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Joint statement by Angola and France

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Mr Chair,

Angola and France are honored to make this joint statement as co-champions of the 13th replenishment of IFAD resources.

We congratulate IFAD for the role it has played as a partner in the necessary transformation, especially in adaptation and mitigation programmes to reduce the impact of climate change on the rural people.

In the meantime, we encourage IFAD to continue to promote and support investments in innovation, science and mechanization in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors to create job skills, and new approaches, in order to accelerate the transformation of agri-food systems and improve livelihoods in rural and coastal areas.

We welcome the fact that the cumulative amount of pledges made so far to the replenishment now reaches **\$1.36 billion**, already exceeding the level reached for IFAD12. We reiterate our objective to reach an ambitious target of \$2 billion in new financing for IFAD, including with concessional partner loans. This objective is within our collective reach. Once attained, it will support the realization of a program of work of at least \$10 billion during the 2025-2027 cycle, aimed at improving the incomes, production, food security and resilience of more than a 100 million people.

We salute each of the **76 Member States** which have pledged a contribution to IFAD13. A particular recognition is owed to the many developing Member States which, despite limited resources and a pressured fiscal space, have strived to make a pledge as a sign of support to IFAD, its mandate, and its effective action for the benefit of the rural poor. The number of countries pledging to IFAD13 is, in this respect, as significant as the overall amount of resources pledged, as it demonstrates the support of the Membership, both from donor and recipient countries. For this reason, we hope and trust that the number of 116 States that had pledged for IFAD12 will be met or even surpassed for IFAD13.

We therefore call on all countries in a position to do so to make as ambitious a pledge as possible before August, when the replenishment is declared effective six months after its approval by the Governing Council.

We are encouraged in this perspective by the high ambition set in the G20 New Delhi Leaders Declaration adopted in September 2023 and the no less ambitious goals set by the G20 Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty proposed by the Brazilian G20 presidency, which we consider very much aligned with IFAD's mandate to address rural poverty, and the objectives set out as part of its 13th replenishment.

We thank you for your attention and reaffirm our commitment to eradicating rural poverty and hunger through multilateral cooperation and IFAD's action./.