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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF THE SEVENTIETH SESSION



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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Seventieth Session of the Executive Board was held in Rome on 13-14 September 2000. A list of participants is attached as Annex I.
- 2. The Executive Board had before it the documents listed in Annex II.
- 3. These minutes record the decisions of the Executive Board on the matters it considered.

II. DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Opening of the Session (Agenda Item 1)

- 4. The President of IFAD, Mr Fawzi H. Al-Sultan, in his capacity as Chairman, opened the Seventieth Session of the Executive Board.
- 5. The Executive Board noted that, since the appointments made to the Audit Committee and the Evaluation Committee at its last Session, Tunisia had replaced Egypt on the Audit Committee and the Committee had re-elected the Representative of the United Kingdom as its Chairperson. Similarly, with regard to the Evaluation Committee, it noted that the Committee had elected the Representative of Mexico as its Chairperson.

B. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 2)

6. The Executive Board considered the Provisional Agenda presented in document EB 2000/70/R.1 and, upon concluding its discussion of this item, adopted the Agenda contained in document EB 2000/70/R.1/Rev.1. The Agenda is attached as Annex III.

C. Financial Matters (Agenda Item 3)

(a) Status of Contributions to the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

7. The Executive Board reviewed the Status of Contributions to the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2000/70/R.2 and addendum), noting that the instruments of contribution deposited and payments in cash or promissory notes received against pledges not supported by instruments of contribution amounted to the equivalent of USD 405.7 million, or about 97% of total pledges.

(b) Report on IFAD's Investment Portfolio for the Second Quarter of 2000

8. The Board reviewed the Report on IFAD's Investment Portfolio for the Second Quarter of 2000, which, together with the first-quarter figures, presented the rate of return for the first half of the year (document EB 2000/70/R.3). Although concerns were expressed regarding the low rate of return for the first half of 2000, Directors also noted that a longer-term perspective had to be kept in mind especially with regard to equities. Directors urged management to continue its prudent and cautious approach with regard to investment issues. The Board also welcomed the suggestion that a seminar on investment issues be held at the time of the Seventy-First Session of the Executive Board.



(c) Status Report on Principal and Interest Payments

9. The Executive Board reviewed the Status Report on Principal and Interest Payments contained in document EB 2000/70/R.4 and addendum and expressed its appreciation of the continued efforts made to resolve the outstanding arrears. In this context, the Fund will monitor closely the position of countries considered eligible under the Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative (HIPC DI).

(d) IFAD Drawdown Policy

10. The Executive Board had a very useful and positive discussion on document EB 2000/70/R.5 on the Fund's current 35% drawdown policy. Noting that the Board needed to take a decision on this by its Seventy-Second Session in April 2001, it was agreed that management would hold further consultations and present appropriate proposals on the issue.

(e) Preview of the Programme of Work and Budget of IFAD for 2001

- 11. The Executive Board had a constructive and fruitful discussion on the Preview of the Programme of Work and Budget of IFAD for 2001 (document EB 2000/70/R.6). The comments made by Directors will be of great help in the preparation of the Programme of Work and Budget to be submitted to the Seventy-First Session of the Board. In particular, management noted the support expressed by various Directors for additional resources to implement the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002). As requested by Directors, the linkage between the overall Process Re-Engineering Programme and the Action Plan will be demonstrated in the final document.
- 12. Following upon suggestions, management will organize an informal seminar to brief Board Directors on the outcome and recommendations of the Process Re-Engineering Programme before the Seventy-First Session of the Executive Board in December 2000.

(f) Report of the Audit Committee

13. The Executive Board endorsed the Report of the Audit Committee (document EB 2000/70/R.7) presented by its Chairman and approved the External Auditor's fee for 2000 of ITL 167 million as recommended by the Committee.

D. Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD (Agenda Item 4)

14. The Executive Board noted the information regarding the Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD (document EB 2000/70/R.8 and Add.1/Rev.1). Some concern was expressed by Executive Board Directors of List A regarding the need for other countries urgently to make pledges of their contributions to the Fifth Replenishment. In this context, several list C contributing countries confirmed their Governments' intention to announce their pledges shortly.

E. Appointment of the President (Agenda Item 5)

15. The Executive Board, with the participation of the three List Convenors and Ms S. Toro of Finland as representative of the Chairperson of the Governing Council, had a frank exchange of views on the proposals presented in documents EB 2000/70/R.9 and EB 2000/70/R.27. Members of all Lists agreed on the importance of selecting the best candidate for the presidency. However, as regards procedures, members felt that further consultations were required and that, so far, no consensus had been reached on this matter.



F. Market-Based Project Cofinancing (Agenda Item 6)

16. The Board thanked the Secretariat for its presentation of an innovative mechanism on Market-Based Project Cofinancing (document EB 2000/70/R.10). However, Directors required additional information and time to study the proposal. It was therefore decided to hold an informal seminar to review a revised draft of the document before it is further considered by the Board at its Seventy-First Session and the Governing Council at its Twenty-Fourth Session.

