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COUNCIL

(as from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference)

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Belarus ¹	Georgia ^{3,5}	Morocco ³	Thailand ^{3,11}
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Cameroon ³	Guinea ²	Norway ³	United Kingdom ^{1,12}
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¹ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) to 30 June 2024

² Term of office: 1 July 2022 to end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

³ Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

⁴ Croatia replaced Bosnia and Herzegovina from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2024

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026

⁶ France will replace Germany from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁷ Lithuania replaced Israel from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁸ Ukraine will replace Slovenia from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁹ The United Kingdom will replace Spain from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

¹⁰ Sudan replaced Iraq for the remainder of its term (from the end of 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference) as Iraq was deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

¹¹ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2026

¹² The United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024

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Burundi ³	Georgia ^{2,5}	Mauritania ¹	Thailand ^{2,11}
Cameroon ²	Guatemala ³	Mexico ¹	Uganda ²
Canada ¹	Guinea ¹	Morocco ²	Ukraine ^{1,8}
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		Pakistan ²	

¹ Term of office: 1 July 2022 to end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

² Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

³ Term of Office: 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁴ Peru will replace Ecuador from 1 January 2026 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

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Procedure of the Session

Introductory Items¹

1. The 174th Session of the Council was held from 4 to 8 December 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Dr Hans Hoogveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The Council confirmed, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, that it agreed to the suspension of any rules incompatible with the hybrid setting, specifically Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which provides that each session of the Council shall be held at the seat of the Organization.

Statement by the Director-General²

3. The Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable³

4. The Council adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, as amended.
5. The Council approved the methods of work outlined in documents CL 174/INF/5, *Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council*, and CL 174/INF/5 Corr.1, *Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council – Corrigendum*.
6. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee⁴

7. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Ennio Vivaldi Véjar (Chile); Ms Erma Rheindrayani (Indonesia); and Ms Stefania Costanza (Italy).
8. The Council elected Mr Anatoliy Shatkovskyy (Canada) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Morocco, Peru, Spain and Sudan.

Programmatic Matters

Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25⁵

9. The Council endorsed the Reports of the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee, and their Joint Meeting with respect to the *Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25*.
10. The Council:
 - a) noted the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2024-25, and highlighted the guidance and decisions of the Conference on the Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25, taking into account the guidance of the Conference;
 - b) stressed the importance of advancing science- and evidence-based normative and standard-setting work, including funding for Codex Alimentarius and the International

¹ CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/10

² CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/10

³ CL 174/1 Rev.1; CL 174/INF/1; CL 174/INF/3; CL 174/INF/5; CL 174/INF/5 Corr.1; CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/10

⁴ CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/10

⁵ CL 174/3; CL 174/3 Corr.1 ; CL 174/3 Annexes 1-7; CL 174/3 Information Note; CL 174/7 para. 5; CL 174/8 para. 5; CL 174/9 paras. 13 and 14; CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/2; CL 174/PV/10

Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) along with its ePhyto Solutions, and data and statistics to serve the public good;

- c) further stressed the importance of protecting and funding the technical work of FAO, including the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and Global Farmer Field School (FFS) Platform;
- d) noted the importance of protecting and funding intergovernmental arrangements, such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), and the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), supporting FAO's mandate on agriculture and food security, taking into account their respective administrative and budgetary matters;
- e) welcomed the additional information received on the Office of Youth and Women (OYW) and, provided that its staffing would have no negative impact on the capacity of normative work, gender mainstreaming, statistics and climate, endorsed the establishment of OYW, and emphasized the need to continue strengthening the mainstreaming and advocating for youth, gender equality and rural women's empowerment, both internally within the Organization and across FAO's mandate;
- f) noted that OYW will work, in coordination with the Human Resources Division, on the empowerment of young professionals within the Organization with due consideration for underrepresented countries;
- g) highlighted the guidance given by the 43rd Session of the Conference on priority areas as referred to in sub-paragraph (e), underscored that the establishment of the OYW should not be at the expense of staffing and implementation of these priority areas, and should avoid overlap, and underscored its cross-cutting nature;
- h) looked forward to a progress update on the establishment of the OYW to Council at its next session, for guidance on its implementation, and called for FAO to develop a work plan, including a results framework related to this office, and report back on its activities at a future session of the Council;
- i) endorsed the proposed transfers of the private sector partnerships function from the Resource Mobilization and Private Sector Partnerships Division (PSR) to the Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division (PSU), and of the Global Farmer Field School (FFS) Platform team from the Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) to the Office of Innovation (OIN);
- j) appreciated the information provided on savings and efficiency measures, recommended that Management develop a business plan and roadmap detailing planned initiatives and expected efficiency gains and savings, together with measurement indicators, and requested regular annual reporting on efficiencies and savings, both accrued and anticipated;
- k) supported the updated FAO Results Framework 2022-25 (CL 174/3 Annex 1);
- l) endorsed the revised budgeted post establishment (Section III.B and CL 174/3 Annex 6) and the revised Organizational Chart (CL 174/3 Annex 7);
- m) noted the estimates for extra budgetary resources (Table 2 of document CL 174/3), encouraged Members to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate the achievement of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 and implementation of the integrated PWB, and looked forward to receiving regular updates;
- n) underscored the importance of strengthening and expanding partnerships and strategic alliances, recognized the important and instrumental role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC), and reiterated the importance of strengthened partnership arrangements to achieve the Programme Priority Areas (PPAs);

- o) noted FAO's plans for the establishment of regional knowledge hubs, and looked forward to further updates at its future sessions;
- p) stressed the importance of Management and Members continuing dialogue on all sources of funds with the full spectrum of financial resources, and recommended Management to develop a comprehensive approach for the funding of the Organization and provide regular updates to Members, including through the Programme Implementation Report (PIR); and
- q) looked forward to reporting on the implementation of the PWB 2024-25, in line with the established reporting process.

