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¹ Guatemala replaced Nicaragua.

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Cape Verde	Kyrgyzstan	South Africa
Central African Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Spain
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Chile	Lebanon	Sudan
China	Lesotho	Suriname
Colombia	Liberia	Swaziland
Comoros	Libya	Sweden
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Cook Islands	Madagascar	Tajikistan
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INTRODUCTION

TWENTY-FOURTH MCDUGALL MEMORIAL LECTURE¹

1. Reverend David Beckmann, President of *Bread for the World*, delivered the Twenty-fourth McDougall Memorial Lecture in memory of Frank Lidgett McDougall, a founding father of the Organization.

PRESENTATION OF THE B.R. SEN AWARDS²

2. The annual B.R. Sen Award, in recognition of the former Director-General Mr B.R. Sen's role in transforming FAO from a study organization to a development agency, is presented at each regular session of the Conference to an FAO field officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the country or countries to which he or she was assigned.

3. The 2004 B.R. Sen Award was conferred on Mr Heiko Bammann, a national of Germany, in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the development of an innovative project design to promote farming as a business among small farmers in several Pacific Island countries, while serving as Farming Systems Development and Marketing Officer in the Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands. The design was implemented through TCP projects with the common objective of improving the livelihoods of small farmers through the application of sustainable agriculture techniques, sound farm management, and good planning and marketing decisions. The concepts introduced by the projects had led to wider adoption in the region, and projects had since been launched by several regional and international agencies based on Mr Bammann's project design template. Mr Bammann's leadership and perseverance were key factors in the realization of these achievements.

4. The 2005 B.R. Sen Award was conferred on Mr Patrick T. Evans, a national of the United States of America, in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the development of community-based natural resource management on the Tonle Sap Great Lake in Cambodia, while serving as Team Leader for several phases of the Belgian-funded project "Participatory Natural Resources Management in the Tonle Sap Region". Through his advocacy and demonstrated success, community-based natural resource management had been popularly accepted as a norm for pursuing sustainable development. It was now also pursued by many other donors through their projects. This had resulted in the protection and better management of forest and fisheries resources, the reduction of illicit logging and fishing, and, at the same time, in the improvement in the livelihoods and food security of the communities in Siem Reap Province.

PRESENTATION OF THE A.H. BOERMA AWARD³

5. The A.H. Boerma Award for 2004-2005 was presented jointly to Mr. Giampaolo Cadalanu, foreign reporter for the Italian daily newspaper *La Repubblica*, for his work in documenting the problems of hunger and poverty in the world, and to two reporters of the American daily newspaper *Wall Street Journal*, Mr. Roger Thurow and Mr. Scott Kilman, for their contribution towards raising public awareness regarding food and development-related issues.

¹ C 2005/INF/9; C 2005/PV/1; C 2005/PV/12;

² C 2005/INF/6; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12;

³ C 2005/INF/7; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12;

PRESENTATION OF THE EDOUARD SAOUMA AWARD⁴

6. The Edouard Saouma Award is presented biennially to an institution that has implemented with particular efficiency a project funded by the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP). The Award for 2004-2005 was presented to the “Instituto de Investigaciones en Fruticultura Tropical” (IIFT) in Cuba for its outstanding contribution to the implementation of a TCP project on tropical fruit production.

7. The Institute, represented at the Ceremony by its Technical Director, Mr Emilio Farrés Armenteros, demonstrated exceptional ability in disseminating improved propagation and production technologies to farmers and in ensuring the integration of project recommendations within government policies and strategies for tropical fruit production, resulting in improved farmers’ livelihoods and food security.

PRESENTATION OF THE MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL⁵

8. The Margarita Lizárraga Medal for 2004-2005 was presented to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), an international agreement whose objective is to reduce dolphin mortality in the tuna purse-seine fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean, and to ensure the sustainability of tuna stocks and associated species in the ecosystem. The AIDCP has been an unqualified success and has diligently applied the relevant principles set forth in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, in particular those aspects relating to the precautionary approach and the utilization of fishing gear and techniques which minimized the catch of non-target species and allowed for the enormous reduction in dolphin mortality that was achieved. AIDCP was also commended for its active involvement with the fishing industry and environmental non-governmental organizations, which constituted a successful and exemplary interaction among the various stakeholders.

IN MEMORIAM⁶

9. The Conference observed one minute of silence in memory of those staff members who had died in the service of the Organization since the Conference had last met. The names of the deceased staff members were read and were contained in the Verbatim Records of the Conference.

⁴ C 2005/INF/8; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12.

⁵ C 2005/LIM/7; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12.

⁶ C 2005/PV/9; C 2005/PV/12.

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF THE STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS⁷

10. The Council nominated and the Conference elected Cao Duc Phat (Viet Nam) as Chairperson of the Thirty-third Session of the Conference.
11. The Council nominated and the Conference elected the three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference:

Arefaine Berhe (Eritrea)
Romualdo Bettini (Italy)
Abubaker El-Mansury (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE⁸

12. The Council recommended and the Conference elected the:

Seven Members of the General Committee

Canada	Mali
China	New Zealand
Costa Rica	United Kingdom
Kuwait	

Nine Members of the Credentials Committee

Bulgaria	Indonesia	United Republic of Tanzania
Croatia	Morocco	United States of America
El Salvador	San Marino	Yemen

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION⁹

13. The Conference adopted its Agenda as amended by the General Committee, and as given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

⁷ C 2005/LIM/9; C 2005/PV/1; C 2005/PV/12.

⁸ C 2005/LIM/4; C 2005/LIM/9; C 2005/PV/1; C 2005/PV/12.

⁹ C 2005/1; C 2005/12; C 2005/LIM/10; C 2005/INF/4; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12.

14. The Conference adopted the arrangements and timetable proposed by the Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session of the Council, as approved by the General Committee.

*Establishment of Commissions and Appointment of their Chairpersons,
Vice-Chairpersons and Drafting Committees*

15. The Conference concurred with the Council's recommendations to establish two Commissions to consider and report upon Parts I and II of the Agenda.

16. In accordance with Rule VII and Rule XXIV-5 (b) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session of the Council had nominated the following Chairpersons of the Commissions which the Conference approved:

Commission I	Ms Victoria Guardia de Hernández (Costa Rica)
Commission II	Zohrab Malek (Armenia)

17. Sergio Gouveia (Mozambique) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission I with the following Membership: Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, New Zealand, Thailand, Tunisia and United Kingdom.

18. Soren Skafte (Denmark) was elected Chairperson of the Drafting Committee for Commission II with the following Membership: Algeria, Australia, Brazil, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Japan, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, United Kingdom and United States of America.

19. The Conference, taking into consideration the proposals of the General Committee, in accordance with Rule XIII-2 GRO, appointed the following Vice-Chairpersons:

Commission I	Alain Pierret (France) Hasan Qutaiba (Iraq)
Commission II	Ms Dato' Lily Zachariah (Malaysia) Willem Brakel (United States of America)

Resolutions Committee of the Conference

20. The Conference endorsed the recommendation of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the Council to establish a Resolutions Committee of seven Members, one from each Region, and appointed the following:

Africa	:	Cameroon
Asia	:	Philippines
Europe	:	Romania
Latin America and the Caribbean	:	Ecuador
Near East	:	Egypt
North America	:	United States of America
Southwest Pacific	:	Australia

21. The Conference agreed to the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that the Resolutions Committee be chaired by Ms Patricia Borja (Ecuador).

22. The Conference approved the functions of the Resolutions Committee and the criteria for the formulation of resolutions, as given in Appendix C of document C 2005/12.

Right of Reply

23. The Conference confirmed the decision taken at its previous sessions to the effect that, when a Member wished to reply to criticisms of its Government's policy, it should preferably do so on the afternoon of the day on which such criticism had been voiced after all those wishing to participate in the discussion had had an opportunity to speak.

Verbatim Records

24. As provided for in Rule XVIII-1 GRO, Verbatim Records were kept of all Conference Plenary and Commission meetings. The Conference endorsed the recommendation of the General Committee that statements could be inserted in the Verbatim Records when time did not permit them to be delivered, taking into consideration, however, the conditions laid down by the General Committee.

Verification of Credentials

25. The credentials of delegations of 180 Members were found valid. The remaining Members did not submit valid credentials.

26. The credentials of the representatives of the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and related organizations were duly deposited as prescribed under Rule III-2 of the General Rules of the Organization.

Voting Rights

27. The Conference noted that, in accordance with Article III-4 of the Constitution, at the beginning of the Session 31 Member Nations (Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Comoros, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan) had no right to vote in the Conference, since the amount of their arrears of contributions to the Organization exceeded the amount of the contribution due from them for the two preceding years. Nevertheless, the Conference decided that all Member Nations in attendance be authorized to vote on 19 November 2005.

28. Subsequently, four of these Member Nations (Democratic Republic of Congo, Paraguay, Sudan and Suriname) made payments sufficient to regain their voting rights.

29. The Conference decided to restore voting rights to sixteen Member Nations having requested special consideration under Article III.4 of the FAO Constitution and permission to vote: Afghanistan, Argentina, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia.

30. The Conference further decided to restore the voting rights to Azerbaijan and Seychelles by agreeing that payments under Instalment Plans proposed by those Member Nations would be considered as fulfilment of their financial obligations to the Organization. To this effect, the Conference adopted the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1/2005**Payment of Contributions – Azerbaijan****THE CONFERENCE,**

Noting that the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan had made a proposal that it liquidate its arrears of contributions over a period of ten years commencing in 2004 in addition to paying each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment, and having further noted that the Government of Azerbaijan has made payments in 2004 and 2005 of US\$ 132,492.16 and Euro 7,013.11 equivalent to the annual instalment of US\$ 125,682.26 plus payment of current contributions,

Decides that:

1. Notwithstanding Financial Regulation 5.5 the arrears of contributions of the Republic of Azerbaijan totalling US\$ 1,005,458.00 shall be settled through the payment of eight annual instalments of US\$ 125,682.26 each from 2006 to 2013.
2. The first instalment shall be payable in January 2006.
3. The annual payment of the instalments referred to above, together with the payment of each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment and any advances to the Working Capital Fund, shall be considered as fulfilment of the financial obligations of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Organization.
4. Instalments shall be payable in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5.
5. Default in payment of two instalments shall render this instalment plan null and void.

