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Comments from China	Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) response
<p>China notes that in paragraph 16, page 16 of appendix II of this CSPE, it reads "Pakistan ranks the last for the business environment among 17 countries in Asia", and corresponding note 21 specifies Taiwan and Hong Kong as countries alongside China. We think this is inappropriate.</p> <p>As we all know, there is but one China in the world. Taiwan and Hong Kong are parts of Chinese territory. When a formal referencing of the names is necessary, the following should be used: "Taiwan, Province of China", "Hong Kong SAR, China". Also, these entities should not be listed as countries but only as "economies".</p> <p>In this regard, we request the amendment of this document and more attention to the terminology in the future.</p>	<p>IOE acknowledges the comment and is addressing the same through amendments in the aforementioned document, in accordance with the current IFAD guidelines and procedures and in consultation with the relevant divisions of IFAD.</p>

Comments from India	Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) response
<p>1. India submits that the IFAD draft document under consideration, "Islamic Republic of Pakistan: Country strategy and programme evaluation" contains terms with neither legal validity nor international credibility and which are in clear violation of India's sovereign rights over its territories. For example, the document has multiple references to "Azad Jammu & Kashmir" (10 places)/ "AJK" (59 places), "Gilgit-Baltistan" (78 places) and "China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)" (05 places).</p> <p>2. India strongly objects to the mention of unacceptable terms like "Azad Jammu & Kashmir" (or in abbreviated form, i.e. "AJK"), "Gilgit-Baltistan" and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the document.</p> <p>3. The entire territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh is an integral and inalienable part of India as a result of the legal, complete and unconditional accession of Jammu and Kashmir to the Union of India in 1947. Pakistan is in illegal and forcible occupation of parts of our territory. Pakistan's claims on the Indian territories under its illegal occupation have no legal validity. The terms so-called "Azad Jammu & Kashmir" and "Gilgit-Baltistan" have no international credibility; nor are those terms accepted by the United Nations.</p> <p>4. Any engagements in Indian territories under the occupation of Pakistan, amount to</p>	<p>IOE acknowledges the comment and is addressing the same by adding a note and making necessary amendments in the aforementioned document to clarify the terminology used, in accordance with standard United Nations practices. IOE is preparing an addendum accordingly.</p> <p>The same document was submitted to the 113th session of the Evaluation Committee in June 2021, where India was represented as a member of the Committee. We received no comment of the same nature at that time.</p>

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<p>interference in the internal affairs of India and the violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity. The “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)” passes through parts of the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh which are under illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan and hence impinges on the issue of sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. India, therefore, categorically rejects the reference to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the IFAD document.</p> <p>5. The use of such terms, which neither have legal basis nor are accepted United Nations terms, in a document of IFAD seeks to give legitimacy to the illegal occupation of Indian territory by Pakistan and violates the sovereignty of India, an IFAD (founding) member. India expects a neutral and credible multilateral organization such as IFAD to be sensitive to India’s core concerns and respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity.</p> <p>6. IFAD is therefore requested to delete all references to “Azad Jammu & Kashmir” (or in abbreviated form, i.e. “AJK”), “Gilgit-Baltistan” and “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)” from the document. IFAD is further requested to ensure that such references, which infringe upon the sovereignty of India, are not repeated in future publications.</p>	