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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE
CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND THE PROMOTION OF DURABLE PEACE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

1. At its Ministerial Meeting of 25 September 1997, the Security Council of the United Nations requested the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report addressing the sources of conflict in Africa and ways to prevent, contain and resolve them and to achieve durable peace and economic growth on the continent.
2. After consultations with the United Nations entities concerned, the Secretary-General presented this report to the Security Council on 16 April 1998 (document A/52/871-S/1998/318). In this context, it may be noted that IFAD participated in the consultations and contributed to the conceptualization and preparation of the report, especially with regard to the sources of conflicts, timely post-crisis assistance and local capacity-building.
3. The Security Council considered the report in May 1998 and set up an ad hoc working group to examine its recommendations. In September 1998 the Council adopted two resolutions in support of the recommendations contained in the report.
4. The Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), which brings together the Executive Heads of the United Nations Funds, Programmes and Agencies and is chaired by the Secretary-General, endorsed the broad thrust of the Secretary-General's report at its meeting on 30-31 October 1998. The ACC also agreed that the report should be brought to the attention of the governing bodies of all ACC member organizations. The report is accordingly being submitted for the information of the Executive Board.
5. The Executive Board is also reminded of the IFAD Framework for Bridging Post-Crisis Recovery and Long-Term Development (documents EB 98/64/R.8 and EB 98/64/R.8/Corr.1), approved by the Sixty-Fourth Session of the Executive Board in September 1998, which represents IFAD's response to the call of the United Nations report for timely and well-coordinated assistance in post-conflict situations.