11. The Council approved the revised distribution of the net appropriation by budgetary chapter as reflected in Table 1 of document CL 174/3 Corr.1.

Global food security challenges and drivers⁶

12. The Council appreciated document CL 174/4, *Global food security challenges and its drivers*, and in particular:

- a) noted with concern the lack of progress on improved food security at the global, regional and national levels, noted with concern the growing rate of acute global food insecurity, and highlighted the need to make more and immediate progress on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2 (Zero Hunger);
- b) recognized the urgent need for countries and the international community to work together to address the main drivers of undernourishment and food insecurity in the world: conflicts, wars and geopolitical tensions, extreme and more frequent climatic events, economic slowdowns and downturns, and persistent inequalities;
- c) stressed the need for policies and programmes to address higher levels of food insecurity among women compared to men in all regions of the world, and higher levels of food insecurity among residents of rural areas in many countries;
- d) recognized that the challenges are enormous and require concerted and sustained efforts to meet both the short- and longer-term objectives, including through urgent and adequate humanitarian assistance, social protection programmes, increased investments in agrifood systems, rural development, trade, data, information and technologies;
- e) stressed the significance of market transparency, and emphasized the importance of timely and credible market information provided by the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), amongst others;
- f) stressed the need for continued urgent humanitarian assistance in the wider context of the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, including the scaling up of agricultural interventions and longer-term investments in FAO's resilience-building activities, which provides those reached with urgently needed, life-saving and cost-effective agricultural assistance;
- g) reiterated its support for transformation, in accordance with and dependent on national contexts and capacities, to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, towards sustainable and resilient agrifood systems in line with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31;
- h) expressed appreciation for the statistical work of FAO as the leading agency producing timely and evidence-based data and information on food and agriculture, and efforts for monitoring the food security and nutrition situation;

⁶ CL 174/4; CL 174/PV/2; CL 174/PV/3; CL 174/PV/4; CL 174/PV/5; CL 174/PV/6; CL 174/PV/10

- i) encouraged FAO to work collaboratively with Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) and Member countries to enhance data collection and analysis, and build capacity at regional and subregional levels, to produce disaggregated reporting that can identify subregional variations and priorities, based on the availability of additional extra-budgetary resources;
- j) underlined the importance of keeping open the trade of food and agriculture inputs and products in order to avoid the negative impact on global food security, while also preventing trade distortions and unjustified trade barriers in this respect;
- k) **took note of diverse views expressed by Members regarding the impact of economic, financial and trade measures on food security and nutrition during the global food crisis, in line with paragraph 30 of Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development;**⁷ and
- l) recognized FAO's efforts to address hunger and food insecurity in the world, and encouraged its continued responsiveness, emphasizing the value of its normative work and global role as a science- and evidence-based knowledge organization for food security and agriculture.

The situation in Gaza related to food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)⁸

13. The Council voted⁹ in favour of the ruling of the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) on a point of order raised by the United States of America.¹⁰
14. The Council voted^{11,12,13} in favour of a motion by Indonesia to move directly to vote on the Draft Decision contained in document, CL 174/INF/11 *en bloc* without amendments.
15. The Council decided by vote^{14,15,16} to adopt the Draft Decision contained in document CL 174/INF/11.
16. **The Council:**
- a) **noted with concern the growing rate of acute global food insecurity and the need to reverse this trend to make progress on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2 (Zero hunger);**
 - b) **endorsed and re-affirmed UN Security Council Resolution S/RES/2712, as well as UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/21 - on the protection of civilians and upholding, legal and humanitarian obligations in the Gaza Strip;**
 - c) **expressed grave concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the**

⁷ The Council voted by secret ballot on the proposal by Nicaragua to include in the Report of the 174th Session under Item 4, the text in paragraph 12 (k), as amended by the Council. Results: ballot papers deposited: 46; abstentions: 3; defective ballots: 0; votes cast: 43; majority: 22; votes in favour: 25; votes against: 18

⁸ CL 174/4; CL 174/INF/11; CL 174/INF/12; CL 174/INF/15; CL 174/PV/6; CL 174/PV/7; CL 174/PV/10

⁹ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 37; votes for: 25; votes against: 12; abstentions: 9

¹⁰ Vote on the ruling of the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) on a point of order raised by the United States of America to proceed with the vote proposed by Indonesia, as shown in paragraph 14.

¹¹ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 26; votes for: 24; votes against: 2; abstentions: 11

¹² Nine countries, without prejudice to its content, refrained from voting on procedural grounds, as outlined in the Verbatim Records.

¹³ Australia, Argentina, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America issued explanations of position which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the session.

