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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Executive Board – Eighty-Fifth Session

Rome, 6-8 September 2005

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Information for Executive Board Directors

LOCATION

1. The Eighty-Fifth Session of the Executive Board will be held from Tuesday, 6 September to Thursday, 8 September 2005, at the Fund's headquarters, located at Via del Serafico 107 (EUR), Rome. The switchboard telephone number is (+39) 06-54591.

HOTEL BOOKINGS

2. Executive Board Directors wishing to obtain hotel bookings may forward their requests to IFAD's Member Relations office by facsimile to number (+39) 06-504-3463 or by e-mail to p.deleva@ifad.org. Directors are reminded to request bookings well in advance and indicate any preferences for a specific hotel, location, single/double accommodations, etc.

REGISTRATION AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

3. Directors are kindly requested to register immediately upon arrival at the reception desk (located in the B-1 lobby) where they will be issued a security badge. Security staff have been instructed to allow entry to the Executive Board Room only to persons wearing a security badge.

MEETING ROOMS AND HOURS

4. The meetings of the Executive Board will take place in the Executive Board Room (second floor). It is expected that these meetings will be held between 09.30 and 13.00 hours and between 14.30 and 18.00 hours, except on the opening day of the session, Tuesday, 6 September 2005, when the meeting will start at 10.00 hours.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

5. A provisional list of participants will be issued on Wednesday, 7 September 2005. Directors are requested to notify the Documents Desk of any amendments they wish to make to the list.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

6. The schedule of work will be tabled on the first morning of the session.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

7. The Documents Desk is located near the entrance to the Executive Board Room. Directors may collect the documents they need immediately after registration.

POST OFFICE

8. IFAD does not have a post office on its premises. For assistance, please contact the Documents Desk.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

9. Personal correspondence addressed to Directors will be distributed either by the conference room messenger or the registration assistant. Correspondence should be clearly marked "Executive Board Director" and addressed: International Fund for Agricultural Development, Via del Serafico 107, 00142 Rome, Italy; facsimile (+39) 06-504-3463. The e-mail address is: IFAD@ifad.org.

TELEPHONES

10. Directors are kindly requested to arrange to receive telephone calls on the following numbers: (+39) 06-5459-2285/06-5459-2275. The public telephone in the Executive Board lounge operates with coins.

11. Delegates are kindly requested to turn off the sound on portable telephones before entering the Executive Board Room.

BANK

12. A branch office of Banca Intesa is located in room B-203. It is open for business Monday through Friday from 8.35 to 13.50 hours and from 15.00 to 16.30 hours.

DISBURSEMENTS

13. A disbursement officer will be available at the reception desk (in the B-1 lobby) from 8.30 to 9.45 hours on Tuesday, 6 September 2005. Directors are kindly requested to submit their air ticket upon arrival to the disbursement officer for purposes of reimbursement. Air ticket reimbursements and per diem payments will be ready for collection at the bank on Wednesday, 7 September 2005.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

14. Assistance with travel arrangements may be obtained from the Summertime travel office located in room 815 of the IFAD 2 building, Via del Serafico 200. The office is open for business Monday through Friday from 9.00 to 12.30 hours and from 14.00 to 17.00 hours. The telephone number is (+39) 06-5459-2380; when calling from an internal telephone at IFAD, it is only necessary to dial 2380.

MEDICAL SERVICES

15. The IFAD nurse will be on the premises during the session. In addition, arrangements have been made with FAO to provide other medical services if required. Such services should be requested through the IFAD nurse.

TAXIS

16. Taxis may be requested at the Documents Desk. It should be noted that, if a taxi is called but not used, the taxi driver will be entitled to a fare to be borne by the person requesting the service.

SNACK BAR

17. A snack bar is located in the Directors' Lounge near the Executive Board Room. In addition to coffee and light beverages, sandwiches and pastries will be available.

BUFFET LUNCHEON

18. On the days of the session, Executive Board Directors are invited to a buffet luncheon hosted by the President in the Executive Dining Room located on the first floor near the B-3 entrance.

19. The buffet will open with the adjournment of each morning meeting, normally not before 13.00 hours.