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Note to Executive Board Directors

This document is submitted for approval by the Executive Board.

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1. Since the sixty-sixth session (June 1975) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Council, a schedule of governing bodies' sessions for the following biennium has been submitted for review and approval at each session of the Council. In an endeavour to harmonize the sessions of their respective governing bodies requiring the participation of permanent representatives in Rome, the Secretariats of FAO, IFAD and the World Food Programme (WFP) prepare a joint calendar of their main sessions.
2. Given that the FAO reform process currently under discussion includes the timing of that organization's governing bodies sessions, FAO was not in a position to present a calendar of meetings for 2010.
3. In light of the foregoing, and based on past practice at IFAD, the following dates are proposed for the Executive Board sessions to be held in 2010:
 - Ninety-ninth Session Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 April 2010
 - 100th Session Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 September 2010
 - 101st Session Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 December 2010
4. An updated version of this document including the final calendar for all three Rome-based agencies will be prepared for the April session of the Executive Board.
Recommendation for approval
5. The Executive Board is requested to approve the dates for its sessions in 2010 as proposed above.

Provisional calendar of meetings of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing and other bodies, 2009-2010

		2009*		2010*	
January					
February	WFP	9-13		IFAD/GC	15-19
	ECOSOC 1	10-13			
	IFAD/GC	16-20			
	84 CCLM	23-25			
March	28 COFI	2-6			
	19 COFO	16-20			
April	Easter	12		Easter	4
	67 CCP	20-22			
	21 COAG	22-25		IFAD/EB	12-16
	IFAD/EB	27-30			
May	124 FC	11-15			
	101 PC	11-15			
June	WFP	8-12			
	136 CL	15-19			
	32 CODEX	29/06-4/07 (Rome)			
July	85 CCLM	13-15			
	125 FC	27-31			
	102 PC	27-31			
	ECOSOC 2	6-31			
August	Ramadan	22		Ramadan	11
September	IFAD/EB	7-11		Eid Al-Fitr	9
	UNGA	15		IFAD/EB	13-17
	Eid Al-Fitr	21			
	86 CCLM	23-25			
	137 CL	28/09-2/10			
October	WFD	16 (Friday)		WFD	16
	XIII WFC	18-25			
November	WFP	9-13		Eid Al-Adha	17
	36 C	14-21			
	138 CL	23			
	Eid Al-Adha	28			
December	IFAD/EB	14-18		IFAD/EB	13-17
APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific		ERC	Regional Conference for Europe	
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa		FC	Finance Committee	
C	Conference		IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board	
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters		IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council	
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems		LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean	
CFS	Committee on World Food Security				
CL	Council		NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East	
COAG	Committee on Agriculture		PC	Programme Committee	
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission		UNGA	United Nations General Assembly (Opening)	
			WFC	World Forestry Congress	
COFI	Committee on Fisheries		WFD	World Food Day	
COFO	Committee on Forestry		WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board	
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)				

* Dates of FAO meetings in 2009/2010 to be approved. An updated version of this attachment will be prepared for the April 2009 session of the Executive Board.