¹⁴ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 26; votes for: 26; votes against: 0; abstentions: 9

¹⁵ Eleven countries, without prejudice to its content, refrained from voting on procedural grounds, as outlined in the Verbatim Records.

¹⁶ Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Morocco, Norway, Qatar, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America issued explanations of position which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the session.

Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip and its vast consequences against the civilian population, with particular reference to the disproportionate impact on children;

- d) **underlined** the urgent need for full, rapid, safe, and unhindered access of essential goods and services to civilians throughout the Gaza Strip, including but not limited to water, food, medical supplies, and energy;
- e) **stressed** that forced displacement of the civilian population, including children, is considered a violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, thereby expanding the status of food insecurity on the national, regional, and international levels;
- f) **welcomed** the latest humanitarian pause agreed by the parties and called for an immediate, durable, and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities;
- g) took note of the statement of FAO Director-General, which confirmed that the Organization considers all the civilian population in Gaza to be food insecure;
- h) **expressed strong support** towards the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General and for his calls for the immediate and unrestricted access of humanitarian aid to respond to the most basic needs of the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip and expressed its appreciation of the critical role played by Egypt in this regard;
- i) **expressed strong support** also for all regional and international efforts aimed at achieving an immediate cessation of the use of force, including the targeting of civilians, civilian food supply, and agricultural infrastructure, in the Gaza Strip;
- j) **stressed the necessity** to refrain from using food and water as weapons of war in conflict areas;
- k) **underlined** the importance of keeping open the trade and distribution of food and agricultural inputs and products to avert the negative impact on food security;
- l) **recalled** the FAO voluntary guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national and regional food security and its relevant application in the context of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the Gaza Strip;
- m) **stressed the role** of FAO, in coordination and cooperation with other United Nations entities and relevant bodies, particularly with the Rome-based agencies and international financial institutions, to assess and address, within their respective mandates, the impact of the conflict on food security, nutrition, agriculture, and fisheries in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the Gaza Strip;
- n) **requested** FAO:
 - i. to continue, within its mandate, its support to the humanitarian aid coordinated by the United Nations;
 - ii. to monitor the consequences towards food security in the region, including the functioning of Agri-Food systems, as well as the availability of water resources;
 - iii. to develop immediate, medium-term, and longer-term plans that address the impact of the conflict in the Gaza Strip on national and regional food security, including emergency response, recovery assistance, and resilience building of Agri-food systems;

- iv. to explore immediate and suitable ways that function across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to not only meet the immediate needs of forcibly displaced civilians in the Gaza Strip, but also to seek long- term solutions;
- v. to keep Members posted in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting within the FAO Governing Bodies; and
- vi. to insert this matter into the agenda of the next regular session of the FAO Council in June 2024.

The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)¹⁷

17. The Council decided by vote¹⁸ to adopt the Draft Decision contained in document CL 174/INF/13.

18. **The Council:**

- a) recalled its decisions and recommendations of its 169th, 170th, 171st and 172nd sessions, as well as the report of the 43rd session of the FAO Conference, and stressed the need to continue their full implementation;
- b) deplored the unilateral termination of the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports, known as the “Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI)”, by the Russian Federation on 18 July 2023, stressing the benefits that this Initiative has brought along for global food security by enabling the safe transportation of nearly 33 million metric tons of grains and other foodstuffs from Ukraine to 45 countries across three continents;
- c) reiterated its call for the immediate cessation of attacks on Ukraine’s critical agriculture and energy infrastructure, noting in particular the systematic attacks on ports that followed the termination of the Black Sea Grain Initiative;
- d) stressed again the need to allow for the full resumption of Ukrainian agricultural production and its unimpeded export from Ukraine, including via the Black Sea;
- e) welcomed the “Grain from Ukraine” humanitarian initiative carried out in partnership with the World Food Programme, under which more than 170,000 tons of Ukrainian grain have already been delivered to Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Yemen;
- f) recalled its decision to remain seized of this matter.

19. The Council decided by vote¹⁹ to reject the Draft Decision contained in document CL 174/INF/14.

Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative²⁰

20. The Council welcomed document CL 174/INF/6, *Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative*, and in particular:

- a) appreciated the continued growth in the number of member countries participating in the Initiative, with 67 countries signed up by November 2023;

¹⁷ CL 174/4; CL 174/INF/13; CL 174/INF/14; CL 174/PV/7; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

¹⁸ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 25; votes for: 20; votes against: 5; abstentions: 20

¹⁹ Roll call vote with total votes cast: 24; votes for: 7; votes against: 17; abstentions: 21

²⁰ CL 174/INF/6; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

- b) appreciated the Hand-in-Hand (HIH) technical support to Members on the design, planning, and analysis for increased and targeted investments to accelerate agrifood systems transformation, in support of SDGs 1, 2 and 10;
- c) welcomed the ongoing efforts by the HIH Initiative to support Members to include climate actions (e.g. increased use of the EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool [ExACT]) in their investment plans for enhancing engagements with a wider range of investors;
- d) welcomed the reported engagements of HIH across all *four betters* and in a range of PPAs, such as Investment, and Food Loss and Waste as a few examples;
- e) encouraged the ongoing development of the HIH monitoring and evaluation dashboard and further reporting on progress of the Initiative;
- f) emphasized the need for additional voluntary, technical and financial support for the Initiative; and
- g) noting the increase in demand from member countries for HIH's support, and the positive feedback from Members on the Hand-in-Hand Investment Forum, welcomed increased partnerships in the form of investment opportunities to support the HIH Initiative.

