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Item 16 - Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council

Member Name	Comments
<p style="text-align: center;">Dominican Republic – Member (Wed 14/04/2021 16:00)</p>	<p>Tomamos nota de la información presentada en el documento CL 166/LIM/3.</p> <p>Damos la bienvenida a los avances realizados con relación a la acción 9 sobre la participación de la FAO en la preparación de la Cumbre de las Naciones Unidas sobre los Sistemas Alimentarios y el apoyo al proceso de preparación de esta. Reiteramos la importancia de seguir fomentando los progresos alcanzados, para que esta acción se concluya lo antes posible.</p> <p>Valoramos el compromiso conjunto de los OSR para fortalecer la colaboración dentro del nuevo posicionamiento de la arquitectura de Naciones Unidas para el desarrollo.</p> <p>Alentamos a que la FAO continúe los esfuerzos destinados a integrar funciones administrativas y de supervisión, en especial en lo que respecta a la planificación y programación por países (acción 34).</p> <p>Hacemos hincapié en la necesidad de contar con los resultados de la evaluación conjunta sobre la colaboración entre los OSR para contribuir a la Cumbre sobre los Sistemas Alimentarios de 2021 (acción 27).</p> <p>En cuanto a la Iniciativa Mano de la mano, vemos con satisfacción los avances registrados, en particular la ampliación de los criterios de selección a beneficio de los países en desarrollo de ingresos medianos y altos. Invitamos a la FAO a seguir desarrollando esta iniciativa, sobre todo, en cuanto a los aspectos presupuestarios y relativos a la gobernanza en el contexto del PTP 2022-23.</p> <p>Sobre las acciones relacionadas con el nuevo Marco Estratégico y la nueva estrategia para la colaboración con el sector privado, apreciamos que se nos mantenga informados sobre los resultados del análisis de los costos y los beneficios, así como de la reasignación de personal y fondos en el seno de la PSR, según lo previsto.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Brazil – Member (Wed 14/04/2021 16:58)</p>	<p>Brazil notes with concern that FAO is preparing a publication with the title "Agroforestry as a nature-based solution for sustainable food systems", as reported on pages 6 and 8 of the document CL 166/LIM/3. There is no multilaterally agreed definition for "nature-based solutions" as acknowledged by the FAO Committee on Forestry in its last session, on October 2020 (para 22. 1 of the report). The FAO Committee on Forestry, the FAO Programme Committee and the FAO Council have repeatedly called on FAO to use only multilaterally-agreed language in its publications. Brazil asks FAO to review the title and content of this publication in line with the aforementioned guidance provided by its Members.</p> <p>Brazil would like to ask for further details on the "decision support framework through which countries can identify tools for managing trade-offs between the agriculture and forestry sectors", mentioned on page 6, in particular how FAO is considering different regional and national experiences in this field and when the initiative would be launched.</p>

