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## **Minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board**

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**For: Approval**

## Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve amendments to the minutes of its 100<sup>th</sup> session, as shown in the present document, and to adopt the revised minutes.

## Minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board

The representative of Germany has requested that paragraph 18 of the minutes (document EB/100) be amended as shown below. For ease of reference, the revisions have been marked.

"18. **The Executive Board took note that, notwithstanding the President's attempt to reach consensus, the representative of Germany opposed the document.** ~~In principle, Germany was in favour of the proposed policy as it increases transparency. However, Given the very high cost estimate of US\$1.4 million, the representative of this Member State~~ **Germany** requested alternative implementation arrangements and therefore opposed ~~this decision~~ the document."

The representative of Sweden has requested that paragraphs 72 and 73 of the minutes be amended to read as follows (again, revisions have been marked):

"72. Having reviewed the document regarding silent observers at Executive Board proceedings (EB 2010/100/R.38), the Executive Board **concluded that as of its 101<sup>st</sup> session silent observers would be admitted to attend proceedings in line with proposals contained in said document EB 2010/100/R.38.** ~~engaged in a productive discussion on the proposal presented therein ending with a request that~~ Management **will** present a paper to the Executive Board at its December 2010 session, capturing relevant issues discussed.

73. Expanding the discussion to attendance at informal seminars, **following a request made by the representative of Sweden,** ~~the Executive Board wished to open these to Member States not members of the Executive Board,~~ **Management agreed** to allow ~~them~~ **one person per Member State not member of the Executive Board** to follow the proceedings in the salle d'écoute upon notice to the Office of the Secretary."

The representative of Sweden has also requested that the following text be added to the minutes.

"6. **The Board was reminded that when contacting staff other than Senior Management or Directors, the Office of the Secretary of IFAD should be informed in accordance with IFAD's Code of Conduct. This to know what kind of information flow is taking place. In response to the question raised by the representative of Sweden as to the reasoning behind such practice, it was recalled that the Secretary is best placed to provide information on institutional matters and that a certain degree of discipline is called for. This is common practice for all institutions, in order to preserve the fine line between management and oversight.**"

The text will be included as a new paragraph 6, and all subsequent paragraphs will be renumbered accordingly.