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**COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FORMER FAO
AND OTHER UN STAFF ASSOCIATION**

1. The Executive Board is invited to note that IFAD intends to establish a Cooperation Agreement with the Former FAO and Other United Nations Staff Association (FFOA). The FFOA provides a valuable service to retired staff of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), IFAD and the World Food Programme (WFP) and a Cooperation Agreement between FFOA and IFAD would both recognize the FFOA and facilitate full, proper and legal cooperation between the two entities.
2. In accordance with Article 8, Section 2, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the Executive Board is requested to authorize the President to negotiate and finalize a Cooperation Agreement between IFAD and FFOA. The text of the Cooperation Agreement to be negotiated and concluded will be submitted to the Executive Board for its information at a subsequent session.
3. Relevant background information on FFOA is attached in the Annex.



FORMER FAO AND OTHER UN STAFF ASSOCIATION (FFOA)

Activities. FFOA is non-profit organization set up to represent retired staff of FAO, IFAD and WFP. Italian-based former staff members from any other organization within the United Nations family may also join, provided they have worked at least five years within the system. FFOA was founded to represent retired staff on matters of interest to them in relation to their former organization, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the Italian Government or any other entity taking decisions that affect retirees. FFOA is particularly concerned about pension matters and the health insurance scheme, two issues of continuing importance to retirees.

Aims. The aims of FFOA are, among others, to:

- serve as a forum for exchanges of information;
- provide assistance to its members;
- organize social events to bring together former colleagues; and
- promote and support the objectives and activities of the Association.

Executive Bodies. The Annual General Assembly of the full membership is the supreme governing body. An 11-member Executive Committee, elected every four years, handles the day-to-day business, mainly through a network of sub-committees.

Establishment. Founded in 1971 by a group of FAO pensioners and would-be pensioners as a non-profit organization, FFOA is a founding member of the Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS) that was established in 1972. FAFICS has a seat as a non-voting representative on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

Present Membership. FFOA has about 2 000 members comprising more than 70 different nationalities. Many of its members live in and around Rome.

Secretariat Headquarters. FFOA is recognized by FAO, and is provided both with a small office in FAO and logistic support. The office is open on Mondays to Fridays, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.