(Adopted on 24 November 2005)

RESOLUTION 2/2005**Payment of Contributions - Seychelles****THE CONFERENCE,**

Noting that the Government of the Republic of Seychelles had made a proposal that it liquidate its arrears of contributions over a period of ten years commencing in 2006 in addition to paying each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment,

Decides that:

1. Notwithstanding Financial Regulation 5.5 the arrears of contributions of the Republic of Seychelles totalling US\$ 146,084.50 and Euro 7,013.10 shall be settled through the payment of ten annual instalments of US\$ 14,608.45 and €701.31 each from 2006 to 2015.
2. The first instalment shall be payable in January 2006.
3. The annual payment of the instalments referred to above, together with the payment of each current contribution in the calendar year of assessment and any advances to the Working Capital Fund, shall be considered as fulfilment of the financial obligations of the Republic of Seychelles to the Organization.

4. Instalments shall be payable in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5.
5. Default in payment of two instalments shall render this instalment plan null and void.

(Adopted on 24 November 2005)

31. The Conference recommended that the Government of Iraq be approached with a view to agreeing to an Instalment Plan. The Conference also invited the Government of Iraq to consider referring the request for a change in its assessment to the Contributions Committee of the United Nations.

32. The Conference expressed its concern at the high number of Member Nations in arrears and held the view that any past recommendations that voting rights be restored for all Member Nations on the first day of the Conference, or upon submission of a letter to that effect, should not be regarded as preventing the Conference from taking a different position in future. While taking note of Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution whereby the Conference may permit a Member Nation in arrears to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member Nation, the Conference recommended that, in future, the normal course of action in respect of Member Nations in arrears should consist in actively encouraging them to submit an Instalment Plan for the settlement of such arrears, as a condition for the restoration of their voting rights.

33. The Conference recommended that consideration be given in future that requests for restoration of Voting Rights should be referred to the Director-General for submission to the Autumn Session of the Finance Committee, in Conference years, which would submit its views to the Conference, through the Council, for consideration by the General Committee, without prejudice to the authority of the Conference to make autonomous determinations under Article III, paragraph 4 of the Constitution.

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS¹⁰

Applicants for Membership

34. The Director-General had provisionally invited applicants for Membership to be represented by Observers until a decision had been taken on their applications. The Conference approved the Director-General's invitation in respect of the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of Belarus.

Admission of Observers from Non-Member Nations

35. The Conference confirmed the invitation issued by the Director-General to the Russian Federation to attend the Session in an Observer capacity.

Liberation Movements

36. The Conference confirmed the invitation issued by the Director-General, at the suggestion of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the Council, to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations

37. The Conference reviewed the list of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to which the Director-General had extended a provisional invitation to the Session, and confirmed the said provisional invitations.

¹⁰ C 2003/13; C 2003/LIM/1; C 2003/PV/2; C 2003/PV/14; C 2005/PV/12.

THE STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE¹¹

38. One Hundred and Twenty Heads of Delegation and the Holy See intervened on this agenda item. Members commented on the overall economic, agricultural and food security situation, as described in the Secretariat documents, and reported on the food and agricultural situation and related issues in their respective countries. Five Observers also spoke.

39. The Conference noted with concern the slow progress towards the World Food Summit target and the Millennium Development Goal relating to poverty and hunger. Members recognized the centrality of hunger reduction to the achievement of several other MDG targets, *inter alia*, on maternal health, child mortality and primary education, and welcomed closer cooperation with other UN Organizations in this regard. The Conference also welcomed the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security.

40. The Conference noted with extreme concern the prevalence of food emergencies in recent years which had gravely exacerbated poverty and food insecurity in the affected regions. The Conference confirmed the important role of FAO in emergency response and in the transition to rehabilitation and development. Several Members expressed appreciation for assistance received through, *inter alia*, the Special Programme for Food Security, the Technical Cooperation Programme and South-South cooperation. In this regard, several Members called on FAO to continue providing assistance in combating Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and other transboundary diseases and pests.

41. Several Members expressed their appreciation of FAO's support to the African Union and its Member States in the implementation of Africa's agriculture and food security programmes, and the Conference requested the Organization to cooperate with the African Union, NEPAD and African countries in the organization of appropriate meetings to review progress in, and plans for, the implementation of agriculture and food security programmes on the continent.

42. Many Members emphasized the importance of improving small and poor farmers' access to markets, both local and international. With regard to international markets, many Members referred to the importance of the Doha Development Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and stressed the need for progress during the forthcoming Hong Kong Ministerial Conference. A number of Members noted the importance of special and differential treatment for developing countries. They called on FAO to provide continued and more active support to Member Governments in the context of the negotiations.

43. Members noted a number of other priority areas of activity for FAO such as the sustainable use of natural resources, including forests, fisheries, land, water and plant and animal genetic resources. Many Members confirmed the importance of FAO's role in standard-setting in the context of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). A number of Members noted FAO's work in statistical data collection and analysis, and acknowledged FAO's importance as a centre of knowledge and expertise on food and agriculture. Several Members underlined the importance of women in development and called for greater mainstreaming of gender issues in FAO's work. Increased attention to HIV/AIDS was also requested. Several Members called for greater involvement of NGOs in the work of FAO.

44. Members underlined the importance of FAO reform. Many noted that the FAO reform and the Independent External Evaluation should be mutually supportive. Several Members expressed the view that FAO reforms should take place in the context of the wider UN reform process, taking into consideration the comparative advantages of the Organization, with the aim of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations.

¹¹ C 2005/2; 2005/LIM/21; C 2005/PV/3; C 2005/PV/4; C 2005/PV/5; C 2005/PV/6; C 2005/PV/7; C 2005/PV/12.

45. A Round Table on Water for Agriculture in Africa, Near East and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was held on Tuesday 22 November 2005. The report of this Round Table is attached as *Appendix D*.

46. The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 3/2005

The International Year of Natural Fibres

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling that, following consideration by the Joint Meeting of the Thirty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the Thirty-fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres, and by the Sixty-fifth Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems, the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the FAO Council in June 2005 had endorsed the proposal for an International Year of Natural Fibres;

Noting that natural fibres play an important part in clothing the world's population as well as having traditional and promising new industrial uses;

Recalling that much of the world's natural fibre was produced as a source of cash income by small farmers in low-income and developing countries;

Desiring to focus world attention on the role that income derived from the sale and export of natural fibres plays in contributing to food security and poverty alleviation of the population;

Believing that while the production and consumption of natural fibres offer significant environmental benefits, concerted efforts should be made to ensure that these benefits are not compromised by unsound practices;

Recognizing that there were important potential partnerships among participants in the various natural fibre industries;

Affirming the need to heighten public awareness of the economic and environmental attributes of natural fibres:

1. Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the United Nations declare the Year 2009 as the International Year of Natural Fibres;
2. Further requests the Director-General to inform future sessions of Conference and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of progress in making arrangements, including in securing funding, for the International Year of Natural Fibres and, subsequently, of the results of the Year once concluded.

(Adopted on 25 November 2005)

47. The Conference also adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 4/2005

The International Year of the Potato

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting that the potato is a staple food in the diet of the world's population; Desiring to focus world attention on the role that the potato can play in providing food security and alleviating poverty of the population;

Convinced that concerted efforts are needed to address the issues and challenges that derive from the reduction of productivity, the depletion of natural resources, the problems of the environment and the loss of biodiversity in the present systems of potato cultivation;

Recognizing that there are important links between institutions engaged in potato research and development;

Recalling also that, at its Thirty-first Session, it endorsed the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

Affirming the need to revive public awareness of the relationship that exists between poverty, food security, malnutrition and the potential contribution of the potato to defeating hunger;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the aim of having the United Nations declare the year 2008 the International Year of the Potato and also requests the Director-General to make progress reports to future sessions of the FAO Conference and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on action taken on the International Year of the Potato, including financial resources obtained and, once the year has taken place, results achieved.

(Adopted on 25 November 2005)

SUBSTANTIVE AND POLICY MATTERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT¹²

48. The Conference recalled that the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the FAO Council had approved the proposal to organize an “International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD): New Challenges and Options for Revitalizing Rural Communities” to be hosted by Brazil in March 2006. The approved proposal stressed the importance of agrarian reform and rural development for hunger and poverty reduction and for the achievement of the WFS Plan of Action and the Millennium Development Goals.

49. The Conference unanimously supported the initiative to organize an International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development as an opportunity for dialogue and sharing lessons learned in concrete experiences of agrarian reform and rural development.

50. Members appreciated the progress and approach adopted by FAO, the ICARRD Steering Committee and Brazil in the preparation of the Conference, despite the limited time and resources available. They commended the efforts to date made by Brazil, the Steering Committee and the FAO Secretariat in preparing the presentation of the item, and the various inputs and documents for the Conference.

51. Some Members recommended that additional themes be considered for inclusion in the Conference’s Agenda or background papers, as they were closely linked to sustainable agricultural and rural development in some regions: the role of South-South cooperation in support of agrarian reform; the roles of access to water and access to markets in sustainable agricultural and rural development; and linkages with the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security.

52. Some Members highlighted the need to ensure adequate consideration of gender equality concerns throughout issue papers, themes and the Conference.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE FAO PLAN OF ACTION ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT 2002-2007¹³

53. The Conference recalled that at its Thirty-second Session in December 2003, it had requested the Organization to prepare a second Progress Report on the Gender and Development Plan of Action (2002-2007).

54. The Members welcomed the new Progress Report and were pleased that the document had been prepared in a participatory manner involving significant inputs from various technical divisions. They appreciated the description of the institutional measures put in place to support implementation of the Plan, the linkages between the Plan’s objectives and FAO’s major programmes, and the examples of actions undertaken during the present biennium.

55. Several Members stressed that gender equality was vital to the achievement of sustainable development, and that gender inequality was a major obstacle to the reduction of poverty and hunger. They expressed appreciation for the Organization’s efforts to understand the interlinkages between the MDGs and to contribute in achieving them.

¹² C 2005/6; C 2005/I/PV/1; C 2005/I/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

¹³ C 2005/7; C 2005/I/PV/3; C 2005/I/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

56. The Members commended FAO for an active and productive gender and development programme. While agreeing that the Organization, under the leadership of its Gender and Population Division, had made significant achievements regarding gender mainstreaming and pointing out that FAO's work had been recognised vis-à-vis that of other UN agencies, many Members identified a number of remaining problem areas. A particular concern was that while this report was more analytical than previous reports, further analysis was needed on the impact of the Plan of Action on the lives of rural men and women. The Organization was requested to further develop gender-sensitive indicators in line with what other agencies were doing, and to make more efforts to ensure that gender considerations were effectively integrated from the planning phase and throughout implementation, including evaluation. Many Members also noted the continuing need for the enhanced collection, use and dissemination of gender-disaggregated data to advance gender mainstreaming, as well as the need to continue to provide technical assistance to Member Nations in this domain.

