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## **Action required by the Executive Board with respect to governing body documents**

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**For: Information**

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### Approval

1. Documents submitted to the Executive Board for approval concern items that, according to the Agreement Establishing IFAD or the decision of the Governing Council, require a decision by the Executive Board. Following discussion of such documents during the pertinent session as appropriate, the Executive Board is invited to approve the decisions or recommendations contained therein. These documents include:
  - Executive Board agendas (Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, rule 5, paragraphs 3 and 4)
  - Policies and strategies such as the Revised IFAD Policy for Grant Financing or the IFAD Climate Change Strategy (Report of the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, GC 32/L.5, annex II)
  - IFAD project and programme proposals (Agreement Establishing IFAD, article 7, section 2(c))
  - Documentation for subsequent submission to the Governing Council such as the IFAD annual administrative budget (Financial Regulations of IFAD, regulation VI, paragraph 1)

### Review

2. Documents for review do not require a Board decision but are submitted to the Board for feedback, discussion, comments or an exchange of views between Management and Board representatives. Such documents may invite the Executive Board to take note of the contents of the document and endorse the recommendations contained therein.
3. Examples of documents submitted to the Executive Board for review are:
  - Country strategic opportunities programmes (COSOPs) (Procedure for the review of country strategic opportunities papers [EB 2002/77/R.12] section III, paragraph 4)
  - Corporate-level evaluations and the Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) (IFAD Evaluation Policy [EB 2003/78/R.17/Rev.1])
  - President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) (IFAD Evaluation Policy [EB 2003/78/R.17/Rev.1])
  - Report on IFAD's development effectiveness (IFAD's Action Plan for Improving its Development Effectiveness [EB 2005/86/R.2/Rev.2])

### Information

4. Documents are submitted to the Executive Board for information purposes to ensure that Board representatives are kept updated on relevant issues. Items presented for information are only discussed at an Executive Board session at the specific request of a Board representative or if deemed necessary by Management. Among others, the following documents are submitted to Executive Board sessions for information:
  - Planned project activities including activities proposed and approved under the lapse-of-time procedure (EB 2010/99/R.29)
  - Progress reports not requiring Board endorsement for submission to the Governing Council such as the Annual Report on Enterprise Risk Management Activities in IFAD (IFAD Policy on Enterprise Risk Management)

[EB 2008/94/R.4, paragraph 19]) and various status reports on financial matters.

- Human resource matters, unless the Board's approval is needed for the budget provisions as was the case for the IFAD Voluntary Separation Programme (EB 2008/95/R.4)

### **Confirmation**

5. At its ninety-ninth session, in April 2010, the Executive Board was informed of the inclusion, for its consideration, of both the Revised Charter and the Workplan of IFAD's Office of Audit and Oversight. Both documents had previously been considered by the Audit Committee and were then submitted to the Executive Board for its review and confirmation. However, as the Financial Regulations of IFAD require an affirmative assessment of the adequacy of the internal audit system established by the President, this distinction was introduced to underscore the role of the Executive Board in this respect.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> During this session, the President noted that such confirmation meant that the Board was satisfied that the arrangements for internal audit and control established by the President were in conformity with the Financial Regulations adopted by the Governing Council.