From Food Aid to Food Assistance

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Chairman

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The objectives of the FAC are to save lives, reduce hunger, improve food security of the most vulnerable populations by:

1. Addressing the food and nutritional needs of the most vulnerable populations through commitments made by the Parties;

2. Ensuring that food assistance provided to the most vulnerable populations is appropriate, timely, effective, efficient, and based on needs and shared principles;

3. Facilitating information-sharing, cooperation, and coordination;
**FAC Chairperson 2019:**
Mr. Olivier Bangerter (Switzerland)

**FAC Vice Chairperson 2019:**
Denmark

**Parties:**
- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- Denmark
- European Union
- Finland
- France
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Luxembourg
- Russia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United States of America

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Disciplines aid:

1. *Nothing* in this Convention shall *derogate* from any existing or *future WTO obligations*;

2. “*Eligible Country*”: any country on the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of Official Development Assistance Recipients, or any other country identified in the Rules of Procedure and Implementation;

3. “*Eligible Products*” products for human consumption that comply with relevant national policies and legislation of the country of operation (see list of Eligible Products in the Rules of Procedure);

4. *Eligible Activities* for the fulfilment of a Party’s minimum annual: the provision and distribution of Eligible Products; the provision of cash and vouchers; and nutritional interventions.
Between members
(i) documents and information provided by each Parties on food assistance policies and practices;
(ii) the annual financial report of each Party;
(iii) information regarding changes to the Parties’ minimum annual commitments;

Public information available
(ii) a list of all the current Parties’ minimum annual commitments;
(ii) the annual report of the Committee once adopted by the Committee;
(iii) summary records of the Committee’s formal sessions approved by all Parties;
(iv) other relevant documents, such as press notices, as approved by the Committee.
Information collected

- the name of the Party,
- the currency used for reporting, and the exchange rate to USD,
- the total value of the contributions (or the total quantity of the contributions, calculated under Rule 4, and its percentages calculated under 4(a) and 4(b);

By operation
- the name and type of the partner that received the contribution;
- the recipient country
- the level of earmarking of the assistance provided by the donor,
- the overhead rate
- Multi year funding (Y/N);
- associated cost (tied aid, Twinning) and its %;
- contribution amount split in Cash / voucher / Direct food distribution / Nutrition / livelihoods