BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MEMBER STATES’ VOTES WITH REGARD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD

1. Document GC 28/L.3, submitted to the Governing Council in respect of item 6 of the provisional agenda, provides information on the appointment of the President of IFAD, for which IFAD has received two nominations.

2. As indicated in that document, the Governing Council appoints the President by a two-thirds majority of the total number of Member States’ votes.

3. In order to provide for timely preparation of the election procedures, Member States are advised that the vote allocations effective as at 17.00 hours (Rome time) on Friday, 11 February 2005, will be utilized for the election to be held under agenda item 6. In this respect, Member States are asked to kindly note that the allocation of contribution votes for the election will be calculated on the basis of replenishment payments received by IFAD as at 17.00 hours (Rome time) on Friday, 11 February 2005. Any payments received after that time will not generate contribution votes for the aforementioned election.