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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Governing Council – Twenty-Eighth Session

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APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD

(BACKGROUND NOTE ON RELEVANT ELECTION PROCEDURES AND MODALITIES)

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” (Rule 38.1, see Annex I). As indicated in document GC 28/L.3, which is presented to the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council under item 6 of its Provisional Agenda, IFAD has received two nominations for appointment to the position of President of IFAD.
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 will 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 17.00 hours (Rome time), 11 February 2005. The number of votes to which Members are entitled will be noted on each envelope and is also shown in Annex II to this background note. The calculation of Members’ voting rights is explained in Annex III hereto. 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 front of the plenary hall to one of the voting booths and will mark the name of his/her 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 are to 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. 1 756.311) on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken in which the nominee who received the fewest votes will 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

**EXTRACT OF
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

- (iii) 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
11 February 2005**

State	Membership Votes	Contribution Votes	Total Original and Replenishment Votes
Afghanistan	7.018	0.000	7.018
Albania	7.018	0.014	7.032
Algeria	7.018	18.102	25.120
Angola	7.018	0.129	7.146
Antigua and Barbuda	7.018	0.000	7.018
Argentina	7.018	2.252	9.270
Armenia	7.018	0.000	7.018
Australia	7.018	16.064	23.082
Austria	7.018	16.980	23.998
Azerbaijan	7.018	0.065	7.083
Bangladesh	7.018	1.296	8.314
Barbados	7.018	0.004	7.021
Belgium	7.018	24.403	31.421
Belize	7.018	0.077	7.095
Benin	7.018	0.037	7.055
Bhutan	7.018	0.047	7.065
Bolivia	7.018	0.535	7.553
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.018	0.000	7.018
Botswana	7.018	0.154	7.172
Brazil	7.018	17.962	24.980
Burkina Faso	7.018	0.040	7.058
Burundi	7.018	0.024	7.042
Cambodia	7.018	0.224	7.242
Cameroon	7.018	0.409	7.427
Canada	7.018	65.287	72.304
Cape Verde	7.018	0.009	7.027
Central African Republic	7.018	0.007	7.025
Chad	7.018	0.000	7.018
Chile	7.018	0.285	7.303
China	7.018	11.261	18.279
Colombia	7.018	0.205	7.223
Comoros	7.018	0.000	7.018
Congo	7.018	0.082	7.099
Cook Islands	7.018	0.002	7.020
Costa Rica	7.018	0.000	7.018

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State	Membership Votes	Contribution Votes	Total Original and Replenishment Votes
Côte d'Ivoire	7.018	0.568	7.586
Croatia	7.018	0.000	7.018
Cuba	7.018	0.000	7.018
Cyprus	7.018	0.050	7.067
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	7.018	0.078	7.096
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7.018	0.010	7.027
Denmark	7.018	37.998	45.016
Djibouti	7.018	0.002	7.020
Dominica	7.018	0.019	7.037
Dominican Republic	7.018	0.032	7.050
Ecuador	7.018	0.287	7.305
Egypt	7.018	6.046	13.064
El Salvador	7.018	0.035	7.052
Equatorial Guinea	7.018	0.000	7.018
Eritrea	7.018	0.011	7.028
Ethiopia	7.018	0.058	7.076
Fiji	7.018	0.069	7.087
Finland	7.018	11.448	18.465
France	7.018	69.629	76.647
Gabon	7.018	0.840	7.858
Gambia	7.018	0.017	7.035
Georgia	7.018	0.000	7.018
Germany	7.018	103.776	110.794
Ghana	7.018	0.360	7.378
Greece	7.018	1.261	8.279
Grenada	7.018	0.035	7.053
Guatemala	7.018	0.311	7.329
Guinea	7.018	0.061	7.079
Guinea-Bissau	7.018	0.010	7.028
Guyana	7.018	0.276	7.294
Haiti	7.018	0.037	7.055
Honduras	7.018	0.311	7.329
Iceland	7.018	0.002	7.020
India	7.018	18.178	25.196
Indonesia	7.018	14.630	21.648

