



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
Governing Council – Twenty-Fourth Session
Rome, 20-21 February 2001

APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD

**(BACKGROUND NOTE ON
RELEVANT ELECTION PROCEDURES AND MODALITIES)**

Paper Ballots

1. This document provides the statutory background and details of a paper ballot procedure.
2. The Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council provide, *inter alia*, that the appointment of the President of IFAD is to be considered by the Governing Council at a private meeting and “by secret ballot unless the Governing Council decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled” (see Annex I). As indicated in document GC 24/L.2, which is presented to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council under item 5(b) of its Provisional Agenda, IFAD has received five nominations for appointment to the position of President of IFAD, of which one has subsequently been withdrawn.
3. The relevant modalities of the election procedure are described in paragraphs 4 to 11 below.
4. Voting booths will be set up in the Plenary Hall to allow Governors or, in their absence, Alternate Governors or Delegation Members to mark their ballots in complete privacy.
5. The Chairperson will outline specific procedures to follow. Members shall receive an envelope containing one or more ballot papers with a number of votes indicated thereon equal to the total number of votes to which the Member concerned is entitled as at midday, 16 February 2001. The number of votes to which Members are entitled will be noted on each envelope and is also shown in Annex II to this paper. The calculation of Members’ voting rights is explained in Annex III. The representative of the Member is requested to check the ballot papers immediately upon receipt and sign for them accordingly; if the ballot papers do not tally with the number of votes indicated on the envelope, the representative of the Member should inform the officials immediately of such discrepancy **before** signing.



6. The names of Members of IFAD will be called by the Secretary of the Governing Council in their English alphabetical order. The Governor, or other individual representing the Member who is to cast that Member's ballot, should then proceed to the well of the Plenary Hall to one of the voting booths and will mark the name of their preferred nominee in the space provided on each of the ballot papers (see attached sample in Annex IV). Governors casting the votes of the Member they represent shall cast them in favour of a single person. They will then proceed to the voting box to deposit their ballots.

7. The Plenary will remain in official session during the voting procedure and Delegations are requested to remain in the Hall prior to casting their vote and, preferably, also after they have cast their votes. Should they find it necessary to leave the Hall, Governors and delegates are requested to remain nearby so that they can resume their places quickly when the meeting is called to order by the Chairperson prior to announcing the results of the voting.

8. The ballots will be counted, in a special room designated for that purpose, by a Counting Committee including three tellers appointed by the Chairperson from the Governors of each List. When the counting of the votes is complete, the totals received by each nominee will be entered on a tally sheet that will be signed by each teller.

9. After the meeting has been called to order, the Chairperson will be presented with the signed tally sheet and will announce the results.

10. As provided in Rule 41.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, if no nominee receives the required number of votes (two-thirds of the total number of votes, i.e. 1 377.034) on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken in which the nominee who received the fewest votes shall not participate.

11. The procedures outlined above will be repeated until one nominee receives at least two-thirds of the total number of votes or the Council decides that the balloting should be discontinued and a decision taken on another date (Rule 41).



ANNEX I

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
PERTAINING TO VOTING AND THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD**

Rule 26

Quorum

1. A quorum for any meeting of the Governing Council shall be constituted by Governors exercising two-thirds of the total number of votes.
2. ...

Rule 33

Voting Rights

1. Each Member shall have the number of votes distributed to it in accordance with the formulae set out in Section 3(a) of Article 6 of the Agreement and in the decisions that the Governing Council shall take, from time to time, in accordance therewith.
2. Each Governor shall be entitled to cast the votes of the Member he represents. In his absence, the alternate appointed by that Member or, in the absence of both, a member of their delegation shall be entitled to cast these votes.

Rule 34

Majority Required

1. The following decisions of the Governing Council shall require at least two-thirds of the total number of votes:
...
(c) appointment or termination of the appointment of the President; ...