Reports of the Committees of the Council

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, November 2023)²¹

21. The Council reviewed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee, noting that the *Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25* and the *Update on FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities* would be reviewed as separate items, and endorsed its conclusions on:

- a) the *Implementation of integrated water resources management: progress and needs*;
- b) the *Follow-up from the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment*; and
- c) the *Annual Report on Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse*.

Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023)²²

22. The Council reviewed the Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee, noting that the *Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25* and the *Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative* would be reviewed as separate items, and:

- a) noted the considerations on the *Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS)*; the *Strengthening science-policy interfaces for agrifood systems*; the *FAO's Forestry Roadmap: from Vision to Action*; the *Update on the One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) Initiative*; the outcomes of the *FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation*; and the *FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (GAMC)*;
- b) agreed with its conclusions on the *Evaluation of FAO's support to life below water (SDG 14) and Management Response*, and the *Follow-up report on the Evaluation of*

²¹ CL 174/7; CL 174/3; CL 174/12; CL 174/INF/7; CL 174/PV/4; CL 174/PV/10

²² CL 174/8; CL 174/3; CL 174/INF/6; CL 174/PV/4; CL 174/PV/10

FAO's role and work on the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, and endorsed the recommendations on the Rolling Work Plan of Evaluations (update);

- c) further agreed with its conclusions on the *Contribution of terrestrial animal source food to healthy diets for improved nutrition*, the *FAO's Conceptual framework for integrated land and water resources management*, the *Update on FAO response to global food security challenges*, and the *FAO innovation and technology accelerators: a fit-for-purpose business model to ensure an inclusive, efficient, resilient and sustainable agrifood system transformation*; and
- d) commended the work on developing the comprehensive conceptual framework for water resources management; and in this regard, welcomed Management's commitment to reporting this work during the biennium 2024-25 including on its concrete impact in relevant PPAs, programmatic initiatives, resources and partnerships.

Bioeconomy for sustainable food and agriculture²³

23. The Council took note of the observations of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee on Bioeconomy for sustainable food and agriculture, and:

- a) welcomed the information provided on FAO's work on bioeconomy for sustainable food and agriculture;
- b) appreciated the progress made in the implementation of the PPA: Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture;
- c) acknowledged the important role that bioeconomy can play in agrifood systems transformation; and
- d) looked forward to further discussion within Technical Committees and other Governing Bodies of FAO.

24. With the observations contained in paragraphs 22 and 23, the Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report.

Reports of the 196th (Rome, 5-7 June 2023), 197th (Rome, 30-31 October 2023) and 198th (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) Sessions of the Finance Committee²⁴

25. The Council reviewed the Reports of the 196th (Rome, 5-7 June 2023), 197th (Rome, 30-31 October 2023) and 198th (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) Sessions of the Finance Committee, noting that the *Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25* would be reviewed as a separate agenda item, and:

- a) endorsed the recommendations of the Finance Committee to:
 - i. submit the Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts 2022 as presented in paragraph 12 of document CL 174/9; and
 - ii. endorse the appointment of Mr Jorge da Silva as a member of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee for an initial period of three years.

26. In addition, the Council endorsed the conclusions of the Finance Committee on:

- a) the Financial Position of the Organization; and

²³ CL 174/8; CL 174/PV/4; CL 174/PV/10

²⁴ CL 174/16; CL 174/17; CL 174/9; CL 174/3; CL 174/LIM/2; C 2025/5 A; C 2025/5 B; CL 174/PV/5; CL 174/PV/10

- b) Recommendation 7 of the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1).
27. The Council also noted the Finance Committee's considerations and recommendations on:
- a) Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2022-23 Biennium;
 - b) Implementation of Recommendations of the External Auditor and the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee; and
 - c) the ongoing FAO Management and Administration Review by the JIU.
28. With the above observations, the Council endorsed the recommendations of the Reports of the 196th, 197th and 198th Sessions of the Finance Committee.

Report of the 119th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 9-11 October 2023)²⁵

29. The Council considered the Report of the 119th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).
30. The Council:
- a) endorsed the considerations and conclusions of the Committee on:
 - i. the status of recommendations presented in the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1); and
 - ii. the dissemination of Memoranda of Understanding signed by FAO.
 - b) noted the Committee's considerations on:
 - i. the implementation of the FAO Data Protection Policy;
 - ii. the implementation of the FAO Policy on Intellectual Property Rights;
 - iii. the review of the jurisdictional set-up of the United Nations common system; and
 - iv. the activities of the Development Law Service (LEGN).

