

## **42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FAO Conference**

### **Introduction to Item 22 - Audited Accounts FAO 2018 and 2019**

The documents C 2021/5 Part A and C 2021/6 Part A contain the official Financial Statements of the Organization for the years 2018 and 2019 respectively, together with the opinion of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements. Part B of the documents present the Reports of the External Auditor for each year, typically referred to as the “*Long Form Reports*”.

I am pleased to inform Conference that, as in previous years, the External Auditor has expressed an unmodified opinion on the 2018 and 2019 Financial Statements of the Organization.

The results and official accounts of 2018 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 178th Session in November 2019 and by the Council at its 163rd Session in December 2019. The results and official accounts of 2019 were examined by the Finance Committee at its 183rd Session in November 2020 and by the Council at its 165th Session in November/December 2020.

The Audited Accounts of 2018 and 2019 are now before you for adoption, by approval of the draft resolutions submitted by Council in document C 2021/LIM/3.

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