



# CONFERENCE

## Forty-fourth Session

Rome, 28 June – 4 July 2025

### Letter and proposal from the United States of America on Item 22

1. On 24 June 2025 a letter was received from the United States of America containing a draft proposal for amendment to Item 22 of the Provisional Agenda of the 44th session of the Conference: Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 (Draft Resolution on budget level).
2. The letter and the proposal are attached.



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*Rome, Italy*

June 24, 2025

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Dear Mr. Director-General, Mr. Secretary General:

The United States has the pleasure of attaching to this letter a proposal for an amendment to Item 22 of the provisional agenda of the 44th session of the FAO Conference: *Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 (Draft Resolution on budget level)*. Specifically, we would like to propose the attached amendments for consideration by Commission II.

In a spirit of collaboration and consensus, we will circulate this proposal with members from across all of FAO's regional groups, and we have already shared our position at ICC informal meetings.

Pursuant to Rule XI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), we request the circulation of this letter and the attached text as a formal *proposal for decision* on agenda item 22.

We believe this text can provide a constructive path forward to reach agreement on the budget level for the upcoming biennium, maintaining the effective and efficient functioning of FAO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott C. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being particularly prominent.

Mr. Scott C. Turner  
Chargé d'Affaires

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Proposal for Decision, Item 22

**Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27  
(Draft Resolution on budget level)**

**Resolution XX/2025  
Budgetary Appropriations 2026-27**

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Having considered the Director-General's Programme of Work and Budget;

~~Having considered the proposed total net appropriation of USD 1 046 104 000 for the financial period 2026-27 at the 2024-25 rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.12, which assumes US dollar and Euro expenditure equal to USD 590 489 000 and EUR 406 799 000;~~

~~Having considered that the above net appropriation is equivalent to USD 1 021 696 000 at the budget rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.06 established for 2026-27 after translation of the EUR portion;~~

1. Approves the Programme of Work proposed by the Director-General for 2026-27 with a net appropriation of USD 997 857 420 at the budget rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.06, with final figures by budgetary chapter to be presented to the Council in December as follows:

~~a) Appropriations are voted at a rate of EUR 1 = USD 1.06 for the following purposes:~~

<del>Chapter 1: Better Production</del>	<del>161 997 000</del>
<del>Chapter 2: Better Nutrition</del>	<del>133 553 000</del>
<del>Chapter 3: Better Environment</del>	<del>120 957 000</del>
<del>Chapter 4: Better Life</del>	<del>126 782 000</del>
<del>Chapter 5: Technical quality, statistics, cross-cutting themes and accelerators</del>	<del>71 422 000</del>
<del>Chapter 6: Technical Cooperation Programme</del>	<del>143 133 000</del>
<del>Chapter 7: Outreach</del>	<del>73 865 000</del>
<del>Chapter 8: Information Technology and Digitalization</del>	<del>34 171 000</del>
<del>Chapter 9: FAO governance, oversight and direction</del>	<del>56 254 000</del>
<del>Chapter 10: Efficient and effective administration</del>	<del>63 336 000</del>
<del>Chapter 11: Contingencies</del>	<del>600 000</del>
<del>Chapter 12: Capital Expenditure</del>	<del>14 242 000</del>
<del>Chapter 13: Security Expenditure</del>	<del>21 384 000</del>
<del>Total Appropriation (Net)</del>	<del>1 021 696 000</del>

~~Chapter 14: Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund — 129 753 000~~

~~Total Appropriation (Gross) 1 151 449 000~~

- ~~a~~b) The appropriations (net) voted in paragraph (1~~a~~) above minus estimated Miscellaneous Income in the amount of USD 5 000 000 shall be financed by assessed contributions from Member Nations of USD ~~992 857 000~~ ~~1 016 696 000~~ to implement the Programme of Work. Such contributions shall be established in US dollars and Euro and shall consist of USD ~~571 712 000~~ ~~585 489 000~~ and EUR ~~397 307 000~~ ~~406 799 000~~. This takes into account a split of 58 percent US dollars and 42 percent Euro for the appropriations (net) and of 100 percent US dollars for Miscellaneous Income
- ~~b~~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 USD 6 000 000 has been foreseen for this purpose.
2. **Encourages** Members to provide voluntary contributions in support of the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 through the integrated Programme of Work.