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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve amendments to the minutes of its 101st session, as requested by some Executive Board representatives and shown in the present document, and to adopt the revised minutes.

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For ease of reference, insertions are shown in bold.

1. The representative of Germany has requested that paragraph 19 of the minutes of the 101st session of the Executive Board (document EB/101) be amended as shown below.

“19. The representative for Germany **queried several cost increases, in particular those relative to the administrative budget as well as those foreseen for an external session of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources (US\$542,000) and for the external chair, proposing a reduction of the budget (US\$250,000) to US\$100,000 for the latter. Subsequent to the responses by IFAD Management, the representative** asked that Germany’s abstention be recorded.”

2. The representative for Norway has requested that paragraph 43 of the minutes be amended as shown below.

“43. In order to facilitate a convergence of opinions and reaching of a consensus, the Executive Board agreed that a finalized version of this document should be prepared, taking into account the points raised during the Board’s review, and presented to the Board for approval at the 102nd session, in May 2011. Furthermore, the Board noted that this updated version would first be shared with the Evaluation Committee at its next session in February 2011 and that the Committee’s discussion thereon would be taken into account. Finally, the Executive Board was informed that IOE would provide comments on the finalized version of the document as well. **An informal seminar would be scheduled prior to the next Executive Board session, in order to discuss a revised version of this document. Paragraph 16 in the present document would be taken out and dealt with separately.**”

3. The representative for Indonesia has requested that paragraph 46 of the minutes be amended as shown below.

“46. The Executive Board, **while noting a concern presented by Indonesia**, therefore requested that, in order to proceed with country presence in a structured fashion, the establishment of further country offices be postponed until after the presentation of the country presence policy at the 102nd session of the Board in May 2011.”

4. The representative for Sweden has requested that paragraph 87 of the minutes be amended as shown below.

“87. Furthermore, the Board took note of the Audit Committee’s recommendation that, while recognizing that the appointment of the Director of AUO was the remit of the President, the filling of this vacant post should take place through open competition. The Executive Board was assured that the Committee’s comments had been noted and would be considered. **The representative for Sweden stated that the position of the Swedish Government was that the**

recruitment of the Director of AUO should be carried out by means of an open and transparent competitive process.”

5. The representative for Germany has requested that paragraph 94 of the minutes be amended as shown below.

“94. The Board also recalled that the workplan of IFAD’s Office of Audit and Oversight for 2011, as in previous years, contained provisions for the recurrent audit of the expenditures of the Office of the President, which included the cost of the IFAD residence, and that it would report on the outcomes thereof. **The proposal of Germany, supported by Denmark, to include in the next report of the External Auditor a chapter on the IFAD residence, did not reach consensus.”**