

Rome, 18 April 2022

Mr President,

The 135<sup>th</sup> session of the session of the Executive Board of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be held from Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2022, in a hybrid format.

In this respect, referring also to the request of Ireland to include an item in the agenda of the Board, we the undersigned representatives of 14 members and alternate members of the Executive Board, acting in accordance with Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, hereby request that the following item be included in the provisional agenda for consideration at the session: **“Implications for food security and rural communities arising from the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine”**.

Following the informal meeting organized on 7 April 2022, it is expected that the Board may, under this agenda item, consider IFAD’s initial analysis and response to the above-mentioned crisis and take the decisions it deems appropriate.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

**H.E. Pierre-Emmanuel De Bauw, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN Agencies in Rome**

**H.E. Elissa Golberg, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the U.N. Agencies in Rome**

**H.E. Mario Arvelo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the Rome-based agencies of the United Nations**

**Ms Laura Torrebruno, Economic counsellor, Representative of France to the Executive Board of IFAD**

**Mr Ronald Meyer, Minister, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the International Organizations in Rome**

**Ms Michelle Winthrop, Policy Director, Development Cooperation and Africa Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland**

**Mr Gian Paolo Ruggiero, Director of International Financial Relations, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Italian Republic**

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**H.E. Oe Hiroshi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Italy and Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome**

**H.E. Dr. Miguel Garcia Winder, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN Agencies in Rome**

**Ms Bjørg Skotnes, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Norway to the United Nations Agencies in Rome**

**S.E. D. Alfonso María Dastis Quecedo, Embajador, Representante Permanente ante el FIDA**

**H.E. Jan Björklund, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN Agencies in Rome**

**Ms Elizabeth Nasskau, Deputy Permanent Representative and IFAD EB representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome**

**Ms Abigail Demopulos, Director, Office of International Development Policy, Department of the Treasury of the United States of America**