Rule 35

Method of Taking Decisions

1. At any meeting of the Governing Council, the Chairman should attempt to secure a consensus on a proposal in lieu of taking a vote thereon. However, the Council shall take decisions by vote at the request of any Governor.
2. Roll-call votes shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Members, starting with the Member whose name is drawn by lot by the Chairman. The name of each Member shall be called in all roll-calls, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention". Unless otherwise decided by the Council, the vote of each Member participating in roll-call shall be recorded.
3. Secret ballots shall be taken by providing each Governor with one or more ballot papers each indicating a specific number of votes, which shall be so distributed that: (i) papers specifying any particular number of votes shall be received by at least four Governors, and (ii) the total number of votes specified on the papers received by any Governor shall equal the number of votes he is entitled to cast; each Governor may indicate his vote on all the papers he receives and deposit them in ballot boxes from which they shall be taken and counted by tellers appointed by the Chairman.



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Rule 36

Conduct Relating to Voting

1. The Chairman shall announce the commencement of voting, after which no one shall be permitted to intervene until the results of the vote have been announced except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.
2. Governors may make brief statements, consisting solely of explanation of their votes, before the announcement of the commencement of voting or after the results of the vote have been announced.

Rule 38

Elections

1. Except as provided otherwise in respect of elections pursuant to Rule 40, all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless the Governing Council decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.
2. ...

Rule 41

President

1. The appointment of the President shall be considered by the Governing Council at a private meeting, and voting shall be in accordance with Rule 38.1
2. The Governing Council shall appoint the President by at least two-thirds of the total number of votes. In the case of more than one nominee, if no nominee receives the required number of votes on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken in which the nominee who received the fewest votes shall not participate. This procedure shall be repeated until one nominee receives at least two-thirds of the total number of votes or the Council decides that such balloting be discontinued and decision be taken on another date. Each Governor casting the votes of the Member he represents shall cast them in favour of a single person.

VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Under Article 6, Section 3(a), of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, “Voting in the Governing Council”:

“The total number of votes in the Governing Council shall be comprised of Original Votes and Replenishment Votes. All Members shall have equal access to those votes on the following basis:

- (i) **Original Votes** shall consist of a total of one thousand eight hundred (1 800) votes made up of membership votes and contribution votes:
 - (A) **membership votes** shall be distributed equally among all Members; and
 - (B) **contribution votes** shall be distributed among all Members in the proportion that each Member’s cumulative paid contributions to the resources of the Fund, authorized by the Governing Council prior to 26 January 1995 and made by Members in accordance with Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Article 4 of this Agreement, bear to the aggregate of the total of the said contributions paid by all Members;

- (ii) **Replenishment Votes** shall be made up of membership votes and contribution votes in a total amount of votes to be decided by the Governing Council upon each occasion that it calls for additional contributions under Section 3 of Article 4 of this Agreement (a “replenishment”) commencing with the fourth such replenishment. Except as the Governing Council shall by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes otherwise decide, the votes for each replenishment shall be established in the ratio of one hundred (100) votes for the equivalent of each one hundred and fifty eight million United States dollars (USD 158 000 000) contributed to the total amount of that replenishment, or a fraction thereof:
 - (A) **membership votes** shall be distributed equally among all Members on the same basis as that set forth in provision (i)(A) above; and
 - (B) **contribution votes** shall be distributed among all Members in the proportion that each Member’s paid contribution to the resources contributed to the Fund by Members for each replenishment bears to the aggregate of the total contributions paid by all Members to the said replenishment; and

- (ii) The Governing Council shall decide the total number of votes to be allocated as membership votes and contribution votes under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section. Upon any change in the number of Members of the Fund, the membership votes and contribution votes distributed under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section shall be redistributed in accordance with the principles laid down in the said paragraphs. In the allocation of votes, the Governing Council shall ensure that those Members classified as Members of Category III before 26 January 1995 receive one-third of the total votes as membership votes.”



