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 ${\bf Executive\ Board-Seventy-Third\ Session}$ 

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION

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## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Seventy-Third Session of the Executive Board was held in Rome on 12 September 2001. A list of participants is attached as Annex I.
- 2. The Executive Board had before it the documents listed in Annex II.

## II. OPENING OF THE SESSION

3. The President of IFAD, Mr Lennart Båge, opened the Seventy-Third Session of the Executive Board in his capacity as chairperson, and invited Directors to observe one minute of silence as a token of the Board's solidarity with the people of the United States of America after the tragic events of Tuesday, 11 September 2001.

#### III. DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

## A. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 2)

4. In view of these events, the Executive Board agreed to focus on agenda items presented in the Provisional Agenda (document EB 2001/73/R.1) that required a decision, thereby allowing time to resume the Seminar on IFAD's Investment Policy adjourned the previous day. At this Seminar participants considered the report of the group of experts who reviewed IFAD's investment policy between May and July 2001, together with management's comments thereon. Accordingly, the Board adopted the Agenda contained in document EB 2001/73/R.1/Rev.1. The Agenda is attached as Annex III.

## B. Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (Agenda Item 3)

#### (a) Report on the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

5. The Executive Board welcomed the news of the effectiveness on 7 September 2001 of the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2001/73/R.2). The Board noted that since that date the Fund had also received the instrument of contribution of India, and approved that the votes created under the Fifth Replenishment be incorporated in Resolution 119/XXIV.

### (b) Status of Contributions to the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

6. The report on the Status of Contributions to the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2001/73/R.3) indicated that, as of 7 September 2001, 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 234.6 million, representing 53.8% of the total pledges of USD 435.7 million equivalent.

## C. Financial Matters (Agenda Item 4)

### (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 2001/73/R.4 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 414.2 million, or about 98.7% of total pledges of USD 419.6 million equivalent.

## (b) Report on IFAD's Investment Portfolio for the Second Quarter of 2001

8. The Executive Board noted the Report on IFAD's Investment Portfolio for the Second Quarter of 2001 (document EB 2001/73/R.5) and the oral update given by the Vice-President.

### (c) Resources Available for Commitment

9. The Executive Board noted the information in document EB 2001/73/INF.3 prepared in response to its request at the Seventy-Second Session of the Board for additional details regarding the Advance Commitment Authority (ACA). The Executive Board also reviewed the Resources Available for Commitment (document EB 2001/73/R.7 and addendum) and approved the use of the ACA for an amount of up to USD 100.1 million. Directors were assured that any further requests for the use of the ACA would be accompanied by an analysis of expected reflows, contribution payments and investment returns for the period in question. In addition, a report on the use of the ACA, approved at the Session, would be provided to the Seventy-Fourth Session of the Board.

## (d) Status Report on Principal and Interest Payments

10. The Executive Board reviewed the Status Report on Principal and Interest Payments (document EB 2001/73/R.8 and addendum) and noted that arrears had improved slightly. Directors were assured that the Fund would continue to actively pursue each case of arrears.

## (e) Preview of the Programme of Work and Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2002

11. The Executive Board Directors agreed to forego discussion on the Preview of the Programme of Work and Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2002 (document EB 2001/73/R.9) and to submit instead written comments to the Secretariat by 26 September 2001 at the latest.

### (f) **Report of the Audit Committee**

12. The Executive Board endorsed the report on the seventy-fourth meeting of the Audit Committee (document EB 2001/73/R.10) presented by its chairperson and approved the reappointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the external auditor for the 2001 audit, for a total fee of ITL 167 million.

## D. Project/Programme Proposals for the Consideration of the Executive Board (Agenda Item 5)

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

#### (a) Africa I

- (i) Mauritania: Poverty Reduction Project in Aftout South and Karakoro
- 14. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.13 with its addendum and supplement and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in various currencies in an amount equivalent to eight million and eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 8 800 000) to mature on and prior to 1 May 2041 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) Nigeria: Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme
- 15. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.14 with its addendum and supplement and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in various currencies in an amount equivalent to twenty three million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 23 800 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2041 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."

#### (b) Africa II

- (i) Malawi: Rural Livelihoods Support Programme
- 16. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.15 with its addendum and supplement and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of Malawi in various currencies in an amount equivalent to ten million seven hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 10 700 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2041 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."

- 17. The loan for the Rural Livelihoods Support Programme in Malawi was formulated and approved under the flexible lending mechanism.
  - (ii) Mozambique: Sofala Bank Artisanal Fisheries Project
- 18. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.16 with its addendum and supplement and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of Mozambique in various currencies in an amount equivalent to fourteen million Special Drawing Rights (SDR 14 000 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2041 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."

- (i) Mozambique:President's Memorandum: Family-Sector Livestock Development Programme (FSLDP) (Loan 432-MZ) - Proposal to Pass IFAD Loan Funds through the Common Flow of Funds Mechanism of the Agricultural Sector Investment Programme (PROAGRI)
- The Executive Board considered the proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.17 and agreed to authorize the President to: (i) channel a part of the available balance of the resources under the FSLDP loan through the PROAGRI common flow of funds mechanism; (ii) conclude and sign the PROAGRI memorandum of understanding on behalf of IFAD; and (iii) amend the FSLDP loan agreement to reflect the changed disbursement and procurement procedures and likely broadening of activities financed.

