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Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This document presents the updated status of outstanding recommendations made by the Committee at its previous sessions.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Committee is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

Draft Advice

- **The Committee took note of the Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee and looked forward to receiving an updated version of the document at its next regular session.**

Recommendation	Status
MONITORING FINANCIAL POSITION	
Report of the 175th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 161/4	
The Committee (on the <i>Financial Position of the Organization</i>) requested further detailed information on TCP expenditure at its session in November 2019 – paragraph 8.	Information will be presented to the November 2019 Session of the FC with the updated report on the <i>Financial Position of the Organization</i> .
BUDGETARY MATTERS	
Report of the 175th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 161/4	
The Committee (on the <i>Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report – 2018</i>) requested that the PIR include a review and analysis of TCP expenditures at the country level – paragraph 17.	Information will be presented to the May 2020 Session of the Joint Meeting in the <i>Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2018-19</i> .
The Committee (on the <i>Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2018-19 biennium</i>) recalled the previous guidance of the Committee on the need for sustainable funding solutions for the Joint FAO/WHO Scientific Advice Programme and the IPPC and requested the Secretariat to provide options to fully fund these programmes when presenting the next update on forecasted budgetary performance and budgetary transfers required against the 2018-19 net Appropriation at the November 2019 session of the Finance Committee for consideration and approval– paragraph 19.	Information will be presented to the November 2019 Session of the FC with the updated document on <i>Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2018-19 Biennium</i> .
The Committee (on the <i>Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work of Budget 2020-21</i>) requested the Secretariat to review the feasibility of updating the lapse factor methodology taking into account the latest Human Resource data – paragraph 21.	The feasibility of updating the lapse factor methodology will be reviewed when preparing the <i>Programme of Work of Budget 2022-23</i> .

Recommendation	Status
HUMAN RESOURCES	
Report of the 175th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 161/4	
The Committee (on <i>Human Resources Management</i>) welcomed the indication that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) would, during 2019, carry out a review of the staff mobility programme and looked forward to receiving information on the recommendations arising from the review at a future session – paragraph 25.	Information will be presented following the completion of the OIG review of the staff mobility programme.
OVERSIGHT	
Report of the 173rd Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 160/4	
The Committee (on the Progress on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Report (JIU) on Fraud Prevention, Detection and Response in United Nations System Organizations) looked forward to receiving further information on the implementation of the fraud prevention strategy as part of the 2018 Statement of Internal Control (SIC) process – paragraph 35.	Update to be presented to the November 2019 Session of the FC when the next SIC is presented with the <i>Audited Accounts - FAO 2018</i> .
Report of the 175th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 161/4	
The Committee (on the <i>FAO Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2018</i>) looked forward to a further and comprehensive status report from management on the implementation of the Audit Committee's recommendations at the next regular session of the Finance Committee in November 2019 – paragraph 27.	Update to be presented to the November 2019 Session of the FC with the <i>Progress Report on Implementation of the Audit Committee's Recommendations</i> .
The Committee (on the <i>Review of the Independence of the Office of the Inspector General and the Ethics and Ombudsman Functions</i>) requested that, in line with the decision of the Committee at its 173rd session, the UN Joint Inspection Unit's report on " <i>Review of Whistle-blower Policies and Practices in United Nations Systems Organizations (JIU/REP/2018/4)</i> " be included on the agenda of the November 2019 Session of the Committee along with an update from the Secretariat on the implementation status of outstanding recommendations – paragraph 38.	This item will be included on the agenda of the November 2019 Session of the FC.

Recommendation	Status
OTHER MATTERS	
Report of the 173rd Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 160/4	
The Committee (on the <i>Working Methods of the Committee</i>) requested the Secretariat to review the scheduling on the timetable of the Report of the External Auditor to facilitate its efficient discussion – paragraph 43	The <i>Audited Accounts - FAO 2018</i> , which include the Report of the External Auditor, will be considered at the same time as the <i>Management Response to the recommendations presented in the Report of the External Auditor for 2018</i> at the November 2019 Session of the FC.
Report of the 175th Session of the Finance Committee – document CL 161/4	
The Committee (on <i>Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee</i> looked forward to considering an updated version of the document at its next regular Session – paragraph 41.	An updated report on the <i>Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Finance Committee</i> will be presented to the November 2019 Session of the FC.