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Executive Board – Eighty-Second Session

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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH
SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

1. Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council provides that the President shall prepare, with the approval of the Executive Board, a provisional agenda for each session of the Governing Council. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council.
2. The Executive Board is also invited to note that the Governing Council will receive, together with the attached provisional agenda, a programme of events for the Council, which will include a panel discussion and round-table discussions.

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12. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
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15. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
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ANNOTATIONS

1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 February and Thursday, 17 February 2005 at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J. F. Kennedy, Rome (EUR). The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 16 February 2005.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The Provisional Agenda, prepared by the President and approved by the Executive Board in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, is contained in the present document (GC 28/L.1).

3. **Application for Non-Original Membership**

The Executive Board considered the application for Membership of IFAD by the Republic of Kiribati. The recommendation of the Board in this regard, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented in document GC 28/L.2.

4. **Statement of the President of IFAD**

President Lennart Båge will make a statement to the Governing Council.

5. **General Statements**

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item, taking into consideration the theme of the panel discussion this year, and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

6. **Appointment of the President of IFAD**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 8(a), of the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* and Section 6.2 of the *By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD*, the Governing Council will be invited to consider the appointment of the President of IFAD. In this respect, document GC 28/L.3 will provide the Council with the nominations received by the Secretary of IFAD for the presidency of IFAD and the curricula vitae of candidates.

7. **Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Document GC 28/L.4 will provide a report on the status of the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

8. **Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Article 4.3 of the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* provides for the periodic review by the Governing Council of the adequacy of IFAD's resources in order to assure continuity in the Fund's operations. Document GC 28/L.5 will be presented to the Council to facilitate its consideration of the Fund's future resource requirements.

9. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2003**

In accordance with Regulation XII of the *Financial Regulations of IFAD* and Section 9 of the *By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD*, the Governing Council will be invited to consider document GC 28/L.6, which will contain the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 2003 and the

report of the external auditor. The Eighty-First Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2004 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.

10. Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005

The Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 28/L.7, together with a draft resolution thereon.

11. Special Expenditure for IFAD's New Headquarters

A special expenditure required for the new IFAD headquarters building, which was considered by the Executive Board and recommended for approval, will be presented in document GC 28/L.8, together with a draft resolution thereon.

12. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System

Document GC 28/L.9 will provide the Council, for its information, a second progress report on the implementation of the performance-based allocation system for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

13. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)

At its Twenty-Third Session, the Governing Council adopted Resolution 116/XXIII approving a Process Re-Engineering Programme for a five-year period during the financial years 2000-2005. Document GC 28/L.10 will present the annual progress report on the programme (now the Strategic Change Programme).

14. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition

Document GC 28/L.11 will provide a report on the lessons learned by the International Land Coalition on ways and means to improve access by the poor to productive resources, in the countries and regions where the coalition is currently operational.

15. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

The Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council of IFAD approved the selection of IFAD to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 28/L.12 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2004.

16. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

The IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents contains a provision that the disclosure of documents for any particular session is the prerogative of the governing body concerned. Accordingly, the Governing Council will be requested to approve that the documents submitted to its Twenty-Eighth Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.