Committee on World Food Security

Report of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 23-27 October and 25 November 2023)²⁶

31. The Council welcomed the Report of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and recommended the aspects falling under its mandate for endorsement by the Conference, and:
- a) commended the CFS for the endorsement of the *Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition*, and encouraged the RBAs and other relevant actors to support their utilization at country level;
 - b) commended the CFS for the endorsement of the *CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of*

²⁵ CL 174/10; CL 174/PV/5; CL 174/PV/10

²⁶ C 2025/19; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, and encouraged the RBAs and other relevant actors to support their utilization at country level;

- c) emphasized the importance of increased collection, analysis and dissemination of data on all dimensions of food security and nutrition for evidence-based decision-making, and encouraged FAO and other RBAs to continue to assist Members in strengthening their capacity to apply the newly endorsed guidelines;
- d) welcomed the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2024-2027, with its cross-cutting focus areas, prioritized thematic workstreams, and supporting activities, as a comprehensive framework to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security, and the achievement of SDG 2;
- e) encouraged the RBAs, including FAO, to honour their commitment to equally share the costs of the CFS Secretariat, either through cash or in-kind contributions, as a symbol of joint ownership and shared commitment to the Committee via effective RBA collaboration;
- f) encouraged, in line with the CFS Reform Document, FAO, IFAD and WFP, as well as other CFS stakeholders, to provide space for CFS considerations in the agendas of their Governing Bodies and Regional Conferences, as appropriate;
- g) welcomed the 18th Report of CFS High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN), entitled *Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition*, and looked forward to the elaboration of an agreed set of policy recommendations to be presented for endorsement at CFS 52 in October 2024; and
- h) congratulated the outgoing Chairperson Mr Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio and acknowledged his leadership, and congratulated the incoming Chairperson Ms Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile and expressed support for her leadership.

Governance Matters

Update on FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities²⁷

32. The Council:

- a) welcomed the update on FAO's collaboration with UN system entities, acknowledged the foundational importance of RBA collaboration, and commended the Organization for its ongoing efforts to diversify and strengthen its thematic collaborations with other UN entities at the global, regional and country levels;
- b) encouraged FAO, within its mandate, to enhance its collaboration across the UN system in support of achieving the SDGs by leveraging joint funding mechanisms, developing policy tools to facilitate the integration of the agrifood systems approach in key UN development system frameworks at the global, regional and country levels, and by strengthening FAO's partnerships with UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams;
- c) welcomed the new tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the RBAs, and appreciated the six thematic areas of this collaboration;
- d) encouraged FAO to continue to bring its expertise in agriculture, agrifood systems, nutrition and rural development, in the context of the UN system, including the case of negotiations on climate change; and
- e) looked forward to future updates on the progress, challenges and impact of FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities.

²⁷ CL 174/12; CL 174/7; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 17-21 July 2023)²⁸

33. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and in particular:

- a) adopted Council Resolution 1/174, *The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework*, set out in *Appendix D*; and
- b) endorsed the establishment of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Microorganism and Invertebrate Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Ad Hoc Expert Team on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture.

Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies²⁹

34. The Council welcomed the following principles to guide the implementation of participation of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), including those classed as private sector, in FAO Governing and Statutory Bodies:

- a) FAO is an intergovernmental body, which means that decisions are taken by its Members. INGOs, including the private sector, are observers and cannot participate in the negotiations and decision-making process;
- b) implementation of the rules and procedures for participation of INGOs shall be in line with FAO Basic Texts, and should be transparent;
- c) INGOs may, in accordance with the rules and procedures in the Basic Texts, be given the possibility to make a statement in a Governing Body or Statutory Body meeting that they participate in;
- d) participation should be inclusive, flexible and regionally balanced, including regionally based and regionally focused INGOs who can contribute to FAO's work. In this regard, FAO Regional Conferences could give further guidance; and
- e) individual companies are excluded from participating in Governing and Statutory Body meetings.

35. The Council recommended FAO to examine possibilities for clearer guidance to the Secretariats of its Governing and Statutory Bodies on the participation of INGOs in its meetings, and to develop further proposals for practical modalities for participation, where necessary and in close consultation with, and guidance from, CCLM.

36. The Council looked forward to future updates on the progress on participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies.

Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)³⁰

37. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 172nd Session.

²⁸ CL 174/13; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

²⁹ CL 174/INF/9; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

³⁰ CL 174/LIM/3; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

Other Matters

Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board³¹

38. The Council, pursuant to FAO Conference Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, elected six members of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026) in accordance with the following distribution:

- List A: Morocco³² and Zimbabwe³³
- List C: Argentina³⁴
- List D: Ireland and Switzerland
- List E: Hungary

Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2022³⁵

39. The Council:

- a) acknowledged the WFP's Annual Performance Report (APR) and the results in meeting its Strategic Objectives, supported by Management Results Dimensions;
- b) recognized and appreciated the commitment of WFP staff in the field that worked in challenging circumstances to serve people in need, reaching almost 160 million people – 25 percent more women, girls, boys and men in 2022 than in 2021 – and responded to record levels of food insecurity, driven by conflicts, weather extremes, rapid inflation, the macroeconomic repercussions of the conflict in Ukraine and the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- c) welcomed and commended WFP's ability to make progress in the diversification of its funding base, reaching an unprecedented total level of contributions of over USD 14 billion in 2022; and
- d) supported WFP's continued efforts to strengthen its collaboration with its many partners at all levels and its contributions to achieve the SDGs, especially SDG 2 and SDG 17.

