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For: Approval

Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to review the document contained in the annex, together with the draft resolution, and approve the information contained therein, including endorsement of the nominee proposed by the President for selection by the Executive Board as the candidate to be recommended to the Governing Council for the role of External Chair.

An updated version of the annex, and the draft resolution contained therein, including the proposed composition of the IFAD12 Consultation, will be submitted to the Executive Board at its 128th session for approval for submission to the forty-third session of the Governing Council.

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

1. Resolution 203/XLI on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD11) specifies that the period provided for the said Replenishment is the three-year period commencing on 1 January 2019 (paragraph 1).
2. Article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides that, "in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically ... review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund".
3. In order to provide for the timely review of the availability of resources before the expiration of the IFAD11 period, a draft resolution to establish a Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources should be considered by the Executive Board and subsequently submitted to the Governing Council, together with the Board's recommendations thereon, for consideration and adoption.
4. Based on the favourable experience of having an External Chair during the IFAD9, IFAD10 and IFAD11 Consultations, the Executive Board endorsed Management's proposal to maintain this practice for IFAD12 and approved the process whereby the Executive Board would select the External Chair¹ to be recommended to the Governing Council.
5. A committee composed of two members of Management and three Convenors was established to screen nominations and submit its assessment of the candidates to the IFAD President.
6. A call for nominations was published on the IFAD website from 6 to 31 May 2019, resulting in the receipt of two nominations. As one of the nominated candidates subsequently proved to be unavailable, the Committee agreed that Member States and Management would be given a further opportunity to submit nominations and a deadline of 24 July was set. This resulted in the receipt of two additional nominations. The Committee subsequently submitted its assessment of the three eligible candidates (one female, two male) to the IFAD President. The Committee found that all the candidates were suitable for the role of External Chair based on the criteria approved by the Executive Board. However, the Committee recommended Ms Caroline Anstey and Mr Kyle Peters as the most suitable candidates. The representatives of the three Lists indicated a slight preference for Ms Anstey, while the representatives of Management indicated a preference for Mr Peters.

¹ See EB 2019/126/R.32.

7. Taking into consideration the feedback of the Committee, the IFAD President proposes that the Executive Board select Mr Kyle Peters as the candidate for the role of External Chair to be recommended to the Governing Council.
8. With regard to the composition of the IFAD12 Consultation, informal discussions are ongoing between Management and Convenors to identify a proposal that would be acceptable to all Lists. It is expected that the proposal will be submitted to the Executive Board at its 128th session in December 2019, together with an updated version of the document in the annex and the draft resolution contained therein, for approval for submission to the forty-third session of the Governing Council.
9. The Consultation's recommendations will be reported to the forty-fourth session of the Governing Council in 2021. Four substantive sessions are expected to suffice to conclude the IFAD12 negotiations. Accordingly, and in consultation with the secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, the following dates are proposed:
 - (a) First session: Thursday and Friday, 13-14 February 2020
 - (b) Second session: Thursday and Friday, 18-19 June 2020
 - (c) Third session: Monday and Tuesday, 19-20 October 2020
 - (d) Fourth session: Thursday and Friday, 10-11 December 2020
10. Furthermore, in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 194/XL, related to the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance, which was approved by the Governing Council at its fortieth session, the Governing Council decided: "To request an assessment by the Secretariat of the number of Board seats in light of any transfers that may have taken place and the evolving voting power of each List, which assessment should be provided to the Membership for review prior to the beginning of the IFAD12 replenishment consultations for further discussion at that time."
11. Accordingly, the Secretariat has conducted such assessment and noted that to date two Member States, Cyprus and Israel, have transferred from List C to List A. Such transfers had a very minor impact on the voting power of the two Lists: List C's voting power decreased by 0.5 per cent and List A's voting power increased by the same percentage (0.25 per cent for each country). Specifically, considering the current status of voting rights, out of a total 5546.927 votes available, List C's voting power decreased by 27.327 votes, whereas List A's voting power increased by 27.430 votes.
12. The transfers have had no impact on the Board seats, which remain stable at 36 (18 members and 18 alternate members, as per article 6, section 5(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD). Cyprus and Israel have been included in the relevant constituencies within List A.

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Governing Council — Forty-third Session
 Rome, 11-12 February 2020

For: **Approval**

Recommendation for approval

The Governing Council is invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution contained in the attachment.

