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**Written Correspondence Procedure – Secretariat response**

**ERC/20/4 – Decentralized Offices Network**

<b>ERC Document reference</b>	<b>Secretariat response</b>
ERC/20/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Secretariat takes note of the comments of the Swiss Federation on the Decentralized Offices Network especially the delegation’s highlighting that the process of decentralization should not diminish FAO’s global and regional normative science-based and evidence-based work.</li><li>- The Secretariat takes note of the comments of the EU and its 27 member states on the Decentralized Offices Network.</li><li>- It should be noted that REU has a reduced and cost efficient country network, whereby, programmes in 17 countries are supported directly by the subregional/regional and HQ technical teams.</li><li>- Synergies are identified with other UN organizations working in difference countries in the Region through the active involvement with the UN Country Team in the respective countries, whereby identifying innovative ways to increase flexibility in the use of scarce resources while presented an integrated development strategy in the country through the UN Sustainable Development Country Framework (UNSDCF).</li></ul>