



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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**PROVISION OF ADVANCE FINANCING TO THE GLOBAL MECHANISM OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION**

1. The Executive Board, at its Sixty-Sixth Session in April 1999, approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the IFAD and the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) on the housing within IFAD of the Global Mechanism of that Convention. The COP approved the Memorandum of Understanding at its Third Session in Recife, Brazil, in November 1999.
2. At the same session, the COP approved the budget for the Core Budget Administrative Account of the Global Mechanism for the biennium 2000 and 2001 with amounts of USD 1.30 million and 1.35 million respectively. The COP will approve the budget for the biennium 2002 and 2003 at its Fifth Session, to be held in 2001, and it will approve subsequent biennial budgets at its regular sessions.
3. The CCD Secretariat transfers the approved budgeted amount to IFAD as the Parties to the Convention pay their respective assessed contributions. However, the CCD Secretariat is experiencing late payments of assessed contributions by some Parties to the Convention and is therefore not always in the position to transfer funds to IFAD before the Global Mechanism has initiated commitments against that budget. As soon as the CCD Secretariat receives funds from the Parties, it transfers funds to IFAD as per the decision of the COP.

Recommendation

4. The Executive Board is invited to approve that the President of IFAD may advance, from IFAD's own resources, to the Global Mechanism amounts necessary for its proper operations but not exceeding the annual budget that the Conference of the Parties has approved for the Global Mechanism, on the condition that the Fund shall recover such amounts upon receipt of funds from the CCD Secretariat.