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REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE SEVENTH REPLENISHMENT OF IFAD'S RESOURCES

1. The Consultation on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD VII) was officially opened with an organizational session on 18 February 2005. Participating members included representatives of Lists A and B as well as 15 countries from List C:

- List C1: Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Mozambique and the Sudan
- List C2: Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea
- List C3: Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico and Panama

In addition, representatives of Mali, Morocco, Peru, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania attended the meeting as observers.

2. The session began with a short introduction that highlighted the importance of completing the work of the Consultation within the proposed time frame in order that the recommendations of the Consultation may be reported to the Governing Council in 2006. Given that the Sixth Replenishment period will end on 31 December 2006, effectiveness of the Seventh Replenishment by 2007 would allow continuity and consistency with the established three-year cycle.

3. The meeting decided on the following dates for the next four sessions of the Consultation.

- Second Session: 21-22 April 2005
- Third Session: 6-7 July 2005
- Fourth Session: 2-3 October 2005
- Fifth Session: 12-13 December 2005

(Subsequent to the organizational session, the Secretariat confirmed that the dates of the Fourth Session of the Consultation do not conflict with those of other relevant international meetings.)

4. Based on the experience of other international financial institutions, and in recognition of the historical and leadership role of member countries of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries at IFAD, the meeting noted with appreciation that the Government of Qatar had expressed interest in hosting the Fourth Session of the Consultation at Doha. Following a number of comments from members, the Consultation authorized the Secretariat to pursue discussions with the Government of Qatar in this regard.

5. The Consultation reviewed the indicative workplan and list of basic documents for discussion at subsequent sessions, as follows:

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| Second Session (April 2005): | Presentation of the IFAD Way Forward and resource requirements, building on the results of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) |
| Third Session (July 2005): | First draft of the Report of the Consultation
Financial scenarios and resource requirements for the Seventh Replenishment |
| Fourth Session (October 2005): | Discussion on the draft of the Report of the Consultation |
| Fifth Session (November 2005): | Finalization of the Report of the Consultation and agreement on resource requirements and burden-sharing |

At the April session, Management would present a document on the Way Forward including a proposed level of the programme of work and corresponding resource requirements. The document would build on issues raised by the IEE and the Governing Council and others arising from IFAD experience. A financial scenario would also be presented along with the Way Forward document.

6. Issues for consideration would be identified at the April session, and the agendas of subsequent sessions would be finalized thereafter.

7. The Consultation agreed that the communication channel, which had been established with Convenors and Friends, would be used to seek informal feedback from the Consultation and to prepare for each session as of April 2005. It was also agreed that the Secretariat would ensure that Members receive documents in a timely manner.

8. The Consultation agreed on the public disclosure of documents approved at the session. In closing, Consultation members and observers were thanked for their demonstrated commitment to the successful completion of the Consultation.