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Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7.018	4.781	11.799
Iraq	7.018	2.173	9.191
Ireland	7.018	2.423	9.440
Israel	7.018	0.108	7.125
Italy	7.018	59.913	66.930
Jamaica	7.018	0.116	7.134
Japan	7.018	99.067	106.085
Jordan	7.018	0.265	7.283
Kazakhstan	7.018	0.000	7.018
Kenya	7.018	0.958	7.976
Kuwait	7.018	55.009	62.027
Kyrgyzstan	7.018	0.000	7.018
Lao People's Democratic Republic	7.018	0.040	7.058
Lebanon	7.018	0.042	7.060
Lesotho	7.018	0.118	7.136
Liberia	7.018	0.013	7.031
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7.018	15.877	22.894
Luxembourg	7.018	1.044	8.062
Madagascar	7.018	0.131	7.148
Malawi	7.018	0.025	7.043
Malaysia	7.018	0.453	7.471
Maldives	7.018	0.018	7.036
Mali	7.018	0.025	7.043
Malta	7.018	0.021	7.039
Mauritania	7.018	0.008	7.026
Mauritius	7.018	0.107	7.125
Mexico	7.018	10.170	17.188
Mongolia	7.018	0.000	7.018
Morocco	7.018	2.182	9.200
Mozambique	7.018	0.143	7.161
Myanmar	7.018	0.086	7.104
Namibia	7.018	0.132	7.149
Nepal	7.018	0.039	7.057
Netherlands	7.018	80.686	87.703
New Zealand	7.018	3.409	10.427

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Nicaragua	7.018	0.039	7.056
Niger	7.018	0.064	7.082
Nigeria	7.018	32.793	39.811
Norway	7.018	49.461	56.479
Oman	7.018	0.052	7.070
Pakistan	7.018	3.241	10.259
Panama	7.018	0.060	7.078
Papua New Guinea	7.018	0.059	7.077
Paraguay	7.018	0.220	7.237
Peru	7.018	0.343	7.361
Philippines	7.018	0.584	7.602
Portugal	7.018	0.929	7.947
Qatar	7.018	8.896	15.914
Republic of Korea	7.018	3.418	10.436
Republic of Moldova	7.018	0.004	7.022
Romania	7.018	0.052	7.069
Rwanda	7.018	0.056	7.074
Saint Kitts and Nevis	7.018	0.007	7.025
Saint Lucia	7.018	0.008	7.026
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	7.018	0.000	7.018
Samoa	7.018	0.018	7.035
Sao Tome and Principe	7.018	0.000	7.018
Saudi Arabia	7.018	134.744	141.761
Senegal	7.018	0.118	7.136
Seychelles	7.018	0.007	7.025
Sierra Leone	7.018	0.006	7.024
Solomon Islands	7.018	0.003	7.021
Somalia	7.018	0.003	7.021
South Africa	7.018	0.186	7.204
Spain	7.018	5.214	12.232
Sri Lanka	7.018	2.025	9.043
Sudan	7.018	0.335	7.353
Suriname	7.018	0.000	7.018
Swaziland	7.018	0.080	7.098
Sweden	7.018	72.639	79.657

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State	Membership Votes	Contribution Votes	Total Original and Replenishment Votes
Switzerland	7.018	29.493	36.511
Syrian Arab Republic	7.018	0.356	7.374
Tajikistan	7.018	0.000	7.018
Thailand	7.018	0.316	7.334
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	7.018	0.000	7.018
Timor-Leste	7.018	0.000	7.018
Togo	7.018	0.011	7.029
Tonga	7.018	0.020	7.038
Trinidad and Tobago	7.018	0.000	7.018
Tunisia	7.018	0.846	7.863
Turkey	7.018	4.387	11.405
Uganda	7.018	0.073	7.091
United Arab Emirates	7.018	18.100	25.117
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7.018	44.274	51.292
United Republic of Tanzania	7.018	0.114	7.132
United States of America	7.018	230.624	237.642
Uruguay	7.018	0.078	7.096
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	7.018	62.555	69.573
Viet Nam	7.018	0.307	7.325
Yemen	7.018	0.480	7.498
Yugoslavia	7.018	0.035	7.052
Zambia	7.018	0.108	7.125
Zimbabwe	7.018	0.740	7.758
Total	1143.904	1490.563	2634.466

**NOTE ON THE CALCULATION OF MEMBERS' VOTING RIGHTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE FOURTH REPLENISHMENT IN GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION 86/XVIII**

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 163 Members 4.847 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 Sixth Replenishment, the replenishment level of USD 466 036 872¹ cause 294.960 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 294.960 votes = 98.320 votes (i.e. total List C Membership Votes).
 - (ii) At the time,² List C had 128 Members, therefore Membership Votes per Member were obtained as follows: $98.320 \div 128 = 0.768$ Membership Votes per Member.
 - (iii) Multiplied by the number of Members (at the time 163²), this gives: total Membership Votes = $0.768 \times 163 = 125.204$. 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 Though the total amount of pledges for the Sixth Replenishment was higher, this figure represents the total of pledges relating to vote-bearing contributions.

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

ANNEX III

- (iv) The remaining Replenishment Votes are contribution-linked votes: total votes 294.960
– Membership Votes 125.204 = Contribution Votes 169.756.

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.

9. Membership Votes are effective immediately upon the effectiveness of the respective 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 BALLOT PAPER

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT		
XXX Votes	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	XXX Votes
Governing Council		
<p>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.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
<p>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 rellenada, 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.</p>		