The Secretariat takes due note of the comments by New Zealand and Australia on the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies 2024-2025.

In response to New Zealand, the Secretariat wishes to refer to Rule XXV.2(a) of the General Rules of the Organization, which states that the Council shall hold “one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference”, which in the case of the 44th Session of the Conference will fall on Monday, 7 July 2025.

With regard to the comments by Australia, the Secretariat of the 38th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC 38) will engage Members of the APRC in a timely, open and transparent manner regarding arrangements for the Session, including through a series of briefing sessions on the agenda, documents and logistics.