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The attention of the Executive Board is drawn to the following addendum to the Consolidated Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 2019 (EB 2020/129/R.22), which provides the final audit opinion of IFAD’s external auditor and the independent external attestation on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, issued on 10 March 2020.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of International Fund for Agricultural Development (the “Company”), which comprise the consolidated and IFAD-only balance sheets as at 31 December 2019, the consolidated and IFAD-only statements of comprehensive income and changes in retained earnings and the consolidated cash-flow statement for the year then ended, the statement of complementary and supplementary contributions and unspent funds, the summary of the Adoption for Smallholder Agriculture Programme Trust Fund and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2019, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the “Consolidated Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 2019” and Auditor’s Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the “High-level review of IFAD’s Financial Statements for 2019” but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.
Responsibilities of the President and those charged with governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The President is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as the President determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the President is responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control.
• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the President.
• Conclude on the appropriateness of the President’s use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
• Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the consolidated entities or business activities to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.
We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE S.p.A.

Vittorio Fiore
Partner

Rome, March 10, 2020
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSESSMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the International Fund for Agricultural Development

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement of the accompanying management’s assessment that the International Fund for Agricultural Development (“IFAD”) maintained effective internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2019, as contained in IFAD's ManagementAssertion Report on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

Management’s Responsibility

Management of IFAD is responsible for the preparation of its assessment on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with the criteria for effective internal controls over financial reporting described in the “Internal Control – Integrated Framework” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework). IFAD’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Consolidated financial statements of IFAD as of December 31, 2019.

Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 (ISQC Italia 1) and, accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assessment on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on the procedures we have performed. We conducted our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with International Standards on Assurance Engagements - Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information (“ISAE 3000 revised”) issued by International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board for reasonable assurance engagements. This standard requires that we plan and perform procedures in order to obtain a reasonable assurance as to whether management’s assessment on the effectiveness on internal controls over financial reporting is free of material misstatement.
A reasonable assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management’s assessment on the effectiveness on internal controls over financial reporting. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in management’s assessment on the effectiveness on internal controls over financial reporting, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Characteristics and Limitations of Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

An entity’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the entity’s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the entity’s board, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An entity’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the entity; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that the receipts and expenditures of the entity are being made only in accordance with authorizations of the entity’s management; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the entity’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, management’s assessment that IFAD as at December 31, 2019 maintained effective internal controls over financial reporting, included within the Consolidated financial statements of IFAD as of December 31, 2019, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria for effective internal controls over financial reporting described in the “Internal Control – Integrated Framework” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework).

**DELOITTE & TOUCHE S.p.A.**

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Vittorio Fiore
Partner

Rome, March 10, 2020