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INVITATION OF OBSERVERS TO SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and various rules and decisions of the Governing Council and the Executive Board, observers have been invited to past sessions of the Governing Council. The rules and decisions in question, together with a list of observers who may be invited to each session, are set out in documents EB 87/31/R.57 and EB 88/34/R.52 that were reviewed by the Executive Board at its Thirty-First and Thirty-Fourth Sessions in September 1987 and 1988, respectively.

Non-Governmental Organizations

2. At the Thirty-Fourth Session, the Executive Board decided, *inter alia*, to amend the existing criteria for the selection of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as observers so that they fall into one of the following categories:

- (a) well-established consensual or “umbrella” organizations, with a large and wide-ranging membership;
- (b) “Advocacy NGOs” that make major efforts to introduce IFAD’s objectives and activities to policy-makers and the general public;
- (c) “Operational NGOs” that have already commenced collaboration with IFAD on a number of projects or which have demonstrated a strong interest in beginning such wide-ranging collaboration with IFAD; and
- (d) in the selection of NGOs from the groups specified in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above, it shall be ensured that NGOs from the developing countries are adequately represented by consensual NGOs from Africa and Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Near East and North Africa.



3. In line with these criteria, the Executive Board may wish to increase the number of NGOs that may be invited to attend sessions of the Governing Council. One such additional NGO, Movimondo-Molisv (Movimondo), has applied for observer status with IFAD. Therefore, it is proposed that Movimondo be invited to the Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council and to all subsequent sessions. Information on the organization is contained in the attached annex.

Palestinian Authority

4. Under the Oslo Accords between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel, the Palestinian Authority is the designated administrative authority for the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. As such, the Palestinian Authority is responsible for the implementation of IFAD-financed projects in the areas under its authority. The Palestinian Authority, which is not eligible for membership but nevertheless receives financing from IFAD, has expressed interest in attending sessions of the Governing Council, some of the decisions of which may affect it.

Recommendation

5. Movimondo and the Palestinian Authority meet the criteria previously established by the Executive Board. Given that the objectives and activities of these organizations aim at increasing the level of the poorest sectors of the populations in, respectively, the less developed countries and their own territory, in conformity with IFAD's objectives, it is proposed that the Executive Board authorize the President to invite Movimondo and the Palestinian Authority as Observers to the Twenty-Third and future Sessions of the Governing Council.

MOVIMONDO-MOLISV (MOVIMONDO)

Chief and Executive Officials

President: Giuseppe Crippa
Director: Umberto Ambrosi
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Objectives

Movimondo-Molisv's main objectives are to:

- Promote international solidarity and cooperation towards eliminating poverty and building a world in which everyone has a right to citizenship through cooperation, training, education and the mobilization of resources.
- Exploit knowledge accumulated over years of experience in several areas where Movimondo's consolidated presence has allowed for the building up of a wealth of local knowledge.
- Give the weakest people around the world a greater say, and implementing development programmes in areas worst hit by poverty.
- Support democratization processes and defend human rights.

Fields of Intervention

At the field level, Movimondo's main activities include:

- institutional development at the local level;
- agricultural development;
- environment protection and rehabilitation;
- hydrology and water supply;
- professional training and development of skills for employment;
- small and micro-enterprise development;
- rehabilitation of health services; and
- primary health care.

In relation to advocacy and public awareness campaigns, Movimondo's main target groups are the political, governmental and non-governmental sectors; strategic groups such as educators and the media; and the general public. In Italy in particular, Movimondo undertakes educational and information initiatives designed to contribute to developing a culture of solidarity against every form of racism and discrimination by promoting awareness of problems throughout the world, respect for immigrants and an understanding of the real causes of marginalization and poverty.

Countries in which it operates

Africa: Angola and Mozambique
Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua
The Caribbeans: Dominican Republic, Haiti
Europe: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Middle East: Jordan, Lebanon, Autonomous Palestinian Territories, Syria

Funding

Movimondo receives financial support from, among others, the European Commission; the European Community Humanitarian Office; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); the International Management Group; the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate for Development Cooperation); the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; the World Food Programme (WFP); and, increasingly, private donations.

Membership/Networks

Movimondo is part of the following networks:

- AIDA - Association of International Development Agencies
- AlertNet – Reuter Foundation’s news and communications service for the emergency relief community
- Campaign for the Reform of the World Bank
- CREAL - Coordination for Relations between Europe and Latin America
(*Coordinación para las relaciones entre Europa y America Latina*)
- Eurostep – European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People
- EURONAIID - Network of NGOs operating in the field of food aid
- *Grupo Sur* – European network of NGOs for cooperation with Central America and the Caribbean
- RRN – Relief and Rehabilitation Network
- *Sdebitarsi per un millennio senza debiti* - Italian campaign to cancel the debts of developing countries, linked to the international Jubilee 2000 campaign
- The Italian Platform of Development NGOs
- Towns and Development - European Network of NGOs and local authorities on relations between North and South
- VOICE - Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies
- WIDE - Women in Development

The following organizations are part of Movimondo:

Movimondo Molisv (Rome); UCODEP Movimondo (Arezzo); CTM Movimondo (Lecce); GSI – Movimondo (Spoleto); Movimondo (Marche).

Relations with IFAD

Movimondo collaborated with IFAD in the implementation of agricultural activities and community development under the IFAD/WFP/FAO Uige Province Food Security Project in Angola. It is also engaged in implementing two projects, in Morocco and Mozambique, under the IFAD/NGO Extended Cooperation Programme (ECP). Movimondo participated in the last two IFAD/NGO annual consultations and is a member of the IFAD/NGO Advisory Group. Its representative in the Advisory Group addressed the last Governing Council, reporting on the outcome of the Ninth IFAD/NGO Annual Consultation.

Relations with the United Nations

Movimondo is recognized by the United Nations (Department of Public Information) and has signed a partnership agreement with FAO, IFAD, UNDP and WFP.

Location

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