57. The Conference agreed that it was crucial that such indicators continue to be formulated and utilized for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Plan of Action, and that tools continue to be refined to ensure that the technical divisions were accountable in the gender mainstreaming process.

58. Several Members stressed the need to ensure an adequate level of funding for the implementation of the Plan of Action and, in particular, in all aspects related to the achievement of MDG 3.

59. Some Members expressed concern about the location of the unit in charge of gender mainstreaming in the FAO reform proposal.

60. The Conference acknowledged the need to pursue efforts to address gender-based concerns in relation to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and food security. Members also indicated that FAO needed to continue working for the empowerment of women through mainstreaming gender equality concerns throughout all its activities from the planning stage forward.

61. Many Members noted that the Socio-economic and Gender Analysis (SEAGA) Training Programme was crucial to achieving the mainstreaming goals of the Plan, and encouraged FAO to support its regional and subregional staff in incorporating regionally-adapted SEAGA principles in the planning and implementation of their work.

62. Many Members noted that FAO needed to maintain and increase collaboration with other UN agencies, NGOs and CSOs, and they stressed the need for more collaboration between public and private agencies in implementing the Plan.

63. Several Members including the Near East Region noted with concern the still relatively low level of representation of women in FAO Professional and Senior Staff and urged the Organization to take positive measures to ensure equal opportunity in order to achieve more balanced representation.

64. Finally, the Conference endorsed the recommendation in paragraph 50, and encouraged the reviewing and updating of the Plan of Action, especially through the periodic MTP and PWB exercises, and to report to future Conferences on progress.

UNITED NATIONS/FAO WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME¹⁴

65. The Conference commended and reiterated its support to WFP for its performance in responding to both man-made and natural disasters. Many Members considered that more

¹⁴ C 2005/I/PV/3; C 2005/I/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

attention should be paid to development activities. Members also expressed support for WFP management.

66. Some Members recognized the importance of continuing WFP/FAO cooperation, especially with regard to food security, needs assessment, emergency responses in the provision of agricultural inputs, and nutrition. Cooperation with other UN agencies, civil society, governments and other partners in promoting comparative advantage and effectiveness was also stressed.

67. Some Members commended WFP's focus on women as regarded mother and child nutrition and school feeding programmes. There was some concern, however, over diminishing development programmes that were crucial in addressing hunger as a result of the increase in emergency activities. It was important for development activities to remain intact for capacity-building efforts of developing countries. Some Members stressed that emphasis should be on the traditional core activity of food aid.

68. Most Members recognized the importance of WFP's call for an expansion in its multilateral donor base, and called for the flexibility that more multilateral cash donations would provide.

69. Some Members expressed concern about the capacity of WFP staff to cope with an ever increasing number of emergency situations. While welcoming the concern expressed about staff well-being, the WFP noted that several mechanisms were in place to assist staff in coping with stress such as Rest and Relaxation (R&R), staff rotation, peer support volunteers, and that management was paying continued attention to this matter.

70. A concern was raised that the contributions of small non-traditional donors should not result in decreasing support by the traditional donors. A few Members also addressed the need for strategic food stocks to be available in disaster-prone areas.

71. Some Members praised WFP's business process review, and further encouraged innovative approaches.

72. The Conference regretted that the document on FAO-WFP relations discussed during the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the FAO Council was unavailable.

PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2002-2003¹⁵

73. The Conference expressed satisfaction with the improved format of the Programme Implementation Report (PIR), which reflected the application of results-based principles to the Organization's technical programmes, and the quantitative information on achievements in the biennium 2002-03. It noted that the PIR was complemented by the Programme Evaluation Report (PER), which provided information on impacts through more qualitative and selective evaluations.

74. The Conference looked forward to further progress being made on the results-based format of the PIR, which would focus reporting of programme implementation on key achievements against indicators; emphasize success stories and lessons learned, including from auto-evaluation of programme entities; provide selected reporting on achievement of outcomes and extend results-based reporting to non-technical programmes, including reporting information on financial aspects, efficiencies and productivity gains. The Conference requested that future reporting on regional dimensions provide more quantitative information on activities, including the Field Programme, TCP, South-South Cooperation and investment.

75. The Conference was pleased that delivery under the Regular Programme had utilized fully the budgeted resources and implemented the programme of work according to plan. Members highlighted several positive trends in delivery, including the continued expansion of the Special Programme for Food Security as well as the Field Programme, the increase in interdisciplinary activities through the Priority Areas for Interdisciplinary Action (PAIAs), and the application of the FAO Language Policy.

76. The Conference appreciated the detailed reporting on geographic representation and gender balance of Professional staff, which was reviewed on a regular basis by the Finance Committee. It welcomed the progress made in increasing the number of female Professional staff and urged efforts to increase the number of female staff at senior levels. Some Members expressed concern over the low representation of Professional staff from the Asia Region and urged the Secretariat to take initiatives to improve the low representation.

PROGRAMME EVALUATION REPORT 2005¹⁶

77. The Conference welcomed the 2005 Programme Evaluation Report in its new format and noted that the report and its various sections, including the Evaluation Briefs, were available separately on the FAO Evaluation Website. It appreciated the comprehensive yet succinct description of the institutional arrangements and policies for evaluation in FAO. It welcomed the Evaluation Briefs as a particularly useful innovation, bringing together in an easy-to-read format the findings and recommendations of evaluations, the response of FAO management to the evaluation and the comments of the Programme Committee.

78. The Conference welcomed the initiation of work on evaluations of FAO work at country level. It also noted the improved independence and rigour of the evaluations and urged the Evaluation Service to further strengthen these aspects and its attention to assessment of impacts.

¹⁵ C 2005/8; C 2005/8 Corr.1; C 2005/II/PV/2; C 2005/II/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

¹⁶ C 2005/4; C 2005/II/PV/2; C 2005/II/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2006-2007¹⁷

PWB Documentation

79. The Conference considered the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) proposals for the 2006-2007 biennium, bearing in mind the views expressed at the Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session of the Council in the preceding week.

80. The Conference recognized that the PWB documentation comprised:

- a main Programme of Work and Budget 2006-07 document;
- a Supplement to this main document, accompanied by an Addendum; and
- an information document entitled: “FAO Reform: A Vision for the Twenty-first Century”

81. The Conference noted that the main PWB document covered three scenarios of Real Growth (RG) at 2.5 percent, Zero Real Growth (ZRG) and Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG). Some Members noted that ZNG should have been presented at the programme entity level in the PWB as well. The Conference endorsed the much reduced size of the document, compared to previous versions.

82. The Conference further recognized that the Supplement was entirely devoted to substantial reform proposals from the Director-General, within two resource envelopes: the same RG of 2.5% per annum, and a Higher Real Growth (HRG) scenario of 9.25% for the biennium stemming from a specific request made by the Council at its Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session (Rome, 20–24 June 2005).

83. The Conference noted that the Addendum provided clarifications on specific areas to facilitate understanding of the proposed reforms, while the information document “FAO Reform: A Vision for the Twenty-first Century” presented the reforms in a less technical fashion, also placing them in a historical perspective.

Main Decisions Required

84. Accordingly, the Conference underscored that it had to take important decisions on both the budget level and the proposed reforms.

85. The Conference also addressed two specific proposals in the main PWB document not directly linked to the reforms: the Security Expenditure Facility and the treatment of Miscellaneous Income. The Conference supported the establishment of a Security Expenditure Facility in the form of Chapter 9 of the PWB and the concurrent need to amend the Financial Regulations. Hence, it adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 5/2005

Amendment to Financial Regulation VI (Security Expenditure Facility)

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling the Director-General's proposal to establish a Security Expenditure Facility grouping in a new Chapter of the Programme of Work and Budget expenditures directly related to Headquarters and Field security in FAO, as a means of strengthening the existing financial

¹⁷ C 2005/3; C 2005/3-Corr.1; C 2005/3-Sup.1; C 2005/3-Sup.1-Add.1; C 2005/INF/19; C 2005/II/PV/3; C 2005/II/PV/5; C 2005/PV/12.

framework for planning, monitoring and accountability for improved security of staff and assets of the Organization;

Noting in particular that the Finance Committee, at its Hundred and Ninth Session (Rome, 9-13 May 2005), recognised the need for consolidated and comprehensive coverage for security costs within a single budgetary provision and for financial flexibility through a funding mechanism which could be supplemented by voluntary contributions, and supported the Director-General's proposal to establish a Security Expenditure Facility as a means of grouping all staff and non-staff costs directly related to Headquarters and Field security in a new Chapter 9 of the Programme of Work and Budget;

Noting further the deliberations of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees of 11 May 2005 concerning the proposal for the creation of an additional Chapter 9 to the Programme of Work and Budget and the establishment of a Security Expenditure Facility;

Recalling that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session (Rome, 20-25 June 2005), concurred with the creation of an additional Chapter 9 to the Programme of Work and Budget and the establishment of a Security Expenditure Facility;

Considering that the Finance Committee, at its Hundred and Tenth Session (Rome, 19-23 September 2005) and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Seventy-ninth Session (Rome, 11-12 October 2005), reviewed the proposed amendments to Financial Regulation VI;

Noting that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session (Rome, 16-18 November 2005), agreed to transmit to the Conference, for approval, the proposed amendments to Financial Regulation VI;

Decides:

- a) to establish a Security Expenditure Facility consisting of a separate budgetary Chapter and a Security Account;
- b) to designate Chapter 9 of the Programme of Work and Budget for the purposes of defining and authorising security expenditures, including staff and non-staff security provisions and expenditures at Headquarters and in the Field to ensure the Organization's compliance with United Nations security policies;
- c) to establish a Security Account through the following addition of Financial Regulation 6.12 to the Financial Regulations of the Organization:

6.12. There shall be established:

- a) a Security Account, which shall be used for the purpose of managing activities which involve security expenditure defined as being:
 - i) expenditures on Headquarters security provisions;
 - ii) expenditures on Field security provisions to ensure in particular the Organization's participation in the UN security management system and compliance with its provisions for field security;
- b) the sources of funds shall be:
 - i) Regular Programme Appropriations approved by the Conference;
 - ii) voluntary contributions;
- c) expenditures of a capital nature, defined as expenditures with a useful life in excess of FAO's financial period of two years that also meet the definition of security expenditures as per sub-paragraph (a) above, shall be funded from the Security Account;

- d) the balance of funds in Chapter 9 of the budget at the end of each financial period shall be transferred to the Security Account for use in a subsequent financial period.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

86. While appreciating the intent to improve the cash flow situation of the Organization, different positions were expressed on the proposal to require Members to pay their contributions without deduction of forecast of Miscellaneous Income.