**Votes of Member Countries as at
16 February 2001**

<i>State</i>	<i>Member- ship Votes</i>	<i>Contribution Votes</i>	<i>Total Original and Fourth Replenishment Votes</i>
Afghanistan	5.605	0.000	5.605
Albania	5.605	0.004	5.609
Algeria	5.605	17.331	22.936
Angola	5.605	0.023	5.628
Antigua and Barbuda	5.605	0.000	5.605
Argentina	5.605	2.473	8.078
Armenia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Australia	5.605	13.919	19.524
Austria	5.605	9.825	15.430
Azerbaijan	5.605	0.000	5.605
Bangladesh	5.605	0.674	6.279
Barbados	5.605	0.004	5.609
Belgium	5.605	19.438	25.043
Belize	5.605	0.011	5.616
Benin	5.605	0.027	5.632
Bhutan	5.605	0.019	5.624
Bolivia	5.605	0.184	5.789
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.605	0.000	5.605
Botswana	5.605	0.060	5.665
Brazil	5.605	9.767	15.372
Burkina Faso	5.605	0.022	5.627
Burundi	5.605	0.024	5.629
Cambodia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Cameroon	5.605	0.158	5.763
Canada	5.605	45.164	50.769
Cape Verde	5.605	0.010	5.615
Central African Republic	5.605	0.007	5.612
Chad	5.605	0.000	5.605
Chile	5.605	0.036	5.641
China	5.605	5.065	10.670
Colombia	5.605	0.104	5.709
Comoros	5.605	0.007	5.612
Congo	5.605	0.082	5.687
Cook Islands	5.605	0.002	5.607
Costa Rica	5.605	0.000	5.605



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Côte d'Ivoire	5.605	0.575	6.180
Croatia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Cuba	5.605	0.000	5.605
Cyprus	5.605	0.040	5.645
D.P.R. Korea	5.605	0.040	5.645
D.R. Congo	5.605	0.010	5.615
Denmark	5.605	22.337	27.942
Djibouti	5.605	0.002	5.607
Dominica	5.605	0.020	5.625
Dominican Republic	5.605	0.009	5.614
Ecuador	5.605	0.156	5.761
Egypt	5.605	2.937	8.542
El Salvador	5.605	0.035	5.640
Equatorial Guinea	5.605	0.000	5.605
Eritrea	5.605	0.002	5.607
Ethiopia	5.605	0.047	5.652
Fiji	5.605	0.071	5.676
Finland	5.605	9.031	14.636
France	5.605	55.317	60.922
Gabon	5.605	0.754	6.359
Gambia, The	5.605	0.011	5.616
Georgia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Germany	5.605	75.716	81.321
Ghana	5.605	0.127	5.732
Greece	5.605	0.639	6.244
Grenada	5.605	0.009	5.614
Guatemala	5.605	0.164	5.769
Guinea	5.605	0.048	5.653
Guinea-Bissau	5.605	0.010	5.615
Guyana	5.605	0.181	5.786
Haiti	5.605	0.037	5.642
Honduras	5.605	0.204	5.809
India	5.605	10.305	15.910
Indonesia	5.605	9.891	15.496
Iran	5.605	4.596	10.201



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Iraq	5.605	2.184	7.789
Ireland	5.605	1.546	7.151
Israel	5.605	0.060	5.665
Italy	5.605	48.752	54.357
Jamaica	5.605	0.121	5.726
Japan	5.605	78.351	83.956
Jordan	5.605	0.219	5.824
Kazakhstan	5.605	0.000	5.605
Kenya	5.605	0.998	6.603
Kuwait	5.605	51.536	57.141
Kyrgyzstan	5.605	0.000	5.605
Laos	5.605	0.021	5.626
Lebanon	5.605	0.045	5.650
Lesotho	5.605	0.066	5.671
Liberia	5.605	0.014	5.619
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	5.605	12.511	18.116
Luxembourg	5.605	0.574	6.179
Madagascar	5.605	0.038	5.643
Malawi	5.605	0.025	5.630
Malaysia	5.605	0.200	5.805
Maldives	5.605	0.019	5.624
Mali	5.605	0.014	5.619
Malta	5.605	0.013	5.618
Mauritania	5.605	0.008	5.613
Mauritius	5.605	0.062	5.667
Mexico	5.605	8.012	13.617
Mongolia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Morocco	5.605	1.042	6.647
Mozambique	5.605	0.060	5.665
Myanmar	5.605	0.087	5.692
Namibia	5.605	0.127	5.732
Nepal	5.605	0.041	5.646
Netherlands	5.605	45.992	51.597
New Zealand	5.605	3.016	8.621
Nicaragua	5.605	0.013	5.618



