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Statement on behalf of the State of Kuwait
Delivered by Executive Board Member Mr. Khaled F Alkhaled

Thank you Mr. Chair,

Kuwait joins other members in commending both Management and the Independent Office of Evaluation for their efforts in preparing these comprehensive reports, which provide complementary perspectives on IFAD's performance and important lessons as we move towards IFAD14.

We are encouraged by the overall improvement in development effectiveness. In particular, we welcome the progress in project efficiency and effectiveness, as well as the reduction in the share of projects at risk and the strong proactivity in addressing underperforming projects. We also note positively that IFAD has cumulatively reached 109 million rural people, while maintaining strong attention to women, youth and climate finance.

At the same time, we agree that sustainability remains an area requiring further attention. While performance has improved, independent evaluation continues to identify sustainability as one of the weaker areas, particularly in fragile situations. We therefore encourage Management to strengthen institutional ownership, operation and maintenance arrangements, recurrent financing and credible exit strategies throughout the project cycle.

We also welcome the growing engagement with the private sector and non-sovereign operations. As this portfolio expands, however, it will be important to establish a clear framework for measuring not only financial mobilization, but also development additionality, commercial sustainability and benefits reaching IFAD's target groups.

Finally, Kuwait welcomes the continued collaboration between Management and IOE to improve the consistency and comparability of self-evaluation and independent evaluation. We encourage both sides to continue this dialogue while preserving the independence and distinct role of the evaluation function.

Kuwait takes note of both reports and looks forward to seeing these lessons reflected in the remaining implementation of IFAD13 and in the design and delivery of IFAD14.

Thank you.