

## **Joint Statement of List C Regarding COSOPs and Projects**

Mr President, through this joint statement, all the member states in List c would like to express unanimous support for the 3 Country strategic opportunities programmes(COSOPs) and 3 national projects related to the 129th executive board meeting. They are 3 COSOPs of Eritrea, Mexico and Sierra Leone, and 3 country projects of China, India, and Pakistan.

Of the six programmes or projects that we jointly support, some are in low-income countries, some are in low-middle-income countries, and there are also some in upper-middle-income countries. This is another perfect embodiment of the principle of universality. It shows that IFAD has always adhered to its original purpose since its establishment, which is to provide development support and assistance to all developing countries.

We would like to thank IFAD's management and project design team, especially those IFAD staff who have made continuous and arduous efforts in the project country offices. We have noticed that the mainstreaming elements of climate change, nutrition, youth and gender

equality have been well reflected in the design, and deliberate adjustments have been made according to the specific conditions of the project(programme) country to promote satisfactory implementation results. In addition, it is worth mentioning that these programmes and projects are great examples of demonstrating IFAD's efforts and innovations in targetting, partnership building and knowledge generation in recent years. We are delighted to witness that this institution has maintained its long-term comparative advantage and has continuously updated its influence and competitiveness among International development agencies.

At present, our world is being invaded by the COVID-19 virus. the development of the whole world has been seriously affected, and many developing countries are particularly vulnerable in this crisis. IFAD's development projects will not only benefit those rural communities but also bring hope to people living in these areas. In this regard, Mr President, we look forward to all members of the Board joining in the approval of these projects. We also look forward to the timely implementation of these projects so as to better benefit the local rural people.