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Recommendation for approval

The Evaluation Committee is invited to approve amendments to the draft minutes of its eighty-sixth session, as shown in the present document, and to adopt the revised minutes.

Revision to the minutes of the eighty-sixth session of the Evaluation Committee

The representative for France has requested that paragraphs 25, 28 and 32 of the draft minutes of the eighty-sixth session of the Evaluation Committee (document EC/86), under items 4 and 5 Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) and Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) and under item 6 Country programme evaluation for the People's Republic of China, be amended. Consultations were held with Management and the revised paragraphs are shown below. For ease of reference, insertions are shown in boldface and deletions in strikethrough.

- "25. In response to queries regarding the translation of documentation presented to the Evaluation Committee, members were reminded of the word limits approved by the Executive Board as a cost-efficiency measure to achieve the IFAD9 target reduction in the cluster 4 budget. Members observed that authors should avoid treating **as** appendices ~~as~~ part of the main body of documents and requested that this principle be applied with greater consistency throughout all documentation. Mindful of the need to ensure provision of all necessary information in the official languages of the Fund, the Secretariat would work with document originators to this end."
- "28. It was ~~noted that~~ **asked whether** the **exceptionally** positive results were **mainly** attributable to ~~both IFAD and~~ **or to** the Government of China, **as part of the latter's general action in the field of reducing rural poverty.** ~~the former for the efforts in project design and the early establishment of a country office in China, and the latter for its focus on project implementation and achievement of targets.~~ **IOE noted that the evaluation attributed this success to both IFAD and the Government.** It was agreed, ~~however,~~ that further attention should be dedicated to achieving positive results in qualitative indicators such as human and social capital empowerment as well as non-lending activities."
- "32. Given the potential for the scaling-up of projects in China, greater efforts were called for in this area, as well as in the areas of knowledge management and South-South Cooperation. The pursuit of strategic partnerships with other multilateral and bilateral partners, taking into account the specific country context, was also encouraged. The issue of **funding the provision of** technical assistance was also raised and, noting the proportion of funding provided to China, additional information on IFAD lending to sub-Saharan Africa was provided bilaterally at the request of one Committee member."