Views on the Reforms

87. The Conference recalled that the Director-General had emphasized that reforms were necessary and urgent, and should be implemented regardless of the budget level, and that he intended to seek extrabudgetary support to meet part of the transition costs.

88. The Conference echoed the general reactions to the proposals, as expressed at the preceding Council. Therefore, it agreed with the Director-General's assessment of the need to enhance the Organization's ability to fulfil its mandate through its normative and operational activities. This should include concrete contributions to well-recognized challenges such as assisting Members in implementing the MDGs. The Conference also underlined the need to respond to renewed commitments to rural investment by interested partners, and the opportunities for harnessing knowledge for agriculture.

89. The Conference welcomed the initiative of the Director-General to submit reform proposals regarding the programmes, structures and ways of work of the Organization, which were also consistent with ongoing reform efforts across the entire UN System.

90. The Conference concurred with the Council's general support for the rationale and guiding principles underlying the reforms as a basis for further discussion and implementation of reforms in the Organization.

91. The Conference recognized the necessarily dynamic nature of a process of adaptation to changing contexts and new demands, and reiterated the expectation that the Independent External Evaluation of FAO and the reform proposals should be mutually supportive.

Preferences on the Budget Level

92. Many Members underlined their support for Real Growth (RG), recalling in particular the needs for assistance in countries for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and the central role of FAO thereof as part of concerted UN System action, and the extensive and varied requirements for capacity building. In this light, they considered the proposed RG at 2.5 percent as a minimum, while some underscored the desirability of RG at a higher percentage.

93. Other Members favoured ZRG, or expressed their readiness for considering some increase in resources for the Organization.

94. While recognizing the key contributions of FAO to the development of regulatory frameworks and to the reduction of hunger and poverty, other Members stated their position for a ZNG budget or below ZNG budget emphasizing the difficulties of a number of Member Nations to make full payment of their Assessed Contributions.

95. Yet other Members reserved their positions on the issue until the vote on the Appropriations Resolution.

Other Comments

96. Some Members stressed the desirability of wider sharing of information and more openness in the governance process, for instance by allowing the presence of Observers at sessions of Programme and Finance Committees.

97. In connection with the extrabudgetary resources entrusted to FAO and their interaction with the Regular Programme, the desirability of adequate policies and fully transparent information was recalled.

98. In view of the wide range of opinions on both issues, a Working Group dealing with the Reform Proposals and a Group of the "Friends of the Chair" dealing with the budget level were established to assist in bridging differences. A majority of the latter Group supported a total net budgetary appropriation of US\$ 765,700,000, while two countries in the Group supported a total net budgetary appropriation of US\$ 751,900,000.

99. The Conference, underlining the importance of taking into account the expression of priorities of Council and Conference, requested that in adjusting the Programme of Work, the Technical Cooperation Programme be funded at the level of US\$ 103,550,000 in the 2006-07 biennium.

100. The Conference adopted the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 6/2005

Reforms in the Organization

THE CONFERENCE

Welcoming the initiative of the Director-General to submit to the Conference reform proposals regarding the programmes, structures and ways of work of the Organization,

Noting that the Director-General had emphasized that reforms were necessary and urgent, and that they should be implemented regardless of the budget level, and that he intended to seek extra-budgetary support to meet part of the transition costs,

Sharing the Director-General's assessment of the need to enhance the Organization's ability to fulfil its mandate through its normative and operational activities including through concrete contributions to the well-recognized challenges such as assisting Members and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and assisting developing countries' implementation of international agricultural and food standards,

Recognizing the need to respond to the renewed commitment to rural investment by all interested partners, and ever growing opportunities for harnessing knowledge for agriculture,

Taking into account the ongoing reform across the entire UN System, **mindful** of the necessarily dynamic nature of a process of adaptation to changing contexts and new demands,

Looking forward to the results of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of FAO as a guide to enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization; and **stressing** that the IEE and the reform proposals should be mutually supportive. Also looking forward to the implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation of Decentralization and the management response,

1. **Requests** the Committee of the Council to make available the findings of the IEE.

2. Expresses general support for the rationale and guiding principles underlying the Director-General's reform proposals as a basis for further deliberation and implementation of the reform of the FAO.
3. Supports streamlining of administrative and financial processes aimed at achieving further efficiency gains and enhanced human resources policy and management; and authorizes the establishment of the Shared Services Centre.
4. Endorses the new chapter structure as reflected in general terms in document C 2005/3 Supp.1 and its Addendum as a basis for further elaboration of the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2006-07 at the programme entity level for consideration by the Programme and Finance Committees in May 2006.
5. Acknowledges the need for strengthened decentralization of the Organization, and requests that as a first step the Director-General's proposals be implemented in one Region and one other Subregional office. It mandates the Council to decide on further implementation of the Director-General's proposals as soon as possible and appropriate.
6. Authorizes the Director-General to start progressive implementation of his proposals on changes to the organizational structure of Headquarters, without an increase in the number of Departments, by implementing a first stage (see Annex), in addition to those reform proposals that fall under his own authority.
7. The Director-General will consult with Members and Governing Bodies regarding the possible need for an Extraordinary Session of the Council at the end of June - early July.

ANNEX

- integrate the country policy assistance function with the Economic and Social Department;
- integrate the Investment Centre with the Economic and Social Department;
- unite the various advocacy activities, including Telefood, Goodwill Ambassadors, and the International Alliance Against Hunger under one single unit;
- strengthen the knowledge management and capacity-building aspects of the Organization's technical and country assistance activities;
- integrate nutrition and consumer protection within the Agriculture Department, ensuring that emphasis on normative nutrition activities is maintained;
- integrate security functions.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

RESOLUTION 7/2005**Budgetary Appropriations 2006-07****THE CONFERENCE,**

Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget in the light of Conference Resolution 6/2005:

1. **Approves** a total net Appropriation of US\$ 765,700,000 for the financial period 2006-07 and subject to paragraph 2 **approves** the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2006-07 as follows:

- a) Appropriations are voted for the following purposes:

	US\$
Chapter 1: Corporate Governance	17,489,000
Chapter 2: Sustainable Food and Agricultural Systems	203,926,000
Chapter 3: Knowledge Exchange, Policy and Advocacy	189,929,000
Chapter 4: Decentralization, UN Cooperation and Programme Delivery	213,114,000
Chapter 5: Management and Supervision Services	115,474,000
Chapter 6: Contingencies	600,000
Chapter 8: Capital Expenditure	4,724,000
Chapter 9: Security Expenditure	20,444,000
Total Appropriation (Net)	765,700,000
Chapter 10: Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund	86,043,000
Total Appropriation (Gross)	851,743,000

- b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (a) above, plus an amount of US\$ 14,100,000 to fund the amortization of After-service Medical Coverage (ASMC), minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of US\$ 6,000,000, shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of US\$ 773,800,000.
- c) The contributions shall be established in US dollars and euro and shall consist of US\$ 353,062,000 and €353,561,000. This takes into account a split of 46% US dollars and 54% euro for the appropriations (net) and a split of 40% US dollars and 60% euro for the ASMC. Such contributions due from Member Nations in 2006

and 2007 shall be paid in accordance with the scale of contributions adopted by the Conference at its Thirty-third Session.

- d) The foregoing contributions are calculated at the rate of €1 = US\$ 1.19.
 - e) In establishing the actual amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Member Nations, a further amount shall be charged through the Tax Equalization Fund for any Member Nation that levies taxes on the salaries, emoluments and indemnities received by staff members from FAO and which are reimbursed to the staff members by the Organization. An estimate of US\$ 5,900,000 has been foreseen for this purpose.
2. **Requests** the Director-General to make proposals to adjust the Programme of Work, bearing in mind the expression of priorities by Council and Conference as well as the criteria for priority setting originally established by the Council at its 110th Session and as reviewed by the Programme Committee at its 89th Session, to the next meetings of the Programme and Finance Committees and to their Joint Meeting for their approval, noting that both within Chapter transfers and transfers from one Chapter to another required to implement the proposals will be handled in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

PERFORMANCE OF THE SPLIT ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENT¹⁸

101. The Conference reviewed the report prepared at its request by the Secretariat on the performance of the Split Assessment Arrangement during the 2004-05 biennium and, as recommended by the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session the Council, agreed to the proposal made by the Finance Committee at its Hundred and Tenth Session to exclude charges to the Special Reserve Account due to variances on Headquarters staff costs arising from differences between the budget rate and UN operational rates of exchange, with effect from the 2004-05 biennium.

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF FAO¹⁹

102. The Conference fully endorsed the decisions of the Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session of the Council as contained in its report and in Conference document C 2005/17 on the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of FAO. As decided by the Council, the IEE should be initiated as soon as possible with an indicative budget of US\$ 4.3 million funded entirely from extra-budgetary contributions. It noted that the Inception Report could provide the Council Committee with a road map for the evaluation in light of any further refinements that may be necessary in the range of issues and in the indicative budget. The Conference recognised that the IEE would provide useful evidence for reforms, and thus emphasised that it should be complementary with the Director-General's reform proposals. The Conference also joined the Council in urging all Members to make the Evaluation a product of the Membership and contribute to the IEE Multilateral Trust Fund.

¹⁸ C 2005/16; CL 129/4; C 2005/II/PV/2; C 2005/II/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

¹⁹ C 2005/17; C 2005/II/PV/2; C 2005/II/PV/4; C 2005/PV/12.

LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) AND THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)²⁰

103. The Conference noted that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session in November 2005, had approved the proposed Agreement. The Conference confirmed the Agreement as set out in *Appendix E* to this report.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION²¹

104. The Conference noted that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session in November 2005, had endorsed the amendments proposed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The Conference approved the amendments to the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as set out in *Appendix F* to this report. The Conference noted that the World Health Assembly would be considering the proposed amendments at its session of Spring 2006.

