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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON A PROPOSED

GRANT UNDER THE GLOBAL/REGIONAL GRANTS WINDOW

TO THE

INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION

FOR

**PHASE II OF THE PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURE ACCESS OF THE
RURAL POOR TO LAND AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES**

I. BACKGROUND

1. In September 2004, the Executive Board considered document EB 2004/82/R.21, which set forth a 2005-06 programme of work for the International Land Coalition. The Board approved a first-phase grant of USD 900 000 out of a total cost of USD 1 865 000 to support both phases of the 2005-06 programme. The report and recommendation of the President set forth a multi-year rationale, relevance, expected outputs and benefits and implementation arrangements for the programme.
2. In approving the phased programme with a total cost of USD 1 865 000, the Board was informed that a second-phase grant for USD 965 000 would be submitted for consideration in 2005, for a total programme cost of USD 1 865 000. As noted in the abovementioned document, the Board's approval would be based on a satisfactory review of progress (see paragraph below).
3. The present document contains, for the Board's consideration, a request for authorization of the second tranche in order to meet the requirements of the two-year programme's second phase.

II. RATIONALE AND RELEVANCE TO IFAD

4. Further to the rationale provided previously, IFAD and the Land Coalition have embarked upon an increasingly active series of country-level, regional and global activities, having established a clear understanding that paved the way for planning of joint activities with particular attention to the role of the Land Coalition in enhancing IFAD programmes in the Coalition's areas of expertise. To this end, IFAD staff from various divisions will take an active part in the Second Assembly of Members of the Land Coalition, which will convene in Bolivia in March 2005.

5. The programme and its expected outputs and benefits are as previously presented in the two-year programme. Pursuant to the submission of a satisfactory report to the Governing Council in February 2005 (document GC 28/L.11), it is requested that the Board approve the balance of the original envelope from the 2005 programme of work and budget.

III. INDICATIVE PROGRAMME COSTS AND FINANCING

6. The total financing for the two-year programme remains as previously set forth in document EB 2004/82/R.21:

Item	Year 1 USD	Year 2 USD	Total USD
Governing body and other meetings	70 000	70 000	140 000
Staff costs	700 000	750 000	1 450 000
Operational costs ¹	130 000	145 000	275 000
Total IFAD contribution	900 000	965 000	1 865 000

¹ These include costs for publications, duty travel, media activities, etc.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The Executive Board is requested to approve the proposed technical assistance grant in terms of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance the second phase of the Programme to Strengthen the Secure Access by the Rural Poor to Land and Related Support Services for the second of two years ending in December 2006, shall make a grant not exceeding nine hundred and sixty-five thousand United States dollars (USD 965 000) to the International Land Coalition upon such terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.