Review of the Decentralized Offices Network of FAO³⁶

40. The Council welcomed the information document, and:

- a) appreciated efforts implemented to address the efficiency and effectiveness of the business models of Decentralized Offices;
- b) welcomed the completion of Restructuring of Regional and Subregional Offices under the principles of One FAO aiming to achieve a renewed business model, and stressed the importance of the continued monitoring of the performance of these Offices, including regular updates;

³¹ CL 174/15.1; CL 174/LIM/4; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

³² Morocco and Egypt reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Morocco serving from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, and Egypt occupying the seat from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2026.

³³ Zimbabwe and Gabon reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Zimbabwe serving from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, and Gabon occupying the seat from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2026.

³⁴ Argentina, Mexico and Chile reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Argentina occupying the seat in 2024, Mexico in 2025 and Chile in 2026.

³⁵ CL 174/15.2; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

³⁶ CL 174/INF/10; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

- c) noted that documents on the Country Offices are being prepared for discussion at the 2024 Regional Conferences with proposed measures to address the evolving context and the challenges and gaps identified;
- d) encouraged FAO's Decentralized Offices to enhance engagement with Member countries and RBAs at country level, especially in developing countries, in designing and implementing support mechanisms tailored to the country context;
- e) encouraged continued efforts to ensure consistency in the deployment of technical resources across Country and Regional Offices, in line with One FAO; and
- f) looked forward to further information on the outcome of the Regional Conference discussions.

Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions³⁷

41. The Council took note of the information contained in CL 174/INF/8, and in particular:
- a) noted the Global framework for the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027;
 - b) recognized and reaffirmed the leading role of FAO as main agency for sustainable mountain development within the United Nations (UN) system;
 - c) called for the development of the Global Action Plan on Mountain Regions Development 2023-2027;
 - d) recommended FAO to support Members, subject to available extra-budgetary resources, with tools, methodologies and capacity-building activities to strengthen their capacity to scale-up sustainable mountain development initiatives with specific reference to the Five Years of Action;
 - e) encouraged FAO to continue supporting Members in raising awareness on the challenges, problems and opportunities of mountain regions, and enhancing global efforts to address them; and
 - f) looked forward to updates on the development of the Five Years of Action Plan in future sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies.

Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO³⁸

42. The Council took note of the briefing notes on the following topics for information only:
- a) Outcomes of the Tenth Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and Diplomatic Conference on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources;
 - b) The Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of Central Asia and International Conference on Food Security in Samarkand;
 - c) Processes related to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs); and
 - d) The 2023 SDG Summit, and Artificial intelligence and digital solutions for the transformation of agrifood systems.

³⁷ CL 174/INF/8; CL 174/PV/8; CL 174/PV/10

³⁸ CL 174/INF/4; CL 174/INF/4 WA1; CL 174/INF/4 WA2; CL 174/INF/4 WA3; CL 174/INF/4 WA4; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025³⁹

43. The Council took note of the Provisional Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2023-2025, as reproduced in *Appendix E* to this Report, and acknowledged that an updated version of the Calendar would be circulated.

44. The Council requested that Regional Offices organize information sessions for their Members, within reasonable time, on modality, arrangements and provisional dates, for their Regional Conference in 2024 and onwards.

Appointment of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee⁴⁰

45. The Council appointed Ms Daniela Rotondaro, (San Marino) as the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for a term of three years to take effect immediately.

46. The Council appointed⁴¹ Ms Haifa Aissami Madah, (Venezuela [Bolivarian Republic of]) as the First Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for a term of three years to take effect immediately.

47. The Council appointed Mr Khalid Mehboob, (Pakistan) as the Second Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for a term of three years to take effect immediately.

Appointment of the Deputy Director-General⁴²

48. The Director-General informed the Council of his decision to select Mr Maurizio Martina as Deputy Director-General.

49. The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Maurizio Martina to the position of FAO Deputy Director-General.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies⁴³

50. Ms Susan Murray, General Secretary of the Union of General Service Staff (UGSS), made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

³⁹ CL 174/LIM/1; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

⁴⁰ CL 174/LIM/5; CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

⁴¹ Canada and the United States of America chose to disassociate themselves from consensus on the appointment of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) as the First Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.

⁴² CL 174/LIM/6; CL 174/PV/1; CL 174/PV/10

⁴³ CL 174/PV/9; CL 174/PV/10

Appendix A

Agenda for the 174th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programmatic Matters

3. Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
4. Global food security challenges and drivers
5. The situation in Gaza related to food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
6. The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
7. Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative

Reports of the Committees of the Council

8. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, November 2023)
9. Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023)
 - 9.1 Bioeconomy for sustainable agrifood systems transformation
 - 9.2 Water resources management for the four betters
10. Reports of the 196th (Rome, 5-7 June 2023), 197th (Rome, 30-31 October 2023) and 198th (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 10.1 Audited Accounts – FAO 2022
 - 10.2 Status of current assessments and arrears
11. Report of the 119th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 9-11 October 2023)

Committee on World Food Security

12. Report of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (Rome, 23-27 October and 25 November 2023)

Governance Matters

13. Update on FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities
14. Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 17-21 July 2023)
15. Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies
16. Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)