RESTRICTION OF ATTENDANCE BY THE “GENERAL PUBLIC” TO MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION²²

105. In considering this item, the Conference noted that, in line with a long-standing tradition of the United Nations System, meetings of the main Governing Bodies of FAO were held in public, as reflected in a number of provisions of the Basic Texts of the Organization. However, some recent developments called for an approach which would better reconcile the principles of transparency, openness and access by the public to the main bodies of the Organization with the responsibilities of the Director-General, as the official primarily responsible for security in consultation with the authorities of the Host Country, both at Headquarters and in countries where meetings of the Organization may be held. The Conference noted that the proposed amendments were without prejudice to the principle that Plenary Meetings of the Conference and Council would continue to be held in public and that this would continue to be clearly stated in the General Rules of the Organization. In addition, the Conference noted that the regime of access by representatives of the press and other information agencies would remain unchanged.

106. The Conference noted that the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Seventy-ninth Session (Rome, 11-12 October 2005), had reviewed a draft Conference Resolution and found it to be in order from a legal point of view. The Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session (Rome, 16-18 November 2005), agreed to transmit the draft Conference Resolution to the Conference for approval.

107. The Conference adopted, by a nominal vote, the following resolution:

²⁰ C 2005/LIM/6, C 2005/PV/8; C 2005/PV/12.

²¹ C 2005/LIM/16, C 2005/PV/8; C 2005/PV/12.

²² C 2005/LIM/18; C 2005/PV/11; C 2005/PV/12.

RESOLUTION 8/2005

Amendment to Rule V, paragraph 3 and Rule XXV, paragraph 9(a) of the General Rules of the Organization

THE CONFERENCE,

Having taken note of the views of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Seventy-ninth Session (Rome, 11-12 October 2005) on the proposed amendments to Rule V, paragraph 3 and Rule XXV, paragraph 9(a) of the General Rules of the Organization;

Considering that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session (Rome, 16-18 November), agreed to transmit to the Conference, for approval, the proposed amendments to the General Rules of the Organization;

Having noted further that the overarching principle that Plenary Meetings of the Conference and the Council shall continue to be held in public and that the proposed amendments are intended to clarify the extent of the responsibilities of the Director-General on security matters in connection with exceptional situations which might arise;

Noting its deliberations in connection with the establishment of a Security Expenditure Facility and the related amendment to the Financial Regulations.

Noting also that implementation of the revised provisions of Rule V and Rule XXV of the General Rules of the Organization with respect to bodies established under Article VI and Article XIV of the Constitution shall be carried out in a progressive and differentiated manner having regard to all pertinent considerations, including the mandate of the concerned bodies;

Decides:

- (a) to amend Rule V, paragraph 3 of the General Rules of the Organization as follows:

“Subject to any decision of the Conference, the Director-General shall, taking into account all relevant security concerns, make appropriate arrangements for the admission of the public to Plenary Meetings of the Conference. Subject to any decision of the Conference, the Director-General shall also make arrangements for the admission of representatives of the press and other information agencies to Plenary Meetings of the Conference.”

1. (b) to amend Rule XXV, paragraph 9(a) as follows:

“Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (b) and (c) below, meetings of the Council and of such of its Committees as are open to all of its Members shall be public. Rule V, paragraph 3 applies mutatis mutandis to the meetings of the Council and of such of its Committees as are open to all its Members”.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

SECURITY EXPENDITURE FACILITY – AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS²³

108. The Conference noted that the Finance Committee and the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees, in May 2005, had recognized the need for consolidated and comprehensive coverage for security costs, through a new Chapter of the Programme of Work and

²³ C 2005/LIM/17; C 2005/PV/11; C 2005/PV/12.

Budget, showing all expenditures, both staff and non-staff, directly related to Headquarters and Field security in FAO, which could be supplemented by voluntary contributions. This would also allow for any balance of funds in Chapter 9 of the budget at the end of each financial period to be transferred to the security account for use in a subsequent financial period. The Conference noted further that the Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session (Rome, 20-25 June 2005), had endorsed this proposal. Subsequently, the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, at its Seventy-ninth Session (Rome, 11-12 October 2005), reviewed a proposed draft Conference Resolution providing for an amendment of Financial Regulation VI and found it to be in proper legal form. The Council, at its Hundred and Twenty-ninth Session (Rome, 16-18 October 2005), endorsed the draft Conference Resolution and forwarded it to the Conference for approval.

109. The Conference approved, by a nominal vote Resolution 5/2005 in paragraph 85 of this report.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2002-2003²⁴

110. The Conference took note of the Audited Accounts 2002-2003 and the Report of the External Auditor, as reviewed by the Finance Committee at its Hundred and Eighth Session and by the Council at its Hundred and Twenty-seventh Session, and adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 9/2005

FAO Audited Accounts 2002-2003

THE CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Report of the Hundred and Twenty-seventh Session of the Council, and

Having examined the 2002-2003 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon,

Invites the Secretariat to further implement the recommendations of the External Auditors, and

Adopts the Audited Accounts.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2006-2007²⁵

111. The Conference noted that at its Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session the Council had recommended that the FAO proposed Scale of Contributions for 2006-2007 be derived from the UN Scale of Assessments in force during 2005.

²⁴ CL 127/15; CL 127/PV/6; C 2005/5A; C 2005/5B; C 2005/LIM/3; C 2005/PV/9; C 2005/PV/12.

²⁵ C 2005/INF/12; C 2005/LIM/5; C 2005/LIM/5-CORR.1; C 2005/PV/8; C 2005/PV/12.

112. The Conference then adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 10/2005

Scale of Contributions 2006-2007

THE CONFERENCE,

Having noted the recommendations of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session of the Council;

Confirming that as in the past, FAO should follow the United Nations Scale of Assessments subject to adaptation for the different membership of FAO;

1. **Decides** that the FAO Scale of Contributions for 2006-2007 should be derived directly from the United Nations Scale of Assessments in force during 2005,
2. **Adopts** for use in 2006 and 2007 the Scale as set out in *Appendix G* of this report.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

PAYMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION²⁶

113. Article XVIII, paragraph 6 of the Constitution provides that:

“A Member Organization shall not be required to contribute to the budget as specified in paragraph 2 of this Article, but shall pay to the Organization a sum to be determined by the Conference to cover administrative and other expenses arising out of its membership in the Organization (...).”

114. At its Twenty-sixth Session, in 1991, the Conference fixed the sum to be paid by the European Community for the 1992-93 biennium at US\$ 500 000. At its Twenty-seventh Session, in 1993, the Conference again set the amount of the payment due by the European Community for the 1994-95 biennium at US\$ 500 000. This sum was arrived at by taking the lump-sum payment set by the Conference in 1991, increasing it in line with the standard cost increase coefficient adopted for the 1994-95 budget and adjusting it in line with the comparative movement of the US and Italian currencies. The Conference further decided that the sums paid by the EC in respect of administrative and other expenses should be paid into a Trust or Special Fund to be established by the Director-General under Regulation 6.7 of the Financial Regulations.

115. At the request of the Conference, the Finance Committee, at its Seventy-eighth Session in April 1994, considered further the methodology for the calculation of the sum to be paid by Member Organizations to cover administrative and other expenses arising out their Membership in the Organization. The Committee:

“(...) recommended that, in future, the Conference should continue to set the payment due for administrative and other expenses arising out of the Membership in the Organization at a lump-sum, calculated on the basis of the lump-sum set for the preceding biennium, adjusted to take into account cost increases in line with the rest

²⁶ C 2005/LIM/13; C 2005/PV/12.

of the budget, and the setting of the US Dollar/Italian Lire “budget rate”. This would of course be without prejudice to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in respect of services not normally granted to FAO Members without special payment”.

116. Since then, on the basis of the methodology recommended by the Finance Committee, the various sessions of the Conference had established the level of payment for the respective biennia. The Conference, at its Thirty-second Session in 2003, fixed the sum to be paid for the 2004-05 biennium in Euro (Euros 577 835).

117. At its Hundred-and-eighth Session, in September 2004, and at its Hundred and ninth Session in April 2005, the Finance Committee had examined a proposal to revise the methodology to take due account of the present number of FAO Members and insofar as cost increases were concerned. Under this proposal, the biennial adjustment to the European Community’s contribution would reflect the official cost of living increases in the Euro area or in the Host Country. The Finance Committee was informed that the revised methodology would bring the adjustment formula in line with the system of Split Assessment and would not have a material impact on the biennial adjustment to the contribution of the European Community to the Organization. The Finance Committee agreed with the proposed revision to the methodology, providing that the higher rate of the official cost of living increase in the Euro area or in the Host Country would be used to adjust the European Community’s contribution for any given biennium. The report of the Finance Committee was endorsed by the Council.

118. In view of the above, the lump-sum had been adjusted to take due account of the increase in FAO Members from 160 in 1991, to 187 in 2005, and on the basis of the higher rate of cost of living increases, being 4.6% for the biennium to date in the Host Country using the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs). The lump sum payment due by the EC to cover administrative and other expenses, would therefore be set at €17 145 for the biennium 2006-07.

119. In view of the above, Conference agreed that it should set the lump-sum payment due by the European Community to cover administrative and other expenditures arising out of its Membership in the Organization at €17 145 for the 2006-07 biennium.

120. As for previous biennia, the Conference proposed that the sums paid by the European Community in respect of administrative and other expenses should be paid into a Trust or Special Fund established by the Director-General under Financial Regulation 6.7.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS²⁷

121. The General Secretary of the Union of General Service Staff (UGSS) spoke on behalf of the three Staff Representative Bodies focusing her intervention on the FAO Reform proposal. She indicated that staff shared the view that it was important to have a more effective, responsive and efficient Organization. She stressed the need for staff participation in the reform process and emphasized that adequate funding would be required to implement any reform in an effective and meaningful manner.

²⁷ C 2005/PV/10; C 2005/PV/12.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION²⁸

122. The Conference had before it an Application for Membership from the following country:

- Republic of Belarus.

This Application was supplemented by the formal instrument required under Article II of the Constitution, and was thus found to be in order.

123. The Application from the Republic of Belarus had been submitted within the time limit prescribed by Rule XIX GRO. The Conference proceeded to a secret ballot on the Application from the Republic of Belarus at its second Plenary Meeting on Saturday 19 November 2005, in accordance with Article II-2 of the Constitution and Rule XII-9 GRO. The results were as follows:

Admission of Belarus

1. Number of ballots deposited	164
2. Defective ballots	0
3. Abstentions	1
4. Number of votes cast	163
5. Majority required	109
6. Votes for	161
7. Votes against	2

124. The Conference accordingly admitted the afore-mentioned Applicant Country to Membership of the Organization.

125. The Conference decided that, according to established principles and customs, the contribution due for the last quarter of 2005 and the advance to be made to the Working Capital Fund was as follows:

Nation	Contribution Last Quarter 2005		Working Capital Fund Advance
	EURO	US \$	US \$
Republic of Belarus	8,325.89	8,084.64	4,772.50

²⁸ C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL²⁹

126. The Conference had before it one nomination for the Office of Director-General. After a secret ballot, the Conference appointed Mr Jacques Diouf (Senegal) to the Office of Director-General for a period of six years, from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2011.

