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I. Project proposals

1. The following proposals were approved at the 126th session of the Executive Board.

A. Asia and the Pacific

Bangladesh: President's Memorandum: Char Development and Settlement Project – Phase IV

(EB 2019/126/R.21 + Sup.1)

2. The Executive Board unanimously approved a loan of US\$13.80 million on highly concessional terms and a loan of US\$6.80 million on blend terms to the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the additional financing of the Char Development and Settlement Project – Phase IV. Prior to the session and during the discussions, clarifications were provided on members' queries regarding the Resettlement Action Plan and Framework; women's empowerment initiatives (particularly regarding measures against domestic violence); the importance of climate-resilient infrastructure works to stabilize the char areas; and the close involvement of local government.

B. East and Southern Africa

Rwanda: Kayonza Irrigation and Integrated Watershed Management Project – Phase I (KIIWP1)

(EB 2019/126/R.22 + Add.1 + Sup.1)

3. The Executive Board approved a loan of SDR 12.85 million on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Rwanda for the Kayonza Irrigation and Integrated Watershed Management Project – Phase I (KIIWP1). The Board acknowledged the relevance of the project and commended the proposed phased approach. As the project will impinge on ecologically sensitive areas, this approach will allow to conduct the necessary environmental and social impact assessment studies. The representative of the Government of Mexico, on behalf of List C, expressed support for the project, highlighting the importance of establishing close synergies with the other Rome-based agencies. The United Kingdom commended the project's approach, relevance and responsiveness to previous lessons learned but requested IFAD, in future, to seek guidance and confirmation on proposed donor financing before presenting the proposal for formal approval and publishing the document; such guidance had not been sought from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development for KIIWP1. This request will be reflected in the revised document.