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Application for non-original membership

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For: Approval

Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to consider the application of the Russian Federation for admission to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and recommend, if it deems appropriate, to the Governing Council that the Russian Federation be admitted to membership to the Fund, as per the draft resolution contained in page 2 herewith.

Application for non-original membership

1. By a letter dated 16 October 2013, signed by His Excellency Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Russian Federation applied for non-original membership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in accordance with articles 3.1(a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development ("Fund").
2. The Russian Federation has been a member of the United Nations since 1945.¹
3. The Russian Federation wishes to make, upon approval of its membership application, an additional core contribution of US\$6 million to the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, in accordance with Governing Council Resolution 166/XXXV. This contribution shall be payable in two annual instalments of US\$3 million, within the Replenishment period.

¹ The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an original Member of the United Nations from 24 October 1945. In a letter dated 24 December 1991, Boris Yeltsin, the President of the Russian Federation, informed the Secretary-General that the membership of the Soviet Union in the Security Council and all other United Nations organs was being continued by the Russian Federation with the support of the 11 member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
Source: <http://www.un.org/en/members/#r>

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Approval of the Russian Federation as a non-original Member of the Fund

The Governing Council,

Taking into account articles 3.1 (a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and section 10 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD;

Considering that non-original Members of the Fund shall be those States members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies that, after the approval of their membership by the Governing Council, become parties to the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development by depositing an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Considering that the Russian Federation has been a member of the United Nations since 1945;²

Considering therefore that the Russian Federation is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Russian Federation transmitted to the Council in document GC ____, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Russian Federation should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

Taking note of the additional core contribution amount of US\$6 million to the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources proposed by the Russian Federation upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Russian Federation;

Tasks the President to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this decision.

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