#### (c) Asia and the Pacific

- Bangladesh: Sunamganj Community-Based Resource Management Project (i)
- The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.19 and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the People's Republic of Bangladesh in various currencies in an amount equivalent to seventeen million five hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 17 550 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2041 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."

- The loan for the Sunamganj Community-Based Resource Management Project in Bangladesh was formulated and approved under the flexible lending mechanism.
  - (ii) India: Livelihood Security Project for Earthquake-Affected Rural Households in Gujarat
- The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.20 with its addendum and supplement and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of India in various currencies in an amount equivalent to eleven million six hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 11 650 000) to mature on and prior to 1 September 2041 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."

## (d) Near East and North Africa

Lebanon: Cooperative Rural Finance Programme

23. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.21 (later revised to EB 2001/73/R.21/Rev.1) and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Lebanese Republic in various currencies in an amount equivalent to ten million two hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 10 250 000) to mature on and prior to 1 December 2019 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."

24. The loan for the Cooperative Rural Finance Programme in Lebanon was formulated and approved under the flexible lending mechanism.

### E. Grant Proposals for the Consideration of the Executive Board (Agenda Item 6)

- 25. The Executive Board considered the following grant proposals:
  - (a) Technical Assistance Grant to the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty for Strengthening the Capacity of the Rural Poor to Gain and Sustain Access to Productive Assets
- 26. The Executive Board considered the grant proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.22 concerning the financing, in part, to the Popular Coalition and approved the grant by adopting the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance technical assistance for Strengthening the Capacity of the Rural Poor to Gain and Sustain Access to Productive Assets, commencing in October 2001 and continuing through 31 December 2002, shall make a grant not exceeding five hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 500 000) to the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty 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."

## (b) Technical Assistance Grants for Agricultural Research and Training by CGIAR-Supported International Centres

27. The Executive Board considered the grant proposals contained in document EB 2001/73/R.23 concerning the financing, in part, to the two centres listed below and approved the grants by adopting the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Programme to Foster Wider Adoption of Low-Cost Durum Technologies, shall make a grant not exceeding one million one hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 1 100 000) to the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Programme for Enhancing the Diffusion of New Tsetse Control Technologies for Improved Livestock Health and Productivity in Smallholder Indigenous Communities of Sub-Saharan Africa, shall make a grant not exceeding one million two hundred and fifty eight thousand United States dollars (USD 1 258 000) to the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) 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."

## (c) Technical Assistance Grant for Agricultural Research and Training by a Non-CGIAR-Supported International Centre

28. The Executive Board considered the grant proposal contained in document EB 2001/73/R.24 and approved the grant by adopting the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Programme to Promote the Sustainable Use of and Trade in Natural Products Through the Southern African Natural Products Trade Association (SANProTA) shall make a grant not exceeding one million United States dollars (USD 1 000 000) to the Southern Alliance for Indigenous Resources (SAFIRE) 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."

- (d) Technical Assistance Grant to the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the Western and Central African Hub for Rural Development and Food Security A Tool for Rural Poverty Alleviation
- 29. The Executive Board considered the information contained in document EB 2001/73/R.25 and corrigendum and approved the grant by adopting the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Western and Central African Rural Development Hub – A Tool to Improve Food Security and Rural Poverty Alleviation, for three years, shall make a grant not exceeding one million two hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 1 200 000) to the United Nations Office for Project Services 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."

## F. Planned Project Activities (Agenda Item 7)

30. The Executive Board reviewed the document on Planned Project Activities 2001-2002 (EB 2001/73/R.26 and addenda).

## G. Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council (Agenda Item 8)

31. The Executive Board approved the Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council as contained in document EB 2001/73/R.27. Directors welcomed the proposal to change the format of next year's Council Session and accepted the invitation to submit comments and suggestions. It was noted that the Secretariat would report in greater detail on the format of the Council at the Seventy-Fourth Session, at which time a revised agenda would be submitted.

## H. Other Business (Agenda Item 9)

## (a) Dates for the 2003 Sessions of the Executive Board

32. The Executive Board approved the dates for the 2003 Sessions of the Executive Board contained in document EB 2001/73/R.29, as follows:

Seventy-Eighth Session Wednesday, 16 and Thursday, 17 April 2003
Seventy-Ninth Session Wednesday, 10 and Thursday, 11 September 2003
Eightieth Session Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 December 2003

## (b) Cooperation Arrangements with the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

33. The Executive Board approved the recommendation to establish cooperation arrangements with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as set out in document EB 2001/73/R.30. In doing so, the Board authorized the extension of IFAD's disclosure policy in order to permit documents submitted by IFAD to GEF to be fully disclosed, as is provided for by the GEF disclosure policy.

## (c) Cooperation Agreement with the Secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

34. The Executive Board approved the recommendation to establish a cooperation agreement with the Secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), as set out in document EB 2001/73/R.31.

### (d) Follow-Up to the Rural Poverty Report 2001

35. The Executive Board took note of the oral report on the follow-up to the *Rural Poverty Report* 2001. A more detailed presentation will be provided to the Board at its Seventy-Fourth Session.

#### (e) Approval of Disclosure of Documents

36. The Executive Board approved the disclosure of the documents that had been approved at the Seventy-Third Session, and noted that the documents would subsequently be posted on IFAD's public website.

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  - (e) Approval of Disclosure of Documents