Other Matters

17. World Food Programme:
 - 17.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
 - 17.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2022
18. Review of the Decentralized Offices Network of FAO
19. Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions
20. Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO
21. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025
22. Any other matters
 - 22.1 Appointment of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee
 - 22.2 Appointment of the Deputy Director-General
 - 22.3 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 174/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 174/3	Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
CL 174/3 Corr.1	Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 - CORRIGENDUM
CL 174/3 Annex 1	Updated results framework 2022-25
CL 174/3 Annex 2	Extract of the Report of the Extract of the Report of the 43rd Session of the Conference (1-7 July 2023) concerning decisions and guidance on the Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25
CL 174/3 Annex 3	2024-25 Budget by budgetary chapter
CL 174/3 Annex 4	Adjustments to 2024-25 net appropriation by organizational unit
CL 174/3 Annex 5	2024-25 Budget by chapter and region
CL 174/3 Annex 6	Post count by grade group and organizational unit
CL 174/3 Annex 7	Organigramme headquarters and decentralized offices
CL 174/3 Information Note	Information Note - November 2023 - Office of Youth and Women (OYW)
CL 174/4	Global food security challenges and its drivers
CL 174/7	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6, 8 and 10 November 2023)
CL 174/8	Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023)
CL 174/9	Report of the 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023)
CL 174/10	Report of the 119th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 9-11 October 2023)
CL 174/12	Update on FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities
CL 174/13	Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 17-21 July 2023)
CL 174/15.1	Membership of the WFP Executive Board
CL 174/15.2	2022 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council

CL 174/16 Report of the 196th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 5-7 June 2023)

CL 174/17 Report of the 197th Session of the Finance Committee
(Rome, 30-31 October 2023)

C 2025 Series

C 2025/5A Audited Accounts - FAO 2022

C 2025/5B Audited Accounts - FAO 2022 - Part B - Report of the External Auditor

C 2025/19 Report of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security
(Rome, 23-27 October and 25 November 2023)

CL 174 INF Series

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CL 174/INF/3 Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union
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CL 174/INF/4 Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO

CL 174/INF/4 WA1 Outcomes of the Tenth Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental
Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and Diplomatic
Conference on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources

CL 174/INF/4 WA2 The Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of Central Asia and
International Conference on Food Security in Samarkand

CL 174/INF/4 WA3 Processes related to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed
Countries (LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)

CL 174/INF/4 WA4 The 2023 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit and Artificial
intelligence and digital solutions for the transformation of agrifood systems

CL 174/INF/5 Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council

CL 174/INF/5 Corr.1 Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council – Corrigendum

CL 174/INF/6 Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative

CL 174/INF/7 Annual Report on Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of
Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

CL 174/INF/8 Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions

CL 174/INF/9 Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies

CL 174/INF/10 Review of the Decentralized Offices Network of FAO

CL 174/INF/11	Letter and proposal from nine Council Members and 16 Observers dated 28 November 2023
CL 174/INF/12	Updated list of signatories to the letter of 28 November 2023
CL 174/INF/13	Letter and proposal from 13 Council Members and 28 Observers dated 4 December 2023
CL 174/INF/14	Letter and proposal from the Republic of Belarus on Item 6
CL 174/INF/15	Letter and proposal from the United States of America under Agenda Item 5

CL 174 LIM Series

CL 174/LIM/1	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2023-2025
CL 174/LIM/2	Status of Current Assessments and Arrears as at 27 November 2023
CL 174/LIM/3	Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)
CL 174/LIM/4	Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
CL 174/LIM/5	Appointment of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee
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Appendix C
Draft Resolution for the Conference
FAO Audited Accounts 2022

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the 174th Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2022 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

Adopts the Audited Accounts.

Appendix D

Resolution 1/174

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

THE COUNCIL,

Recalling the three Global Goals of Members as included in the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031, especially Goal 3 on the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations, and the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031 for the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind;

Having noted the adoption, by the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework with its vision of a world of living in harmony with nature where “by 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people”;

Having considered the report of the Nineteenth Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission);

Recognizing the importance of the Commission’s Global Plans of Action, its Framework for Action on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, and other policy tools as voluntary frameworks for action at local, national, regional and global levels;

Recalling the importance of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty) and its support for the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use;

Recalling the importance of the International Plant Protection Convention and its support for the management of plant pests and diseases, including of invasive alien species;

Acknowledging the important work of the Commission, the Treaty and FAO in the development of targets and indicators for monitoring the implementation of their respective instruments and policies, as well as the achievement of the corresponding Sustainable Development Goals;

Noting the important role of the *FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors* and the *2024-27 Action Plan* in coordinating FAO’s assistance to countries in mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors;

Recognizing the important contribution FAO, the Commission, the Treaty, the International Plant Protection Convention can offer to the achievement of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

Stressing the mutual supportiveness of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and instruments and policies of FAO on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources for food and agriculture;

1. **Welcomes** the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
2. **Requests** FAO and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and encourages the Governing Body of the Treaty and the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures to contribute to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity

Framework, within their mandate and subject to the availability of resources and, for this purpose, to support countries in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and collaborate with relevant stakeholders with a view to avoiding duplications and to enhancing effectiveness;

3. **Invites** Members to:

- i. consider integration of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture's sectoral Global Plans of Action, the Framework for Action on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and other FAO instruments and policies related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into relevant policies, programmes and national and regional plans of action, including National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), as appropriate;
- ii. actively engage, and collaborate closely with all relevant sectors at all levels, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, in the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems that promote the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of biodiversity for food and agriculture, leaving no one behind; and
- iii. consider the importance of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture when seeking funding and support from various sources, including the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and other relevant funding mechanisms.

