

177th Session of the FAO Council

Item 10: Report of the 203rd Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 10-14 March 2025)

Mr Chairperson, Members of the Council,

I am pleased to present the Report of the 203rd Session of the Finance Committee, submitted to the Council in document CL 177/10.

I would like to highlight the following matters presented in the Report of the 203rd Session of the Finance Committee.

On the Scale of Contributions 2026-27, the Council is invited to submit to the Conference the draft Resolution presented in paragraph 14 of document CL 177/10 adopting the scale as set out in Annex 1 of CL 177/10.

On the Appointment of the External Auditor for the period 2026-31, the Council is invited to adopt the draft Resolution presented in paragraph 38 of document CL 177/10, to appoint the Accountability State Authority of Egypt as External Auditor of the Organization for a period of six years, commencing with the year 2026.

On the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Oversight Advisory Committee Membership, the Council is invited to endorse the appointment of Mr Rakesh Nangia as a Member of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee for an initial period of three years.

Furthermore, the Council is requested to endorse the conclusions of the Finance Committee on its consideration of the: financial position of the Organization; Reviewed Strategic Framework 2022-31; Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27; Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2024-25 Biennium; Human Resources Annual Report – 2024; Human Resources Strategy and Action Plan 2025-28; FAO Oversight Advisory Committee – 2024 Annual Report; 2024 Annual Report of the Inspector General; and 2024 Annual Report of the Ethics Office.

Finally, the Council is requested to note the Finance Committee's considerations related to the updates it received on the: Report on Investments 2024; 2024 Actuarial Valuation of Staff Liabilities; Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report – 2024; recommendation 7 of the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1); and Action Plan on addressing recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations* (JIU/REP/2023/5).

I would be pleased to provide any further explanations you may have regarding our reports.

Mr Mina Rizk, Chairperson of the Finance Committee