127. Pursuant to Rule XXXVI-1(c) GRO, on the recommendation of the General Committee, the Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 11/2005

Appointment of the Director-General

THE CONFERENCE,

Acting in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot as laid down in Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization,

1. Declares that Jacques Diouf is appointed to the office of Director-General for a period of six years from 1 January 2006, the term of office expiring on 31 December 2011; and

Having considered the recommendations regarding the conditions of appointment of the Director-General submitted by the General Committee in accordance with Rules X-2(j) and XXXVI-1(c) of the General Rules of the Organization,

2. Resolves that the Director-General shall receive a gross annual salary of US\$233 006 corresponding to a net base annual salary of US\$154 664 at the dependency rate, or US\$137 543 at the single rate and an annual post adjustment corresponding to US\$1 547 for each multiplier point at the dependency rate, or US\$1 375 at the single rate, payable in accordance with the provisions of the Organization governing the salary to staff members; that he shall receive a representation allowance at the rate of US\$50 000 net per annum; that in addition the Organization will directly rent appropriate housing accommodation to be assigned as the official residence of the Director-General and pay related expenses; and that he shall be entitled to all other allowances and benefits accruing to staff members of the Organization in the Professional and Higher Categories; and,
3. Further resolves that the Director-General shall not be a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and that, in lieu thereof, he shall be entitled to receive, in monthly instalments, the equivalent of the Organization's contribution to the Fund that would have been payable had he been a participant, as a supplement to his monthly remuneration; and
4. Further resolves that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations subject, however, to the provisions of the contract to be signed by the Chairperson of the Conference on behalf of the Organization and by the Director-General elect, in accordance with Rule XXXVI-1(c).

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

²⁹ C 2005/18; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/2.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS³⁰

128. The Conference elected Cameroon to the Council seat for the Africa Region for the outstanding period November 2005 to November 2007.

129. The Conference then elected the following Member Nations as Members of the Council:

Period November 2005 to 31 December 2008

<u>REGION (SEATS)</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
Africa (4)	1.Côte d'Ivoire 2.Madagascar 3.Nigeria 4.Zambia
Asia (3)	1.India 2.Indonesia 3.Pakistan
Europe (4)	1.France 2.Italy 3.Sweden 4.United Kingdom
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	1.El Salvador
Near East (3)	1.Egypt 2.Lebanon 3.Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	None
South West Pacific (1)	1.Australia

³⁰ C 2005/11; C 2005/PV/7; C 2005/PV/12.

Period 1 January 2007 to November 2009

<u>REGION (SEATS)</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
Africa (3)	1.Ethiopia 2.Gabon 3.South Africa
Asia (6)	1.Bangladesh 2.China 3.Japan 4.Malaysia 5.Republic of Korea 6.Thailand
Europe (3)	1.Germany 2.Republic of Moldova 3.Ukraine
Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	1.Chile 2.Panama 3.Uruguay
Near East (1)	1.Iran (Islamic Republic of)
North America (0)	None
Southwest Pacific (0)	None

APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL³¹

130. The Conference had before it two nominations for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council.

131. The Conference, after a secret ballot, appointed Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini (Iran, Islamic Republic of) to the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council and adopted the following Resolution:

³¹ C 2005/9; C 2005/LIM/14; C 2005/PV/12; C 2005/PV/12.

RESOLUTION 12/2005

Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

THE CONFERENCE,

Having proceeded to a secret ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization:

1. **Declares** that Mohammad Saeid NOORI NAEINI is appointed Independent Chairperson of the Council for a period of two years, that is, until the end of the regular session of the Conference to be held in 2007;
2. **Decides** that the conditions of appointment, including the allowances attached to the office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council, shall be as follows:
 - An annual allowance of the equivalent of US\$ 22 000 to cover the representation expenses and secretarial assistance in the Chairperson's home station, on the understanding that the Director-General will provide secretarial assistance when the Chairperson attends sessions of the Conference, Council, Programme Committee or Finance Committee; one-half of the allowance shall be payable in US dollars, the balance being payable, in whole or in part, in the currency of the home station of the Chairman, or in Euros, according to his desires;
 - a per diem allowance at a rate equivalent to that for the Deputy Director-General, while the Chairperson is absent from his home station on Council business;
 - Travel expenses, including the above per diem allowance, shall be defrayed by the Organization, in conformity with its regulations and existing practice, when the Chairperson attends sessions of the Council, of the Programme and Finance Committees, of the Conference, or when he is invited by the Council or by the Director-General to travel for other purposes.

(Adopted on 26 November 2005)

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FAO CONFERENCE TO THE STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE³²

132. In accordance with Article 6(C) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Conference appointed two members and three alternate members to the Staff Pension Committee as follows and for the periods specified below:

For the period 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2008

<u>Member</u>	Mr Saulo Ceolin Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO
<u>Alternate</u>	Mr Hassane Abi Akar, Counsellor Alternate Permanent Representative of Lebanon to FAO

³² C 2005/14; C 2005/PV/9; C 2005/PV/12.

For the period of 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2009

Member Mr Kabelo Gilbert Mafura,
Counsellor
Alternate Permanent Representative of Lesotho to FAO

Alternate Ms Nasrin Akhter,
Counsellor
Alternate Permanent Representative of
Bangladesh to FAO

For the period 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2006

Alternate Mr Yasser Abdel Rahman Sorour
Alternate Permanent Representative of Egypt to FAO

OTHER MATTERS

DATE AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONFERENCE SESSION³³

133. The Conference decided that its Thirty-fourth Session should be held in Rome from 17 to 24 November 2007.

ANY OTHER MATTERS³⁴

134. The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 13/2005

Implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 59/250 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

THE CONFERENCE,

Welcoming the 2005 World Summit Outcome and mindful of the call by Heads of State and Government for improved system-wide coherence made in the outcome document;

Mindful of the crucial importance of the United Nations reform process related, *inter alia*, to operational activities for development launched by the United Nations Secretary-General and aimed at both ensuring a better coordination of field-level activities and delivering services in a coherent and effective way;

Further recognising the need for better coherence and coordination of the operational activities of the UN System, and in this respect recognising the importance of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in supporting national development efforts;

Recalling the adoption of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 59/250 on the Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations System;

Reaffirming its commitment to the Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

Reaffirming that each country has primary responsibility for its own development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized in the achievement of sustainable development, and recognizing that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of developing countries, while taking into account national conditions and ensuring respect for national ownership, strategies and sovereignty.

Welcoming recent efforts and initiatives to enhance the quality of aid and to increase its impact, including the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and reaffirms its resolve to take concrete, effective and timely action in implementing all agreed commitments on aid effectiveness, with clear monitoring and deadlines, including through further aligning assistance with countries'

³³ C 2005/1; C 2005/PV/9; C 2005/PV/12.

³⁴ C 2005/LIM/22; C 2005/PV/12.

strategies, building institutional capacities, reducing transaction costs and eliminating bureaucratic procedures, making progress on untying aid, enhancing the absorptive capacity and financial management of recipient countries and strengthening the focus on development results;

Reaffirming the commitment of FAO Members to support system-wide coherence by implementing current reforms aimed at more effective, efficient, coherent, coordinated and better-performing UN country presence with a strengthened role for the senior resident official, whether special representative, resident coordinator or humanitarian coordinator, including appropriate authority, resources and accountability, and a common management, programming and monitoring framework.

Welcoming FAO's contribution to the achievement of the MDGs, as presented in paper "FAO and the Challenge of the MDGs: The Road Ahead";

Recognizing the vital contribution of FAO to the operational activities of the UN System at country level, and acknowledging FAO's active participation in the work of the United Nations Development Group;

Recognizing the importance of the operational and normative work of FAO and of strengthening the linkages between them (M+5 169):

1. **Reaffirms** the commitment of FAO Members to the work of the Organisation, in accordance with and in full compliance with its mandate, as expressed in the Preamble and Article 1 of the FAO Constitution;
2. **Requests** the Director General of FAO to take appropriate actions for the full implementation of General Assembly Resolution 59/250 (59/250 is annexed to this Resolution). In particular its chapter II on funding for operational activities for development of the UN System; III on capacitybuilding; IV on transaction costs and efficiency; chapter V on coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development; VI on country level capacity of the United Nations System; VII on evaluation of operational activities for development; VIII on regional dimensions; IX on South-South Cooperation and development of national capacities; X on gender; XI on transition from relief to development and XII on follow-up;
3. **Requests** FAO Secretariat to submit to the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference an interim report on the implementation of the present Resolution.

(Adopted on 25 November 2005)

USE OF PORTUGUESE AT THE FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA³⁵

135. Having considered the recommendation made by the Twenty-third Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa, 1-5 March 2004), as well as the estimated cost related thereto, the Conference approved the provision of simultaneous Portuguese interpretation in future FAO Regional Conferences for Africa.

136. The Conference noted that this would allow Portuguese-speaking countries to be able to participate effectively in Regional Conferences for Africa. The Conference noted further that this would not involve translation of documents, which would continue to be issued in the pertinent languages of the Organization.

³⁵ C 2005/LIM/10; C 2005/PV/9; C 2005/PV/12.

**THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS
A DECLARATION ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY (17 OCTOBER 2005)³⁶**

137. The Conference unanimously adopted a Declaration on its 60th Anniversary “Ensuring Humanity’s Freedom from Hunger”, the text of which is found in *Appendix H* to this Report.

³⁶ C 2005/LIM/20; C 2005/PV/2; C 2005/PV/12.