Appendix E

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2024-2025

	2024		2025	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	37 NERC (SOM) IFAD/GC 37 APRC WFP	5-8 12-16 19-23 26/2-1/3	IFAD/GC WFP	10-14 17-21
MARCH	37 NERC (MM) (cont'd) 38 LARC 120 CCLM	4-5 18-22 25-27	122 CCLM 203 FC 140 PC 20 CGRFA	3-5 10-14 10-14 24-28
APRIL	8 INARC 33 ARC IFAD/EB	2-4 15-19 22-26	177 CL	7-11
MAY	34 ERC 199 FC 138 PC* 200 FC (WFP)	13-17 20-24 20-24 29-31	IFAD/EB 204 FC (WFP)	5-9 12-14
JUNE	175 CL WFP*	10-14 24-28	WFP 44 C	23-27 28/6-4/7
JULY	36 COFI 27 COFO	8-12 22-26	178 CL 48 CODEX (Rome)	7 14-18
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	76 CCP IFAD/EB 29 COAG	11-13 16-20 30/9-4/10	IFAD/EB 123 CCLM	15-19 22-24
OCTOBER	WFF WFD 52 CFS 121 CCLM	14-18 16 (Wednesday) 21-25 28-30	WFF WFD 53 CFS 205 FC (WFP)	13-17 16 (Thursday) 20-24 27-28
NOVEMBER	201 FC (WFP) 202 FC 139 PC* WFP 47 CODEX (Geneva)	4-5 11-15 11-15 18-22 25-29	206 FC 141 PC WFP	3-7 3-7 17-21
DECEMBER	176 CL IFAD/EB	2-6 9-13	179 CL IFAD/EB	1-5 8-12

Easter: 31 March 2024
Orthodox Easter: 5 May 2024
Ramadan: 10 March –
8 April 2024
Eid Al-Fitr: 9 April 2024
Eid Al-Adha: 17 June 2024

Easter: 20 April 2025
Orthodox Easter: 20 April 2025
Ramadan: 28 February –
29 March 2025
Eid Al-Fitr: 30 March 2025
Eid Al-Adha: 6 June 2025

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
		PC	Programme Committee
		WFD	World Food Day
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	WFF	World Food Forum
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board
COFI	Committee on Fisheries		

(*) Change compared to the Calendar submitted to the previous Council session.

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Oman (Ms Fadia Aljamal)
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United Kingdom (Mr Christopher Mace)
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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Ms Haifa Aissami Madah)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2023

Argentina (C)^{1,2}
Guatemala (C)³
Hungary (E)
Ireland (D)⁴
Italy (D)⁴
Morocco (A)

China (B)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)
Mexico (C)
Poland (E)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2024

Bangladesh (B)⁵
Kuwait (B)⁶
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (D)
Peru (C)
Senegal (A)
United States of America (D)

France (D)⁸
Ghana (A)
India (B)
Republic of Korea (B)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

31 December 2025

Brazil (C)
Canada (D)
Gabon (A)⁷
Germany (D)
Kenya (A)
Saudi Arabia (B)

Australia (D)
Ethiopia (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Mauritania (A)
Panama (C)
Spain (D)

¹ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List C (2021-2023) held by Argentina.

² Argentina replaced Guatemala from 1 January 2022 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

³ Brazil and Guatemala reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Brazil serving in 2021 and 2022 and Guatemala serving in 2023.

⁴ Denmark and Norway respectively reached an agreement with Ireland and Italy to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Ireland and Italy serving in 2023.

⁵ Bangladesh and Iran reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Bangladesh serving from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023 and Iran occupying the seat from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024. Following the ECOSOC election of Iran (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2025), List B reached the agreement that Bangladesh takes over from the Islamic Republic of Iran for the FAO Council-elected seat from 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024.

⁶ Iran and Kuwait reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Iran serving from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and Kuwait occupying the seat from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

⁷ Gabon and Chad reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Gabon serving from 1 January 2023 until 30 June 2024 and Chad occupying the seat from 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2025.

⁸ Finland was elected to complete the unexpired term of office of France on the Executive Board from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

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194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

Afghanistan	Gambia	Palau
Albania	Georgia	Panama
Algeria	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Andorra	Ghana	Paraguay
Angola	Greece	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Poland
Armenia	Guinea	Portugal
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Austria	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Bahamas	Honduras	Romania
Bahrain	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Iceland	Rwanda
Barbados	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Iraq	Samoa
Benin	Ireland	San Marino
Bhutan	Israel	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Senegal
Botswana	Japan	Serbia
Brazil	Jordan	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Kenya	Singapore
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Slovakia
Burundi	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cameroon	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Lebanon	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Spain
Chad	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Chile	Libya	Sudan
China	Lithuania	Suriname
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Comoros	Madagascar	Switzerland
Congo	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Maldives	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritania	(Associate Member)
Czechia	Mauritius	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia	Tunisia
Denmark	(Federated States of)	Türkiye
Djibouti	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Eswatini	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union	Nicaragua	Venezuela
(Member Organization)	Niger	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands	Nigeria	Viet Nam
(Associate Member)	Niue	Yemen
Fiji	North Macedonia	Zambia
Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	