215,000
5024	Expendable Equipment	113,000	113,000	113,000
5025	Non Expendable Equipment	19,000	7,000	10,000
5028	General Operating Expenses	20,000	20,000	20,000
5029	Support Costs(*)	52,520	54,130	58,254
	TOTAL	537,753	544,363	582,054

*SC 5% on accounts 5024 and 5025

SC 13% on all other accounts

APPENDIX C

**FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN
THE WESTERN REGION**

Account	Description	TRUST FUND BUDGET		
		2007 (indicative)	2008 (indicative)	2009 (indicative)
5013	Consultants	30,000	30,000	30,000
5014	Contracts	35,000	35,000	35,000
5021	Travel	35,000	35,000	35,000
5023	Training	50,000	50,000	50,000
5024	Expendable Procurement	5,885	5,885	5,885
5025	Non Expendable Procurement	10,000	10,000	10,000
5028	General Operating Expenses	35,000	35,000	35,000
5050	Chargeback	0	0	0
5029	Support Costs(*)	26,115	26,115	26,115
	TOTAL	227,000	227,000	227,000

*SC 13% on all accounts