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Proposal for the revision of the established good practice for the process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD

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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to consider the present document containing a recommendation to the Governing Council that it request the Governing Council Bureau to undertake a revision of the established good practice regarding the process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD for consideration by the Governing Council at its forty-first session in 2018.

The Executive Board is also invited to consider the draft resolution contained herein and to submit it, together with its recommendations, to the Governing Council at its fortieth session in February 2017 for consideration and adoption.

Revision of the established good practice for the process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD

Background

1. At its thirty-sixth session (February 2013), the Governing Council endorsed the established good practice regarding the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD¹ and proposed that this practice be reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council Bureau as appropriate.
2. At its 115th session in September 2015, the Executive Board considered a document entitled "Building on good practice: Procedures around the election of IFAD's President" proposed by the representative for the United Kingdom. The Board agreed to task Convenors and Friends to discuss the matter at their November meeting with a view to gauging support for submission of a draft document to the 116th session of the Board in December 2015.
3. At the 116th session of the Executive Board, the United Kingdom representative invited the Board to consider recommending to the Governing Council enhancements to the procedures relating to the appointment of the President. After a wide-ranging discussion among Board representatives during which many diverging viewpoints were expressed, no consensus was reached on the way forward. It was agreed that the matter would not be moved ahead by the Executive Board, at least not in advance of the appointment of the next President of IFAD.
4. At the 117th session of the Board, the representative for the United States introduced an item on non-binding criteria for the selection and appointment of the President of IFAD and proposed that it be recommended to the Governing Council to task the Bureau with developing draft terms of reference or selection criteria for consideration by the Governing Council at its forty-first session (2018). This was accepted by the Executive Board.
5. In light of the foregoing and to further enhance the good practice leading to the appointments of the President of IFAD and increase transparency in the selection process, the Executive Board is hereby invited to recommend that the Governing Council request the Bureau to develop general criteria to provide guidance in the selection process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD, and that it adopt the attached draft resolution at its fortieth session in February 2017.

¹ Governing Council resolution 176/XXXVI.

Draft Resolution .../

Revision of the established good practice regarding the process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD

The Governing Council,

Taking into account article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, section 6.2 of the By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD and rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council;

Recalling resolution 176/XXXVI and the endorsement by the Governing Council of the established good practice for the process leading to the appointments of the President of IFAD and the proposal that this practice be reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council Bureau as appropriate;

Taking into consideration the recommendation made by the Executive Board at its 117th session thereon;

Having considered the proposal regarding the "Revision of the established good practice for the process leading to the future appointments of the President of IFAD" contained in document GC .../..;

Decides to request the Governing Council Bureau to review the established practice regarding the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD and make proposals in order to enhance this practice for future appointments. The Bureau shall submit a report on the result of its review and any recommendations thereon to the Executive Board in December 2017, for submission to the Governing Council for endorsement at its forty-first session in February 2018.