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Methods of Work for the 177th Session of the Council

Executive summary

This document summarises the working methods for the 177th Session of the Council, which will take place from 7 to 11 April 2025.

Measures to enhance the efficiency in the conduct of the Session include a Written Correspondence Procedure for four agenda items, time limits for interventions, and advance circulation of introductory presentations.

Members of the Council will be invited to endorse these measures under Item 1 of the Agenda of the 177th Session of the Council.

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I. Introduction

1. Members of the Council will be invited to endorse measures outlined in this document for enhanced working methods of its 177th Session under Item 1 of the Agenda.

II. Written Correspondence Procedure

2. The following agenda items shall be addressed through a Written Correspondence Procedure:

- **Item 7** – Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative;
- **Item 17** – Developments in *fora* of importance for the mandate of FAO;
- **Item 18** – Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 176th Session of the Council (Rome, 2-6 December 2024);
- **Item 19** – Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2025.

3. Under this procedure, Members may submit written inputs no later than Friday, 21 March 2025, to FAO-Council@fao.org. All inputs received will be published on the website of the 177th Session of the Council. The Secretariat will provide written responses, where necessary, which will be made available ahead of the Council's discussion in Plenary session.

4. The Chairperson's summary conclusions for the agenda items considered through the Written Correspondence Procedure will be drafted on the basis of this written exchange. The Council will address these draft conclusions at a Plenary meeting, as indicated in the Timetable.

III. Other Matters

5. In order to streamline the proceedings of the 177th Session of the Council, written introductions to agenda items will be circulated in advance of the Session.

6. Interventions by individual Members will be limited to a maximum of three minutes, and multi-Member statements will be limited to a maximum of five minutes. The Independent Chairperson of the Council will enforce such time management.

7. The time zone applicable to the Council's 177th Session Timetable will be Central European Summer Time (UTC +2). The meetings of the 177th Session of the Council will be scheduled from 09.30 to 12.00 in the morning, from 14.00 to 16.30 in the afternoon, and from 17.00 to 19.30 in the evening.

8. Documents for the Session will be made available in all six languages of the Organization.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in all six languages of the Organization will be provided for all Plenary meetings of the 177th Session of the Council.

10. A mobile application for the 177th Session of the Council will be made available, and an Order of the Day will be circulated in all languages of the Organization.