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Niger	5.605	0.064	5.669
Nigeria	5.605	30.047	35.652
Norway	5.605	37.302	42.907
Oman	5.605	0.052	5.657
Pakistan	5.605	2.051	7.656
Panama	5.605	0.036	5.641
Papua New Guinea	5.605	0.059	5.664
Paraguay	5.605	0.231	5.836
Peru	5.605	0.136	5.741
Philippines	5.605	0.473	6.078
Portugal	5.605	0.647	6.252
Qatar	5.605	4.417	10.022
Republic of Korea	5.605	1.899	7.504
Republic of Moldova	5.605	0.000	5.605
Romania	5.605	0.000	5.605
Rwanda	5.605	0.057	5.662
Saint Christopher and Nevis	5.605	0.007	5.612
Saint Lucia	5.605	0.008	5.613
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5.605	0.000	5.605
Samoa	5.605	0.018	5.623
Sao Tome and Principe	5.605	0.000	5.605
Saudi Arabia	5.605	127.623	133.228
Senegal	5.605	0.036	5.641
Seychelles	5.605	0.007	5.612
Sierra Leone	5.605	0.013	5.618
Solomon Islands	5.605	0.003	5.608
Somalia	5.605	0.003	5.608
South Africa	5.605	0.200	5.805
Spain	5.605	2.808	8.413
Sri Lanka	5.605	1.656	7.261
Sudan	5.605	0.156	5.761
Suriname	5.605	0.000	5.605
Swaziland	5.605	0.042	5.647
Sweden	5.605	43.025	48.630
Switzerland	5.605	19.556	25.161



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Syria	5.605	0.060	5.665
Tajikistan	5.605	0.000	5.605
Tanzania, United Republic of	5.605	0.041	5.646
Thailand	5.605	0.156	5.761
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5.605	0.000	5.605
Togo	5.605	0.011	5.616
Tonga	5.605	0.021	5.626
Trinidad and Tobago	5.605	0.000	5.605
Tunisia	5.605	0.478	6.083
Turkey	5.605	3.740	9.345
Uganda	5.605	0.126	5.731
United Arab Emirates	5.605	17.144	22.749
United Kingdom	5.605	41.973	47.578
United States	5.605	194.592	200.197
Uruguay	5.605	0.079	5.684
Venezuela	5.605	57.374	62.979
Viet Nam	5.605	0.041	5.646
Yemen	5.605	0.284	5.889
Yugoslavia	5.605	0.035	5.640
Zambia	5.605	0.072	5.677
Zimbabwe	5.605	0.757	6.362
List A Total	123.310	769.523	892.833
List B Total	67.260	335.408	402.667
List C Total	711.833	58.218	770.051
Grand Total	902.403	1163.149	2065.551

NOTE ON THE CALCULATION OF MEMBERS' VOTING RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FOURTH REPLENISHMENT

1. Under IFAD's system, the total votes are divided into two groups: (i) Original Votes and (ii) Replenishment Votes.

2. Each of them is subdivided into two further groups: (i) Membership Votes; and (ii) Contribution Votes.

A. Recalculation of the Original Votes

3. It was agreed that, of the original 1 800 votes, 790 are Membership Votes divided equally among all Members. This gives the present 161 Members 4.907 Membership Votes each.

4. After subtracting the Membership Votes from the original 1 800 votes, the remaining 1 010 Contribution Votes are distributed among Members in accordance with their paid share of cumulative convertible currency contributions up to and including the Third Replenishment, but excluding any promissory note contributions against which accounting provisions have been made.