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

1. Resolution 203/XLI on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD11) specifies that the period provided for the said Replenishment is the three-year period commencing on 1 January 2019 (paragraph 1).
2. Article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides that, "in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically ... review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund".
3. In order to provide for the timely review of the availability of resources before the expiration of the IFAD11 period, the attached draft resolution to establish a Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources was considered by the Executive Board at its 127th session in September 2019; the Board recommended that the draft resolution be submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and adoption.
4. The Executive Board has selected a candidate for the External Chair of the Consultation for recommendation to the Governing Council. Based on the favourable experience of having an External Chair during the IFAD9, IFAD10 and IFAD11 Consultations, the Executive Board has recommended the selection of Mr Kyle Peters for this role for the IFAD12 Consultation.
5. This recommendation is the outcome of a transparent and competitive selection process approved by the Executive Board at its 126th session in May 2019.
6. A Committee composed of two members of Management and three Convenors was established to screen nominations and submit its assessment of the candidates to the IFAD President.
7. A call for nominations was published on the IFAD website from 6 to 31 May 2019, resulting in the receipt of two nominations. As one of the nominated candidates subsequently proved to be unavailable, the Committee agreed that Member States and Management would be given a further opportunity to submit nominations and a deadline of 24 July was set. This resulted in the receipt of two additional nominations. The Committee subsequently submitted its assessment of the three eligible candidates (one female, two male) to the IFAD President.
8. Taking into consideration the feedback of this Committee, the President selected the candidate to propose to the Executive Board for recommendation to the Governing Council.
9. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 194/XL related to the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance, approved by the Governing Council at its fortieth session in 2017, the Governing Council decided: "To request an assessment by the Secretariat of the number of Board seats in light of any transfers that may have taken place and the evolving voting power of each List, which assessment should be provided to the Membership for review prior to the beginning of the IFAD12 replenishment consultations for further discussion at that time".
10. Accordingly, the Secretariat has conducted such assessment and noted that to date two Member States, Cyprus and Israel, have transferred from List C to List A. Such transfers had a very minor impact on the voting power of the two Lists: List C's

voting power decreased by 0.5 per cent and List A's voting power increased by the same percentage (0.25 per cent for each country). Specifically, considering the current status of voting rights, out of a total 5546.927 votes available, List C's voting power decreased by 27.327 votes, whereas List A's voting power increased by 27.430 votes.

11. The transfers have had no impact on the Board seats, which remain stable at 36 (18 members and 18 alternate members, as per article 6, section 5(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD). Cyprus and Israel have been included in the relevant constituencies within List A.

Draft resolution on the Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

Resolution .../

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Recalling article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, which provides that, in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund;

Further recalling that the period established by Governing Council resolution 203/XLI for the Eleventh Replenishment of the IFAD's resources will conclude on 31 December 2021;

Having considered the statement of the President on the need for a review of the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund and document GC X thereon;

Having further considered the need for the establishment of a Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources;

Noting the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance and its recommendations and the approval of such recommendations by the Governing Council at its fortieth session (resolution 194/XL);

Decides that:

1. A Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources ("the Consultation") shall be established, to review the adequacy of the Fund's resources and to report to the Governing Council. Based on the favourable experience of having an External Chair during the IFAD9, IFAD10 and IFAD11 Consultations, the Governing Council selects Mr Kyle Peters as the External Chair of the Consultation. The tasks of the Chair are annexed to this resolution.
2. The first session of the Consultation shall be held on 13-14 February 2020.
3. The Consultation shall consist of
4. The Consultation shall submit a report on the results of its deliberations and any recommendations thereon to the forty-fourth session and, if required, subsequent sessions of the Governing Council, with a view to adopting such resolutions as may be appropriate.
5. The President is requested to keep the Executive Board informed of the progress of the deliberations of the Consultation.
6. The President and the staff are requested to provide such assistance to the Consultation as may be necessary for the effective and efficient discharge of its functions.

Tasks of the Chair of the Consultation

Under the authority of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, the Chair will:

- (a) Chair formal Consultation sessions;
- (b) Oversee all aspects of the Consultation sessions, discussions and deliberations, providing guidance and support to the Secretariat;
- (c) Critically review and comment on draft documentation and reports prepared for each Consultation, ensuring quality control and strategic coherence;
- (d) With support from the Secretariat, synthesize discussions and prepare a summary of each session concisely and accurately, reflecting the status of negotiations;
- (e) Lead and facilitate discussions and negotiations among Member States, as well as between IFAD's leadership and Member States, to build consensus in order to achieve successful outcomes for reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's resources;
- (f) Mobilize external support for IFAD, including at the political level, within Member States in collaboration with delegates and IFAD Management;
- (g) Ensure that the final report and recommendations of the Consultation respond to the terms of reference of the Consultation and conform to the Agreement Establishing IFAD and other documents adopted by the Governing Council; and
- (h) Work with the President and staff to prepare for sessions and negotiations in order to ensure that issues are presented effectively.