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PLENARY MEETINGS

1. The first Plenary meeting of the Conference will be open at 16.00 hours on Wednesday 18 November 2009, after the closure of the *World Summit on Food Security*, and should start with procedural matters including the formal election of the Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference; the seven countries to be members of the General Committee; the nine countries to be members of the Credentials Committee (Rule VIII GRO). The Twenty-sixth McDougall Memorial Lecture will then be delivered, followed by the presentation of the B.R. Sen Awards for 2008 and 2009, the A.H. Boerma Award, the Edouard Saouma Award and the Margarita Lizárraga Medal. Any request to become a Member of the Organization would be the subject of a secret ballot at the same meeting. At the date of writing this document no such requests for membership had been received. The meeting will then adjourn to enable the General Committee to be convened.

2. At its second Plenary meeting on the morning of Thursday 19 November, the Conference, acting on the first report of the General Committee, will adopt the Agenda, establish the Commissions, appoint a Resolutions Committee and deal with the admission of observers and other procedural matters. The second Plenary meeting will also adopt the first report of the Credentials Committee.

3. The Director-General's Statement to the Conference on the work of the Organization and the Statement of the Independent Chairperson of the Council and will also be given at the second Plenary meeting, followed by discussion on item 5 of the Provisional Agenda, on the State of Food and Agriculture in the world. The 136th Session of Council (June 2009) recommended that the theme of the General Debate to be held under item 5 focus on Strategic Objective I: *Improving Preparedness for, and Effective Response to, Food and Agricultural Threats and Emergencies.* Members are requested to bear this theme in mind when drafting their intervention for the General Debate. Discussion on item 5 will be reserved for statements delivered by Heads of Delegations and is scheduled to continue until the morning of Saturday 21 November.

4. Since only three days are available for statements, and as the majority of Heads of Delegations present at the Conference will wish to make statements, the 136th Session of Council recommended that these be limited to a maximum of <u>5 minutes</u>.

5. The Council may wish to recommend that the morning of Sunday 22 November be set aside for the vote on the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-2011, and the afternoon for the election of the Independent Chairperson and Members of the Council. Given the revised dates of the Conference, the Council may wish to propose that the deadline for submission of nominations for membership of Council be set at <u>12.00 hours on Friday 20 November</u>.¹

6. It is proposed that the Plenary meetings from Wednesday 18 to Monday 23 November be used to conclude the remaining items on the Agenda and to adopt the report of the Conference.

¹ Document C 2009/11 refers.

APPENDIX TENTATIVE TIMETABLE OF THE CONFERENCE – DETAILED SCHEDULE

Wednesday 18 November

| Plenary Hall – Opening Meeting | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 16.00 -19.00 | Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons Appointment of General Committee and Credentials Committee Any Other Matters: 30.1 McDougall Memorial Lecture Applications for Membership in the Organization (Vote) – if required Any Other Matters: 30.2. Presentation of B.R. Sen Awards 30.3. Presentation of A.H. Boerma Award 30.4. Presentation of Edouard Saouma Award 30.5. Margarita Lizárraga Medal Applications for Membership in the Organization (cont'd) (Admission Ceremony) – if required | |
| | (First meeting of the General Committee takes place immediately after the first plenary meeting) | |

Thursday 19 November

| | Plenary | Commission I (Green Room) | Commission II (Red Room) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 09.30-12.30 | 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session | | 14. Programme Implementation Report 2006-2007 |
| | 4. Admission of Observers | | 15. Programme Evaluation Report 2009 |
| | Director-General's Statement | | 16. FAO Strategic Framework 2010-19 |
| | Independent Chairperson of the Council's Statement | | |
| | 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture | | |
| 14.30-17.30 (or later if required) | 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont.) | 6. Global Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics | 17. Medium Term Plan 2010-13, and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11 (Draft Resolution) |
| | | 8. Interim Report on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System | |
| | | 9. Status of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture | |
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Friday 20 November

| | Plenary | Commission I (Green Room) | Commission II (Red Room) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 09.30-12.30 | 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont.) | 10. Global and Regulatory matters arising from: Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (2-6 March 2009) Report of the 19th Session of the Committee on Forestry (16-20 March 2009) Report of the 67th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (20-22 April 2009) Report of the 21st Session of the Committee on Agriculture (22-25 April 2009) Reports of the 34th (14-17 October 2008) and 35th (14-17 October 2009) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security 7. Progress Report on the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009 | 17. Medium Term Plan 2010-13, and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11 (Draft Resolution) (cont.) |
| 14.30-17.30 (or later if required) | 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont.) | 11. United Nations/FAO World Food Programme 12. Outcome of the High Level Expert Forum on "How to Feed the World in 2050" 13. Evaluation of the International Year of the Potato 2008 | 17. Medium Term Plan 2010-13, and Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11 (Draft Resolution) (cont.) |
| | | (Drafting Committee Commission I) | (Drafting Committee Commission II) |

Saturday 21 November

| | Plenary | Commission I (Green Room) | Commission II (Red Room) |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 09.30-12.30 | 5. Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont.) | (Drafting Committee Commission I) | 18. Report of the CoC-IEE on the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal 19. Incentives and Other Measures to encourage Timely Payment of Contributions |
| 14.30-17.30 (or later if required) | 22. Audited Accounts 2006-2007 (Draft Resolution) 23. Scale of Contributions 2010-2011 (Draft Resolution) 24. Payment by the European Community to Cover Administrative and other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization 25. Other Administrative and Financial Matters 28. Appointments: 28.2 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee 30. Any Other Matters: 30.7 In Memoriam 29. Date and Place of the 37th Conference Session 30. Any Other Matters: 30.6 Stament by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies | Adoption of the Report of Commission I in Commission I | (Drafting Committee Commission II) |

Sunday 22 November

| | Plenary | Commission I (Green Room) | Commission II (Red Room) |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 20. Amendments to the Basic Texts cont | | |
| 09.30-12.30 | 21. Other Constitutional and Legal Matters | | |
| | Adoption of Commission II Report on Item 17 - Vote on budget level | | |
| 14.30-17.30 (or | 27 Election of Council Members | | |
| later if required) | 27. Election of Council Members 28. Appointments: 28.1 Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council | | |

Monday 23 November

| | Plenary | Commission I (Green Room) | Commission II (Red Room) |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 09.30-12.30 | (Processing of Report for submission to Plenary) | | |
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| 14.30-17.30 (or later if required) | Adoption of Report of: • Commission I • Commission II • Plenary | | |
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