5. The 790 membership votes are redistributed each time a new Member joins IFAD.

B. Creation and Distribution of New Votes Linked to New Replenishments

6. The total number of new votes to be created in conjunction with the effectiveness of each replenishment from the Fourth Replenishment onward is given by the ratio of 100 votes to the equivalent of USD 158 million of replenishment contributions in convertible currencies.

Taking the example of the Fourth Replenishment, the replenishment level of USD 419 571 136¹ caused 265.55 votes to be created.

Calculation to Apportion Total Replenishment Votes between Membership and Contribution Votes

7. The portion of total new Replenishment Votes defined as Membership Votes is calculated so that Members of List C receive, as their Membership Votes, one third of the total new Replenishment Votes.

(i) One third of 265.55 votes = 88.52 votes (i.e. total List C Membership Votes).

(ii) At the time², List C had 126 Members, therefore Membership Votes per Member were obtained as follows: $88.52 \div 126 = 0.7025$ Membership Votes per Member.

(iii) Multiplied by the number of Members, at the time 160², this gives: total Membership Votes = $0.7025 \times 160 = 112.40$. The number of Membership Votes thus established is fixed and distributed equally among all Members. This total is redistributed in the event that there is a change in the number of IFAD Members.

¹ The total for the Fourth Replenishment was USD 460 million; however, of that USD 40 million were non-vote bearing complementary contributions.

² At the time of the approval of the Fourth Replenishment.



ANNEX III

- (iv) The remaining Replenishment Votes are contribution-linked votes: total votes 265.55
– Membership Votes 112.40 = Contribution Votes 153.15.

8. These Contribution Votes are distributed among Members in accordance with their respective share in **paid** contributions to the Replenishment in question. The entire distribution of Contribution Votes will therefore be recalculated each time there is a change in the status of payments of contributions towards the Replenishment.

Updating Fourth Replenishment Membership Votes to Include a New Member

9. Subsequent to the effectiveness of the Fourth Replenishment, a new Member joined IFAD under List C. The total 112.40 new Membership Votes were therefore redistributed as follows:

$$112.40 \div 161 \text{ members} = 0.6982 \text{ Membership Votes per Member}$$

10. Membership Votes are effective immediately upon the effectiveness of the respective Replenishment. The Fifth Replenishment has not yet become effective, therefore no Replenishment Votes are available from that Replenishment. Contribution Votes become effective upon receipt of cash or promissory note payment of individual Members' contributions and are redistributed among all Members according to the pattern of such received contributions.



SAMPLE OF BALLOT PAPER

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XXX Votes	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	XXX Votes
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GOVERNING COUNCIL – FIRST BALLOT

This ballot is for use within the Governing Council during secret balloting. Please indicate the surname of the participating candidate of your choice in the box above. After completion, this ballot should be placed in the ballot box. Ballots indicating more than one candidate or a candidate not participating will be considered null and void.

Bulletin pour les scrutins secrets du Conseil des gouverneurs. Prière d'inscrire le nom du candidat de votre choix dans la case ci-dessus. Ensuite, déposer le bulletin dans l'urne prévue. Les bulletins sur lesquels figureront plus d'un nom ou celui d'un candidat ne faisant pas partie de la liste officielle seront considérés nuls.

Esta papeleta se utilizará para la votación secreta que celebrará el Consejo de Gobernadores. Sírvase indicar el apellido del candidato de su elección en el recuadro que figura más arriba. Una vez rellena, la papeleta se depositará en la urna instalada al efecto. Las papeletas en las que se indiquen varios candidatos, o un candidato que no participa, se considerarán nulas.

هذه هي بطاقة الاقتراع السري في انتخابات مجلس المحافظين. والمرجو إدراج اللقب العائلي للمرشح الذي تختارونه من بين المرشحين المشاركين في الانتخابات، في المستطيل أعلاه. وتوضع هذه البطاقة بعد استكمالها، في صندوق الاقتراع. والبطاقة التي يدرج فيها أكثر من مرشح واحد أو مرشح من غير المرشحين المشتركين في الانتخابات ستعتبر باطلة ولاغية.