

170th Session of the Council

Item 10: Report of the Joint Meeting of the 133rd Session of the Programme Committee and 191st Session of the Finance Committee (16, 17 and 20 May 2022)

Mr Chairperson, Members of the Council,

I am pleased to present the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 133rd Session of the Programme Committee and 191st Session of the Finance Committee. This Report is submitted to the Council in document CL 170/10, *Report of the Joint Meeting of the 133rd Session of the Programme Committee and 191st Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 16, 17 and 20 May 2022)*.

The Joint Meeting examined, among others, the Programme Implementation Report 2020-21, the Update on Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) collaboration and the Update on the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) Strategic Exercise. I would like to highlight the following matters for the attention of the Council.

Regarding the Programme Implementation Report 2020-21, the Joint Meeting welcomed the document and its improved presentation and readability. In particular, the Joint Meeting commended FAO's resource mobilization efforts during the biennium, reaching the level of USD 2.7 billion despite the exceptional challenges posed by COVID-19; appreciated the progress in FAO's multilingualism efforts; and recommended the Report for endorsement by the Council.

Members welcomed the recommendations of the Joint Evaluation of the collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies and their Coordinated Response, and highlighted further strategic collaboration among the RBAs within the broader UN context and in alignment with the ongoing United Nations development system (UNDS) repositioning.

In relation to the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) Strategic Exercise, the Joint Meeting invited FAO Members to conclude the review and finalize a decision through the continued consultation on specific regional allocation shares to be reviewed by the Council for submission and adoption at the 43rd Session of the Conference.

I would be pleased to provide any further explanations you may have regarding our report.

Ms Imelda Smolčić, Chairperson of the Joint Meeting of the 133rd Session of the Programme Committee and 191st Session of the Finance Committee