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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the General Assembly, upon the request of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the views of the FAO Conference at its twenty-sixth session on the conditions of service of FAO staff.

Annex

VIEWS OF THE FAO CONFERENCE AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
ON THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE FAO STAFF

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The Conference recognized that the staff was the most valuable asset on which the successful implementation of the organization's programme depended. It endorsed the view expressed by the staff representatives that it was essential that the organization be able to recruit and retain high quality staff. To this end, the Conference urged the Member nations to take steps to ensure that they adopt a strong stand in support of issues concerning the remuneration and pension benefits of staff in the specialized agencies in the appropriate United Nations forums.

The Conference commended the Director-General for his continued perseverance and efforts in the various forums to improve conditions of service of staff. Recognizing the critical situation in respect of remuneration of staff and its negative consequences, it urged that the strong concern expressed by the Conference be brought to the attention of the General Assembly and its Fifth Committee and requested that a status report be prepared for the hundred and second session of the Council on any progress which had been achieved towards alleviating the described conditions.