<p>Australia – Member (Wed 14/04/2021 17:09)</p>	<p>Australia notes the information presented in CL 166/LIM/3 – Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 165th Council – and offers the following comments:</p> <p>Para 2 - We welcome the prioritisation of normative and technical work and the emphasis on data in the Strategic Framework 2022-31. We appreciate the Framework's recognition of the FAO's crucial role in gathering, analysing, and improving access to data and information to address major policy and investment gaps, such as through initiatives like the Hand-in-Hand Initiative's Geospatial Platform.</p> <p>Para 9 - We welcome the FAO's engagement with the Food Systems Summit and its support of the Action Tracks. We are pleased to see that FAO is supporting the Independent Food Systems Summit Dialogues and Member State Dialogues, and particularly welcome its support of data provision, for example via Rapid Food Systems Assessments. Australia encourages the FAO to support sustained investments in data collection and data sharing to address food systems weaknesses, particularly in remote Small Island Developing States (including Pacific Island Countries).</p> <p>Para 14 - We welcome the inclusion of a One Health Approach in Biodiversity mainstreaming and look forward to the finalisation of the Mainstreaming biodiversity into One Health study.</p> <p>Para 16 - We are supportive of strengthening coordination between the Committee on Forestry and the Committee on Agriculture, and note that the Committee on Agriculture should be the lead discussant on land clearing and deforestation (caused by agricultural expansion), which have recently only been considered by COFO.</p> <p>Paras 27 and 34 - Australia welcomes efforts made to improve collaboration between the RBAs in order to maximise the impact of their comparative advantages, capabilities and expertise. The importance of such collaboration has been reinforced during the current pandemic, and Australia appreciates the efforts of the RBAs to coordinate at the global, corporate, regional, and country levels across their country programming and planning, policy and analytical support, advocacy and information, and business continuity activities in response to COVID-19. Australia is supportive of the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs)' joined-up involvement in the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and encourages these Organizations to foster strong interlinkages across the Action Tracks for which they are responsible. Finally, we reiterate the importance of the RBAs continuing to strengthen their collaboration with attention to the broader context of UN reform.</p> <p>Para 32 - We are pleased to see the development of a proposal for strengthening the governance of statistical activities. We recognise the crucial role of the FAO in gathering and analysing data and appreciate its investment in improving these processes.</p>
<p>European Union – Member (Wed 14/04/2021 23:10)</p>	<p>I am honoured to write to you on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States regarding the above-mentioned agenda item for the 166th Session of the FAO Council.</p> <p>Considering the decisions taken at the 165th Session of the Council, held last December, we request updated information about when the following decisions will be accomplished:</p> <p>The costs and benefits of the “FAO's new Strategy for Private Sector Engagement”, as well as further analysis of FAO's business model and different funding sources, and information on how these will be reported on in Council sessions.</p>

	<p>The resources mobilized and available (from voluntary contributions and from the Technical Cooperation Programme) for the COVID-19 response.</p> <p>The feasibility study of the on the analysis of integration of administrative functions and common specialized expertise regarding Rome-based Agencies collaboration.</p>
<p>Guinea on behalf of the Africa Regional Group (Fri 16/04/2021 11:51)</p>	<p>La République de Guinée intervient sur ce point de l'ordre du jour au nom du Groupe régional Afrique.</p> <p>Le Groupe régional Afrique remercie le Secrétariat pour l'élaboration du document intitulé « Suite donnée aux décisions adoptées par le conseil à sa 165ème session ».</p> <p>Nous nous félicitons des efforts fournis par le Secrétariat de la FAO pour donner une réponse à la majorité des questions soulevées par le conseil à sa 165ème session.</p> <p>Le Groupe régional Afrique apprécie le modèle de présentation du tableau qui fait l'état des lieux de chacune des recommandations du conseil et note avec satisfaction que sur les 34 décisions adoptées 15 ont été mises en œuvre et 19 sont en cours de mise en œuvre.</p> <p>Le Groupe régional Afrique se félicite de l'intérêt manifesté par la FAO de continuer à accorder une priorité aux activités normatives et techniques dans le nouveau programme de travail et budget 2022-2023 et ce, malgré l'impact du COVID-19.</p> <p>Concernant l'initiative Main dans la main, le Groupe régional Afrique accueille avec satisfaction la révision des critères de sélection pour permettre à d'autres pays en développement de bénéficier de cette initiative.</p> <p>A propos du sommet sur les systèmes alimentaires, le Groupe régional Afrique se félicite du rôle de chef de file que la FAO joue dans ce processus de préparation du Sommet. Nous considérons qu'il s'agit d'un processus en évolution constante jusqu'à la tenue du sommet.</p> <p>S'agissant du Programme de coopération technique, le Groupe régional encourage la FAO à accélérer la mise en œuvre de la recommandation du conseil concernant notamment la demande faite à la Direction pour rationaliser d'avantage le cycle et les procédures d'approbation des Projets de Coopération Technique (PCT).</p> <p>Avec ces commentaires le Groupe régional Afrique invite le conseil à prendre note des informations communiquées dans le document.</p>