G. Resources Available for Commitment (Agenda Item 7)

17. The Executive Board reviewed the information contained in document EB 2000/70/R.11 and noted that sufficient resources were available under IFAD's Regular Programme for commitment to all HIPC DI contributions and project proposals submitted for Executive Board consideration at the current Session.

H. IFAD's Participation in the Enhanced Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative (HIPC DI) (Agenda Item 8)

18. The Executive Board reviewed the report on the status of the HIPC DI and IFAD's participation, considered the proposals contained in document EB 2000/70/R.12, and, upon concluding its review of the proposed contributions to the reduction of the debt to IFAD for Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda within the framework of the HIPC DI, adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund, upon declaration at the completion points by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund that Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda have satisfied the conditions for their respective debt relief under the HIPC DI, shall reduce the value of the debt to IFAD for Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda, through forgiving their respective semi-annual debt service obligations to IFAD (principal and service charge/interest rate payments) as these fall due after their respective completion points, and up to the aggregate SDR net present values listed in Table 5 [of document EB 2000/70/R.12, as shown below]."

Table 5: Summary of Decisions Requested from the Executive Board

	Decisions Requested from the Executive Board					
	Bolivia	Burkina Faso	Mauritania	Mozambique	Tanzania, United Republic of	Uganda
Total outstanding debt service (SDR)	32 610 471	25 533 651	34 912 948	32 271 650	49 530 777	50 181 004
Net present value (NPV) of total outstanding debt service (SDR)	18 754 998	11 193 315	15 158 293	14 801 914	22 121 593	23 655 279
Total % of NPV of debt relief	35	26.4	50	72.1	54	54
Total amount of NPV debt relief required, including amounts approved earlier by the Executive Board (SDR)*	6 564 249	2 955 035	7 579 147	10 672 180	11 945 660	12 773 851
Policy framework	Enhanced HIPC DI – top-up of original	Original HIPC DI – completion point top-up	Enhanced HIPC DI	Enhanced HIPC DI – top-up of original	Enhanced HIPC DI	Enhanced HIPC DI – top-up of original

^{*} The corresponding nominal amounts of relief are indicatively provided in Table 2 of document EB 2000/70/R.12. Note 2 to that same table also refers.



I. Project Proposals for the Consideration of the Board (Agenda Item 9)

19. The Executive Board considered the following project/programme proposals:

(a) Latin America and the Caribbean

- (i) Bolivia: Management of Natural Resources in the Chaco and High Valley Regions Project
- 20. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2000/70/R.15 with its addendum and supplement and, upon concluding its review of the proposed loan to Bolivia, adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of Bolivia in various currencies in an amount equivalent to nine million two hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9 250 000) to mature on and prior to 15 May 2040 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."

- 21. The Executive Board Director for The Netherlands stated that he could not join the consensus approval of the proposed project proposal and, accordingly, abstained from the approval.
 - (ii) Venezuela: Agro-Productive-Chains Development Project in the Barlovento Region
- 22. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2000/70/R.16 and, upon concluding its review of the proposed loan to Venezuela, adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in various currencies in an amount equivalent to nine million seven hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9 750 000) to mature on and prior to 15 June 2015 and to bear an interest rate equal to the reference interest rate per annum as determined by the Fund annually, and to be upon such other terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."

(b) Near East and North Africa

- (i) Azerbaijan and Georgia: Rural Development Programme for Mountainous and Highland Areas
- 23. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2000/70/R.17 with its addendum and supplement and, upon concluding its review of the proposed loans to Azerbaijan and Georgia, adopted the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Azerbaijan Republic in various currencies in an amount equivalent to six million nine hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6 900 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2040 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."



"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to Georgia in various currencies in an amount equivalent to six million one hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6 100 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2040 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."

- (ii) Jordan: President's Memorandum: Expansion of the Project Area of the Income Diversification Project and Reallocation of Loan Proceeds (Loan No. 329-JO)
- 24. The Executive Board took note of the President's Memorandum on the Expansion of the Project Area of the Income Diversification Project and Reallocation of Loan Proceeds (Loan No. 329-JO) contained in document EB 2000/70/R.18, and approved the recommendations as follows:
 - "(a) the use of savings of SDR 880 000 under Category III (c) (credit for the processing of produce and for income-generating activities), of SDR 295 000 under Category V (staff and beneficiary training) and of SDR 610 000 under Category VI (incremental operating costs);
 - (b) the reallocation of SDR 1 785 000 to finance, through credit to small farmers and rural women, (i) purchases of small ruminants (SDR 1 425 000); (ii) crop-livestock integration activities (SDR 29 000); and (iii) dairy processing (SDR 236 000) and training and technical assistance activities (SDR 95 000); and
 - (c) expansion of project activities to the Jordan Valley area."
 - (iii) Sudan: South Kordofan Rural Development Programme
- 25. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2000/70/R.19 and the Assessment of Security Issues and Outreach to the Target Group contained in document EB 2000/70/INF.5 and, upon concluding its review of the proposed loan and grant to The Sudan, adopted the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of The Sudan in various currencies in an amount equivalent to thirteen million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 13 300 000) to mature on and prior to 1 May 2040 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.

