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Enabling poor rural people
to overcome poverty

Minutes of the ninety-eighth session of the Executive Board

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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve amendments to the minutes of its ninety-eighth session, as shown in the present document, and to adopt the revised minutes.

Minutes of the ninety-eighth session of the Executive Board

The representative of Germany has requested that the minutes of the ninety-eighth session of the Executive Board (document EB/98) be amended as shown below. For ease of reference, all revisions have been marked.

C. Evaluation (agenda item 5)

(b) Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI)

10. The Executive Board reviewed the Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations evaluated in 2008 (EB 2009/98/R.7) together with Management's response thereto (EB 2009/98/R.7/Add.1). Having reviewed the information contained in document R.7 and its addendum, the Executive Board endorsed the four recommendations contained in paragraph 183 of the document.
11. The fourth recommendation concerns the allocation of administrative resources to fragile states and other countries. It also raises the possibility of increasing the resources allocated to fragile states. Management undertook to consider this recommendation in the context of future staffing plans, the reconfiguration of IFAD and ongoing improvements in design and supervision processes.
12. There was general consensus that it was important for the Office of Evaluation (OE) to evaluate the integration of lessons learned into project design and implementation; however, this was not a quality-at-entry process and overlap in duties should be avoided. Therefore, quality-at-entry reviews should continue to be carried out at arm's length by the Office of the President and Vice-President, with ex-post assessments conducted by OE.
13. On government performance, it was recognized that ~~while~~ IFAD might not be well positioned to exert a significant influence on ~~governments, governance.~~ However, IFAD could recall the obligations voluntarily undertaken by countries as stated in the Maputo Declaration and advocate their implementation. ~~†~~The Fund could also leverage its partnerships with other international institutions to advocate for their involvement in capacity-building.
14. Underlining the importance of a full and detailed consideration of the ARRI, the Executive Board requested the Evaluation Committee to consider how to maximize discussion of this document.