APPENDIX A

AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF THE STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
2. Appointment of General Committee and Credentials Committee
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
4. Admission of Observers
5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture

SUBSTANTIVE AND POLICY MATTERS

6. International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
7. Progress Report on Implementing the Gender and Development Plan of Action
8. United Nations/FAO World Food Programme

PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

9. Programme Implementation Report 2002-2003
10. Programme Evaluation Report 2005
11. Programme of Work and Budget 2006-2007
12. Performance of the Split Assessment Arrangement
13. Independent External Evaluation of FAO

LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**A. Constitutional and Legal Matters**

14. Agreement between FAO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
15. Other Constitutional and Legal Matters
 - 15.1 Amendments to the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
 - 15.2 Restriction of Attendance by the “general public” to Meetings of the Organization
 - 15.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulation VI of the Financial Regulations of the Organization (Security Expenditure Facility)

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16. Audited Accounts 2002-2003
17. Scale of Contributions 2006-2007
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24. Date and Place of the Thirty-fourth Conference Session
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Chairperson

Président

Presidente

: Cao Duc PHAT (Vietnam)

نواب الرئيس

副主席

Vice-Chairpersons

Vice-présidents

Vicepresidentes

: Arefaine BERHE (Eritrea)

: Romualdo BETTINI (Italy)

: Abubakar EL-MANSURY (Libyan Arab Jamahirija)

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APPENDIX D

**REPORT OF THE ROUND TABLE ON WATER FOR AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA,
NEAR EAST AND THE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) -
TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2005**

(Report presented on 23 November 2005 by Nickey Iyombo, Minister for Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Namibia)

1. Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the pleasure to report to you on the Round Table on Water for Agriculture in Africa, the Near East and the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) that took place on Tuesday 22 November between 9:30 and 17:30. It gathered 160 participants, representing 56 delegations, including 22 Ministers.
2. In his introductory statement, the Director-General of FAO highlighted the crucial role of water control to enable increases in agricultural production, and identified the necessary actions in the short, medium and long-term, including small-scale local water control, rehabilitation of large-scale irrigation systems and transboundary water management. He referred to the FAO Special Programme on Food Security, which focuses on local actions and in which water management features prominently.
3. Participants from the Near East emphasised the fact that water scarcity is the main challenge for their region. There is, therefore, a need to adopt approaches to ensure that all actors involved in rural development are included in the process to move towards integrated water management. In particular, they stressed the need to develop tools for water quality management, the re-use of treated waste water, options for desalinisation of low quality water for agriculture, increased knowledge-sharing among the countries of the region, and transboundary cooperation at the basin level. Above all, participants stressed the importance of increased water use efficiency and productivity in agriculture. Water harvesting was also mentioned as an important element for agricultural and rural development strategies.
4. With regard to the situation in the Small Island Developing States, participants identified vulnerability as a common element among all SIDS. Vulnerability may stem from small population size, limited natural resource base, fragile ecosystems, and limited human and institutional capacities. Among the main strategies to respond to increasing pressure on water resources, participants highlighted the need for an integrated approach to planning and development of water resources, seeking mutually-supportive arrangements between the different water use sectors, including agriculture and tourism. They also discussed the need for best practices for agricultural water use; empowerment of users as the managers of the resource, including community participation and training of water users; public-private sector linkages, to address in particular the need for investments; small-scale water storage through rainwater harvesting and groundwater management to reduce the vulnerability.
5. The afternoon session focussed on water management for poverty alleviation and discussed the situation in Africa. Participants underscored the critical and multifunctional role of water in agriculture in ensuring food security, human health and economic development for

a growing population.

6. There is plenty of scope for up-scaling of successful small-scale interventions to address local demands and the needs of poor rural populations, but this requires appropriate technology choices and credit models. On the other hand, large-scale commercialised irrigation is also necessary to meet the growing food demand of urban dwellers. When large-scale irrigation systems embrace fundamental modernisation reforms, productivity increases and the sustainability of the investments is secured. Yet, the scope for improved water control in Africa is wide, but unit costs remain too high. Secured land tenure was stressed as a key factor in increasing productivity and encouraging private investments in irrigation.
7. Achieving a strategic balance between rainfed and irrigated production will also be important since rainfed and pastoral systems still provide the bulk of food production.
8. The role of government as a regulator as opposed to an operator has been emphasised. External trading links and public/private ventures will be an important element of strategies to increase domestic production. In this regard, a lowering of trade barriers would go a long way in enhancing the livelihood of African farmers.
9. Financing of rehabilitation and new development will be essential to sustain the required levels of water control in agriculture, but have huge budgetary implications. The role of the African Union and of the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Plan (CAADP) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) will be key in addressing some of the evident financing gaps in water control and related rural infrastructure.
10. Finally, the participants called upon FAO to better reflect the importance of water for agriculture in its programmes and to reinforce its technical support to Member Nations in addressing the issues of water management for agriculture.

APPENDIX E

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)
AND THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (“FAO”) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (“WIPO”), referred to in this Agreement jointly as “the organizations,”

Desiring to establish a mutually supportive relationship between them, and with a view to establishing appropriate arrangements for cooperation between them,

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
Representation

1. Each organization shall invite the other organization to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of its governing bodies and of other bodies where matters of particular concern to the other organization are considered, and in which it has indicated that it has an interest. Representatives of the organization so invited shall be afforded full opportunity to present its views on matters within the scope of its activities and mandate.

2. In this context, and subject to such arrangements as may be necessary to safeguard confidential matters, the organizations shall cooperate in the preparation of official documents, by making available drafts of the relevant documents, and providing technical advice and input, where appropriate and feasible.

ARTICLE II
Exchange of Information

1. The organizations shall regularly exchange information regarding their relevant activities and positions.

2. Each organization shall inform its Members of relevant activities of the other organization or, as appropriate, provide an opportunity for the other organization to do so.

3. The organizations shall keep each other informed of their relevant activities and positions in other organizations and forums and, as far as possible, coordinate their positions.

ARTICLE III
Fields of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Agreement may include:

- (a) The development of joint activities to address issues of mutual relevance, including coordinating and conducting joint studies and joint seminars and workshops, including on public policy options relating to the interaction between intellectual property and the food and agriculture sector;

- (b) Where appropriate, the coordination of databases, and the provision of access through their websites to the relevant information systems of the other organization and, where appropriate, the coordinated development of such information systems;
- (c) The provision of relevant technical information and input to support the work of the other organization, including in response to requests from that organization's Members;
- (d) Where appropriate, collaboration in providing technical assistance, including capacity building, to developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
- (e) Cooperation of work on such matters where intellectual property rights may intersect aspects of:
 - Farmers' Rights and traditional knowledge;
 - Agricultural biotechnology;
 - Genetic resources for food and agriculture;
 - Promotion of innovation and the effective capture of benefits from public investment in research;
 - Access to, and transfer of, technology in the food and agriculture sector;
 - Plant protection and production;
 - Use of distinctive signs in the food and agriculture sector;
 - Ethical issues in food and agriculture;
 - Information and analysis on patterns and trends of intellectual property use in the food and agriculture sector;
 - Creation, development and dissemination of agricultural information and data, particularly on the Internet and on CD-ROM.
- (f) Technical cooperation, as appropriate, on issues relevant to international instruments under the aegis of the two organizations, including:
 - the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
 - the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;
 - the International Plant Protection Convention;
 - the *Codex Alimentarius*;
 - the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property;
 - the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure;
 - the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - the Patent Law Treaty;
 - other relevant policy documents developed or administered by the organizations which address matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE IV

Joint programmes of work

1. In order to promote cooperation within the context of this Agreement, and in order to develop joint activities to address issues of mutual relevance, either the FAO or WIPO may propose joint projects aimed at specific objects of cooperation. Such joint programmes of work shall specify the respective responsibilities and financial obligations of the FAO and WIPO, and specify any other sources of funds, as well as staffing responsibilities. In implementing such joint

programmes of work, the FAO and WIPO may jointly agree on cooperation with other organizations and agencies, including funding agencies.

2. If agreed between the Parties, such joint programmes of work may be dated and numbered serially, signed by both organizations and regarded as annexes to this Agreement.
3. Such joint programmes of work may be modified by the written mutual consent of the FAO and WIPO.
4. Where necessary within the context of agreed joint activities or programmes of work, either organization may second staff to the other organization, and make other administrative arrangements.

ARTICLE V *Financial implications*

1. Any minor and ordinary expenditure relating to the implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the respective organization.
2. If the cooperation proposed by one of the organizations to the other in accordance with this Agreement entails expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, the two organizations shall consult to determine the availability of the resources required, the most equitable way of meeting such expenditure and, if resources are not available, the most appropriate ways to obtain the necessary resources. If necessary and if agreed by the two organizations, they may jointly seek financial resources from donor institutions for their cooperation activities and joint programmes of work.

ARTICLE VI *Implementation of this Agreement*

The Director-General of the FAO and the Director-General of WIPO may make the arrangements necessary for ensuring satisfactory implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII *Modification of the Agreement*

Subject to the provisions of Article X below, this Agreement may be modified by the written mutual consent of the organizations.

ARTICLE VIII *Termination*

Either organization may terminate this Agreement, subject to six months' written notice. Termination shall not affect obligations previously entered into specifically for the conduct of joint programmes of work implemented under Article IV of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX *Agreements with other Organizations*

This Agreement is without prejudice to agreements concluded by either FAO or WIPO with other organizations or programmes within the United Nations System.

ARTICLE X *Entry into Force*

This Agreement and any modification thereto shall enter into force once the pertinent constitutional processes of both organizations have been completed.

**On behalf of the Food and
Agriculture Organization of
the United Nations**

Director-General

**On behalf of the World
Intellectual Property
Organization**

Director-General

APPENDIX F**AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION****ARTICLE 1**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission shall, subject to Article 5 below, be responsible for making proposals to, and shall be consulted by, the Directors-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, the purpose of which is:

- (a) protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade;
- (b) promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non governmental organizations;
- (c) determining priorities and initiating and guiding the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations;
- (d) finalizing standards elaborated under (c) above and publishing them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or world wide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies under (b) above, wherever this is practicable;
- (e) amending published standards, as appropriate, in the light of developments.

APPENDIX G

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2006-2007
(2003-2005 Scale shown for comparative purposes)

Member Nations	Scale	Scale	
	2006-7 ¹	2004-5 ²	2003 ²
	%	%	%
Afghanistan	0.002	0.00904	0.00905
Albania	0.005	0.00301	0.00302
Algeria	0.078	0.07034	0.07039
Angola	0.001	0.00201	0.00201
Antigua and Barbuda	0.003	0.00201	0.00201
Argentina	0.975	1.15460	1.15543
Armenia	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Australia	1.624	1.63493	1.63611
Austria	0.876	0.95161	0.95230
Azerbaijan	0.005	0.00402	0.00402
Bahamas	0.013	0.01206	0.01207
Bahrain	0.031	0.01809	0.01810
Bangladesh	0.010	0.01005	0.01006
Barbados	0.010	0.00904	0.00905
Belarus	0.018		
Belgium	1.090	1.13450	1.13532
Belize	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Benin	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Bhutan	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Bolivia	0.009	0.00804	0.00805
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.003	0.00402	0.00402
Botswana	0.012	0.01005	0.01006
Brazil	1.554	2.40165	2.40338
Bulgaria	0.017	0.01306	0.01307
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Burundi	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Cambodia	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Cameroon	0.008	0.00904	0.00905

¹ Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2004-2006 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 58/1B of 23 December 2003.