RESOLVED FURTHER: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Republic of The Sudan in various currencies in an amount equivalent to one hundred and fifteen thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 115 000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."

26. The Executive Board Directors for Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom opposed the project proposal; the Executive Board Director for Japan stated that he could not join the consensus approval of the proposed proposal and, accordingly, abstained from the approval; and the Executive Board Director for the United States stated that the United States voted against the programme proposal.



- 27. In response to Directors' concerns regarding the security situation in The Sudan, it was agreed that the Fund would report back to the Executive Board at its Seventy-Third Session on the implementation status of the programme.
- 28. The loan for the South Kordofan Rural Development Programme in The Sudan was formulated and approved under the flexible lending mechanism.
 - (iv) The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Agricultural Financial Services Project
- 29. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2000/70/R.20 with its addendum and supplement and, upon concluding its review of the proposed loan to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in various currencies in an amount equivalent to six million two hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6 200 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2040 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President."

J. Planned Project Activities (Agenda Item 10)

30. The Executive Board reviewed the documents on Planned Project Activities 2000-2001 (EB 2000/70/R.21 and addenda) and took note of the information provided on projects in the pipeline.

K. Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council (Agenda Item 11)

31. The Executive Board considered the Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council, as contained in document EB 2000/70/R.22, and, with the deletion of the sentence reading "If subsequently agreed, document GC 24/L.4 may provide the Council with the Report of the Committee established to examine the candidates nominated for President of IFAD.", approved the Draft Provisional Agenda as contained in document EB 2000/70/R.22/Rev.1.

L. Other Business (Agenda Item 12)

(a) Emoluments of the President

32. The Executive Board reviewed the Report of the Emoluments Committee, as contained in document EB 2000/70/R.23, and decided to transmit the Report and the draft resolution therein to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council.

(b) Dates for the 2002 Sessions of the Executive Board

33. The Executive Board approved the dates for the 2002 Sessions of the Executive Board contained in document EB 2000/70/R.24, as follows:

Seventy-Fifth Session
Tuesday, 23, and Wednesday, 24 April 2002
Seventy-Sixth Session
Wednesday, 4, and Thursday, 5 September 2002
Seventy-Seventh Session
Wednesday, 11, and Thursday, 12 December 2002.



(c) Cooperation Agreement with the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID)

34. The Executive Board approved the recommendation to establish a Cooperation Agreement with the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), as set out in document EB 2000/70/R.25.

(d) Election of a Representative of the Governing Council to the IFAD Staff Pension Committee

- 35. The Executive Board considered the information contained in document EB 2000/70/R.26. In accordance with the decision taken at its Sixty-Fourth Session and in view of the departure from Rome of Ambassador Samir Masarweh of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Executive Board elected a representative of the Republic of India to serve as Member to represent the Governing Council on the IFAD Staff Pension Committee until 30 September 2001.
- 36. Subsequent to the Session, the Secretariat was notified that Ms Neela Gangadharan, Minister (Agriculture) at the Embassy of the Republic of India, had been designated as the member of the Committee.

(e) Approval of Disclosure of Documents

37. The Executive Board approved the disclosure of the documents that had been approved at the present Session, with the exception of the document approved during its Closed Session deliberations, and noted that the documents would be subsequently posted on IFAD's public website.



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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS PLACED BEFORE THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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EB 2000/70/R.1/Add.1	2	Schedule of Work for the Session
EB 2000/70/R.2 + Add.1	3(a)	Status of Contributions to the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
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EB 2000/70/R.16	9(a)(ii)	Venezuela: Agro-Productive-Chains Development Project in the Barlovento Region
EB 2000/70/R.17 + Add.1 + Sup.1	9(b)(i)	Azerbaijan and Georgia: Rural Development Programme for Mountainous and Highland Areas
EB 2000/70/R.18	9(b)(ii)	Jordan: President's Memorandum: Expansion of the Project Area of the Income Diversification Project and Reallocation of Loan Proceeds (Loan No. 329-JO)



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EB 2000/70/R.19	9(b)(iii)	Sudan: South Kordofan Rural Development Programme
EB 2000/70/R.20 + Add.1 + Sup.1	9(b)(iv)	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Agricultural Financial Services Project
EB 2000/70/R.21 + Add.1 + Add.2	10	Planned Project Activities 2000-2001
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EB 2000/70/INF.6/Rev.1		List of Participants at the Seventieth Session of the Executive Board
EB 2000/70/C.R.P.1		Civil Proceedings in the English Courts

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