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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT
FÜR TECHNISCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GTZ) GMBH**

1. At its Eighty-Second Session in September 2004, the Executive Board authorized the President to negotiate and finalize a memorandum of understanding between the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH (the German Agency for Technical Cooperation) and IFAD, and requested that the text of the said memorandum, as negotiated and concluded, be submitted to it for information at a subsequent session.
2. In accordance with the Board's request, a conformed copy of the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding, which was signed on 14 September 2004, is attached.

CONFORMED COPY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

and the

DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR TECHNISCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT

Dated 14 September 2004

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the International Fund for Agricultural Development, a United Nations specialized agency, having its headquarters in Rome, Italy (hereinafter referred to as “IFAD”), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development, owned by and working chiefly under commissions from the German Federal Government, and having its Headquarters in Eschborn, Germany (hereinafter referred to as “GTZ”). (IFAD and GTZ shall be referred to collectively as the “Parties”).

WITNESSETH:

That the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding,

Conscious of the increasing scarcity of resources being devoted to international development;

Aware that it is more than ever urgent for organisations and agencies involved in international development to collaborate in order to maximize the impact of their assistance to developing countries; and

Wishing to increase their collaboration and to formalize the framework of such collaboration;

Have agreed to the following:

Article 1 – Purpose and Areas of Collaboration

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be to provide a framework for and to facilitate expanded cooperation between the Parties in the following areas:

1. Exchange of information on topics of common interest, such as:
 - (a) Focal areas of work; strategic thrusts; policy approaches; operational priorities; internal institutional changes and developments, and other matters of common interest which are likely to be of relevance to collaboration.
 - (b) Regional and country level priority areas, strategies and operations; planned activities.
 - (c) Instruments and methods of common interest, such as planning and impact measurement tools, knowledge management systems, etc.
2. Joint activities, such as:
 - (a) Joint country portfolio, project and programme development with the aim of improved co-ordination, complementarities and impact enhancement.
 - (b) Joint country portfolio, project or programme evaluation and review missions.
 - (c) Conferences, seminars, workshops and other fora for exchange, networking, partnership building and joint advocacy work for rural poverty alleviation efforts.
3. Explore opportunities, and support mobilisation of resources, to jointly support rural poverty alleviation efforts in the developing countries that are mutual Member States/Partners of IFAD and GTZ.

Article 2 – Modalities, Focal Points, Correspondence

1. The Parties shall meet in regular intervals, at least on an annual basis, to exchange information on regional and country portfolios and pipelines, and other themes of common interest, which may be of relevance for an improved collaboration.
2. Each Party shall carry and be responsible for its own costs of enhanced consultation and collaboration under this Memorandum or Understanding. If cost sharing or the contribution of resources to joint activities between the Parties is required, separate agreements may be required to specify terms and conditions of resource provision and use.
3. Each Party shall designate a focal point, acting as a channel of communication and follow-up, for each area of collaboration, if and when required.
4. For the purpose of correspondence, respective addresses are as follows:

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Article 3 – Term

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force upon its signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect for five (5) years. It may be modified, terminated and extended at the request of either Party by mutual agreement.

The Parties hereto, acting through their duly authorised representatives, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at IFAD Headquarters in Rome, Italy on 14 September 2004.

International Fund for
Agricultural Development

Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH

Signed by: (Lennart Båge)
Lennart Båge
President

Signed by: (Peter Conze)
for: Wolfgang Schmitt
Managing Director