² Derived directly from the UN Scale of Assessments for 2001-2003 as adopted by General Assembly Resolution 55/5B of 22 December 2000.

Member Nations	Scale	Scale	
	2006-7 ¹	2004-5 ²	2003 ²
	%	%	%
Canada	2.869	2.57046	2.57232
Cape Verde	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Central African Republic	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Chad	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Chile	0.228	0.21303	0.21319
China	2.094	1.53947	1.54058
Colombia	0.158	0.20198	0.20213
Comoros	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Congo	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Cook Islands	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Costa Rica	0.031	0.02010	0.02011
Côte d'Ivoire	0.010	0.00904	0.00905
Croatia	0.038	0.03919	0.03922
Cuba	0.044	0.03015	0.03017
Cyprus	0.040	0.03819	0.03821
Czech Republic	0.187	0.20399	0.20414
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.010	0.00904	0.00905
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.003	0.00402	0.00402
Denmark	0.732	0.75265	0.75319
Djibouti	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Dominica	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Dominican Republic	0.036	0.02311	0.02313
Ecuador	0.019	0.02512	0.02514
Egypt	0.122	0.08140	0.08145
El Salvador	0.023	0.01809	0.01810
Equatorial Guinea	0.002	0.00100	0.00100
Eritrea	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Estonia	0.012	0.01005	0.01006
Ethiopia	0.004	0.00402	0.00402
Fiji	0.004	0.00402	0.00402
Finland	0.544	0.52454	0.52492
France	6.151	6.49751	6.50220
Gabon	0.009	0.01407	0.01408
Gambia	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Georgia	0.003	0.00502	0.00503
Germany	8.835	9.81660	9.82369
Ghana	0.004	0.00502	0.00503
Greece	0.541	0.54163	0.54202
Grenada	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Guatemala	0.031	0.02713	0.02715
Guinea	0.003	0.00301	0.00302

Member Nations	Scale		Scale
	2006-7 ¹	2004-5 ²	2003 ²
	%	%	%
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Guyana	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Haiti	0.003	0.00201	0.00201
Honduras	0.005	0.00502	0.00503
Hungary	0.129	0.12059	0.12067
Iceland	0.035	0.03316	0.03318
India	0.430	0.34266	0.34291
Indonesia	0.145	0.20098	0.20112
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.160	0.27333	0.27352
Iraq	0.016	0.13666	0.13676
Ireland	0.357	0.29543	0.29565
Israel	0.476	0.41702	0.41732
Italy	4.983	5.08943	5.09310
Jamaica	0.008	0.00402	0.00402
Japan	19.858	19.61084	19.62501
Jordan	0.011	0.00804	0.00805
Kazakhstan	0.026	0.02814	0.02816
Kenya	0.009	0.00804	0.00805
Kiribati	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Kuwait	0.165	0.14772	0.14782
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Latvia	0.015	0.01005	0.01006
Lebanon	0.025	0.01206	0.01207
Lesotho	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Liberia	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.135	0.06733	0.06738
Lithuania	0.025	0.01708	0.01710
Luxembourg	0.079	0.08039	0.08045
Madagascar	0.003	0.00301	0.00302
Malawi	0.001	0.00201	0.00201
Malaysia	0.207	0.23615	0.23632
Maldives	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Mali	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Malta	0.014	0.01507	0.01508
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Mauritania	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Mauritius	0.011	0.01105	0.01106
Mexico	1.921	1.09129	1.09208
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.00100	
Monaco	0.003	0.00402	0.00402

Member Nations	Scale	Scale	
	2006-7 ¹	2004-5 ²	2003 ²
	%	%	%
Mongolia	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Morocco	0.048	0.04421	0.04425
Mozambique	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Myanmar	0.010	0.01005	0.01006
Namibia	0.006	0.00703	0.00704
Nauru	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Nepal	0.004	0.00402	0.00402
Netherlands	1.724	1.74647	1.74773
New Zealand	0.226	0.24217	0.24235
Nicaragua	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Niger	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Nigeria	0.043	0.06833	0.06838
Niue	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Norway	0.693	0.64915	0.64962
Oman	0.071	0.06130	0.06134
Pakistan	0.056	0.06130	0.06134
Palau	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Panama	0.019	0.01809	0.01810
Papua New Guinea	0.003	0.00603	0.00603
Paraguay	0.012	0.01608	0.01609
Peru	0.094	0.11858	0.11866
Philippines	0.097	0.10049	0.10056
Poland	0.470	0.37984	0.38012
Portugal	0.479	0.46425	0.46459
Qatar	0.065	0.03417	0.03419
Republic of Korea	1.832	1.86002	1.86136
Republic of Moldova	0.001	0.00201	0.00201
Romania	0.061	0.05828	0.05832
Rwanda	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Samoa	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
San Marino	0.003	0.00201	0.00201
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Saudi Arabia	0.727	0.55670	0.55710
Senegal	0.005	0.00502	0.00503
Serbia and Montenegro	0.019	0.02010	0.02011
Seychelles	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Slovakia	0.052	0.04321	0.04324

Member Nations	Scale		Scale
	2006-7 ¹	2004-5 ²	2003 ²
	%	%	%
Slovenia	0.084	0.08140	0.08145
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Somalia	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
South Africa	0.298	0.40999	0.41028
Spain	2.571	2.53102	2.53285
Sri Lanka	0.017	0.01608	0.01609
Sudan	0.008	0.00603	0.00603
Suriname	0.001	0.00201	0.00201
Swaziland	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Sweden	1.018	1.03175	1.03250
Switzerland	1.221	1.28021	1.28113
Syrian Arab Republic	0.039	0.08039	0.08045
Tajikistan	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Thailand	0.213	0.29543	0.29565
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.006	0.00603	0.00603
Timor Leste	0.001	0.00100	
Togo	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Tonga	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Trinidad and Tobago	0.023	0.01608	0.01609
Tunisia	0.033	0.03015	0.03017
Turkey	0.380	0.44214	0.44246
Turkmenistan	0.005	0.00301	0.00302
Tuvalu	0.001	0.00100	
Uganda	0.006	0.00502	0.00503
Ukraine	0.040	0.05326	
United Arab Emirates	0.240	0.20298	0.20313
United Kingdom	6.250	5.56298	5.56699
United Republic of Tanzania	0.006	0.00402	0.00402
United States of America	22.000	22.00000	22.00000
Uruguay	0.049	0.08039	0.08045
Uzbekistan	0.014	0.01105	0.01106
Vanuatu	0.001	0.00100	0.00100
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.174	0.20901	0.20916
Viet Nam	0.021	0.01608	0.01609
Yemen	0.006	0.00603	0.00603
Zambia	0.002	0.00201	0.00201
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.00804	0.00805
	100.000	100.00000	100.00000

APPENDIX H

**THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
A DECLARATION ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY (17 OCTOBER 2005)***ENSURING HUMANITY'S FREEDOM FROM HUNGER*

We, Representatives of the Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), gathered in Rome at the 33rd Session of the FAO Conference,

Declare

1. That this the 60th year of the founding of the United Nations and of FAO constitutes a milestone that serves to reaffirm our belief in the multilateral system which resulted from the free will of the people of the world meeting in San Francisco and Quebec City, respectively, in 1945. FAO was born, as was the United Nations itself, of the determination to create a better world in peace.
2. We reaffirm the mandate of FAO, the first United Nations Specialized Agency, and the far-sighted vision of its founders, captured in the Preamble to the Constitution, which commits all Members to take separate and collective action for the purpose of “contributing towards an expanding world economy and ensuring humanity’s freedom from hunger”.
3. We reaffirm that FAO’s work to promote rural development and achieve food security is integral to our efforts to attain sustainable development in its social, economic and environmental aspects, within the overarching framework of United Nations System activities. Rural and agricultural development should be an integral part of national and international development policies.
4. In this year when we celebrate the 60th Anniversary, we CALL ON FAO to redouble its efforts to translate the vision of its founders into further actions to ensure humanity’s freedom from poverty and hunger in ways that strengthen sustainable development and conserve the world’s critical resources for future generations.
5. We INVITE FAO, its Members and all institutions and persons who subscribe to this vision to:
 - Take further concrete actions to eradicate hunger in the world, beginning by meeting the target of the World Food Summit and the Millennium Development Goal to reduce hunger in the world by half by 2015, in line with the concept of the Progressive Realisation of the Right to Adequate Food.
 - Promote healthy and environmentally-sustainable food production and consumption patterns that provide for adequate and wholesome nutrition, avoiding shortages, excesses and waste, acknowledging national sovereignty and respecting indigenous knowledge and internationally-recognized human rights.
 - Promote the adoption of national and international policies, including those governing trade between countries, to enhance global, national and household food security.

- Accelerate processes of science-based innovation and facilitate transfer of technologies on mutually agreed terms in order to raise agricultural output in developing countries to meet expanding world food needs while contributing to development and poverty reduction and minimising environmental stresses resulting from food production, processing and distribution.
- Promote international cooperation, including South-South cooperation, recognizing that the mobilization of financial resources for development and the effective use of those resources in developing countries and countries with economies in transition are central to a global partnership for development in support of the achievement of the internationally-agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.
- Encourage current efforts to identify innovative financing mechanisms from public, private, domestic and external sources that can play an important role to increase and supplement traditional sources of financing for development.
- Ensure the sustainable and responsible management of soils, water, forests, fishery resources and biodiversity in order to enhance, optimize and maintain their social, economic and environmental functions and benefits.
- Promote adequate investment in agriculture, fisheries, forestry and other renewable natural resources as well as the safety of food, including in the creation, as appropriate, and implementation of international conventions and codes of conduct, with the aim of guiding development so that it benefits all humankind and minimises the risks of conflict.

We urge all Nations, International Organisations and Civil Society to join FAO and its partners in an alliance to ensure that humanity can enjoy freedom from hunger.