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Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board

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Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board

1. The Governing Council, at its eighteenth session, adopted resolution 86/XVIII on "The Amendment of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD and Other Basic Legal Instruments of the Fund", which, *inter alia*, specifies the distribution of seats on, and the procedures for the election/appointment of members and alternate members of the Executive Board. Resolution 86/XVIII entered into force on 20 February 1997, thus putting into effect the revised Schedule II of the Agreement Establishing IFAD. The schedule, which specifies the distribution of votes in the Executive Board and the election procedures of members and alternate members of the Executive Board, is reproduced as attachment A for the convenience of the Council.
2. The current membership of the Executive Board, as elected on 16 February 2006 for the three-year term running from 2006 to 2008, is reproduced as attachment B. The composition of List B countries was elected for a one-year term and it was agreed that any changes to or confirmation of this composition for the second and third year of the term would be submitted to the Governing Council for election.
3. Accordingly, the term of office of the current membership of List B on the Executive Board will expire with the close of the thirtieth session of the Governing Council. All 4 members and 4 alternate members representing List B on the Executive Board will therefore need to be elected or appointed.
4. With respect to eligibility to stand for election/appointment to the Executive Board, the text of rule 40.1 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, as amended by resolution 86/XVIII, states that:

"Before each annual session the President shall circulate a list indicating the number of members and alternate members of the Executive Board that must be elected or appointed from among the Members of the Fund. Those Members against whom an accounting provision currently exists with respect to the payment of their contribution to the resources of the Fund shall be excluded from those Members eligible for election or appointment to the Executive Board."
5. A list of Member States in List B against which an accounting provision existed as at 19 December 2006 is attached as attachment C. Any amendments to that list will be tabled during the session.
6. The term of office for List B members and alternate members elected or appointed at the thirtieth session of the Governing Council will extend to the end of the three-year period, i.e. 2008. Pursuant to rule 40.3 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, "The newly elected members and the newly elected or appointed alternate members shall take office at the adjournment of the session of the Governing Council at which they were elected or appointed."
7. The procedures for the election/appointment of members and alternate members to the Executive Board are specified in rule 40.2 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, as amended by resolution 86/XVIII, which is reproduced below for the convenience of the Council:

"During the course of the annual session the Governors shall meet in private to conduct such elections in accordance with procedures specified by the respective part of Schedule II to the Agreement. The Chairman at each such meeting shall be a member of the Bureau. Except as otherwise specified in the respective part of Schedule II or otherwise decided by the meeting, these rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to its proceedings."
8. Arrangements for such meetings may be made with the Secretary of IFAD.

SCHEDULE II TO THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING IFAD

DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

1. The Governing Council, in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph 29 of this Schedule, shall decide, from time to time, the distribution of seats and alternate seats among the Members of the Fund, taking into account: (i) the need to strengthen and safeguard the mobilization of resources for the Fund; (ii) the equitable geographic distribution of the said seats; and (iii) the role of developing Member Countries in the governance of the Fund.
2. **Distribution of Votes in the Executive Board.** Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to cast the votes of all of the Members that it represents. Where the member represents more than one Member, it may cast separately the votes of the Members that it represents.
3. **(a) Lists of Member Countries.** The Member Countries shall be divided, from time to time, into Lists A, B and C for the purposes of this Schedule. Upon joining the Fund, a new Member shall decide on which List it wishes to be placed and, after consultation with the Members of that List, shall provide appropriate notification thereof to the President of the Fund in writing. A Member may, at the time of each election for the members and alternate members representing the List of Member Countries to which it belongs, decide to withdraw from one List of Member Countries and place itself upon another List of Member Countries, with the approval of the Members therein. In such event, the concerned Member shall inform the President of the Fund in writing of such change, who shall, from time to time, inform all Members of the composition of all the Lists of Member Countries.

(b) Distribution of Seats in the Executive Board. The eighteen (18) members and up to eighteen (18) alternate members of the Executive Board shall be elected or appointed from the Members of the Fund and of whom:
 - (i) eight (8) members and up to eight (8) alternate members shall be elected or appointed from among those Members set forth in the List A of Member Countries, to be established from time to time;
 - (ii) four (4) members and four (4) alternate members shall be elected or appointed from among those Members set forth in the List B of Member Countries, to be established from time to time; and
 - (iii) six (6) members and six (6) alternate members shall be elected or appointed from among those Members set forth in the List C of Member Countries, to be established from time to time.
4. **Procedures for the Election of Executive Board Members.** The procedures that shall apply for the election or appointment of members and alternate members to vacant seats on the Executive Board shall be those set forth below for the respective Members of each List of Member Countries.

A. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THEIR ALTERNATES

PART I – List A Member Countries

5. All of the members and alternate members of the Executive Board from List A of Member Countries shall serve for a term of three years.
6. List A Member Countries shall form constituencies and, on the basis of procedures agreed by the List A Member Countries and its constituencies, shall appoint eight members to the Executive Board and shall also appoint up to eight alternates.
7. **Amendments.** The Governors representing List A Member Countries may by a unanimous decision amend the provisions of Part I of this Schedule (paragraphs 5 to 6). Unless otherwise decided, the amendment shall have immediate effect. The President of the Fund shall be informed of any amendment to Part I of this Schedule.

PART II – List B Member Countries

8. All of the members and alternate members of the Executive Board from List B of Member Countries shall serve for a term of three years.
9. The Members of List B shall form themselves into a number of constituencies equal to the number of seats allocated to the List, with each constituency represented by one member and one alternate member in the Executive Board. The President of the Fund shall be informed of the composition of each constituency and any changes thereto that may be made by the Members of List B from time to time.
10. The Members of List B shall decide on the procedures that shall apply for the election or appointment of members and alternate members to vacant seats on the Executive Board and shall provide a copy thereof to the President of the Fund.
11. **Amendments.** The provisions of Part II of this Schedule (paragraphs 8 to 10) may be amended by a vote of the Governors representing two-thirds of the List B Member Countries whose contributions (made in accordance with Section 5(c) of Article 4) amount to seventy per cent (70%) of the contributions of all List B Member Countries. The President of the Fund shall be informed of any amendments to Part II of this Schedule.

PART III – List C Member Countries**Elections**

12. All the members and alternate members of the Executive Board from List C of Member Countries shall serve for a term of three years.
13. Except as decided otherwise by the Member Countries of List C, of the six (6) members and six (6) alternate members of the Executive Board elected or appointed from among the List C Member Countries, two (2) members and two (2) alternate members shall be from each of the following regions, as these are set forth in each of the sub-Lists of List C Member Countries:

Africa (sub-List C1);
Europe, Asia and the Pacific (sub-List C2); and
Latin America and the Caribbean (sub-List C3).

14. (a) In accordance with the provisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 27 of this Schedule, the Member Countries of List C shall elect from the countries of its sub-List two members and two alternate members to represent the interests of the whole of the said sub-List, including at least one member or one alternate member from among the Member Countries in that sub-List making the highest substantial contributions to the resources of the Fund.

(b) The Members of List C may review at any time but not later than the Sixth Replenishment of the Fund's Resources, the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above, taking into account the experience of each sub-List in the implementation of the said sub-paragraph and, if necessary, amended keeping in view the relevant principles contained in Resolution 86/XVIII of the Governing Council.
15. Balloting shall first take place for all members to be elected from each sub-List for which there is a vacancy and for which countries from each sub-List shall nominate candidates. Balloting for each seat shall take place among the Members of the List C.
16. After all members have been elected, balloting shall take place for electing alternate members in the same orders indicated in paragraph 15 above.
17. Election shall require a simple majority of the valid votes cast, not counting abstentions.
18. If no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority specified in paragraph 17 above, successive ballots shall be held, from each of which that candidate shall be eliminated who receives the lowest number of votes in the previous ballot.
19. In case of a tied vote, the ballot shall, if necessary, be repeated and, if the tie persists in that ballot and on one subsequent one, a decision shall be taken by drawing lots.
20. If at any stage there is only one candidate for a vacancy, he may be declared elected without a ballot, if no Governor objects.
21. Meetings of the List C Member Countries for electing or appointing members and alternate members of the Executive Board shall be held in private. The Members of the List C shall appoint by consensus a Chairman for these meetings.
22. The Members of each sub-List shall appoint by consensus, the Chairman of the respective sub-List meeting.
23. The names of the members and alternate members elected shall be furnished to the President of the Fund along with the term of office of each member and alternate member and the list of principals and alternates.

Casting of Votes in the Executive Board

24. For the purpose of casting votes in the Executive Board, the total number of votes of the countries of each sub-List shall be divided equally between the members of the sub-List concerned.

Amendments

25. Part III of this Schedule (paragraphs 12 to 24) may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds majority of the List C Member Countries. The President of the Fund shall be informed of any amendments to Part III of this Schedule.

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO LIST A, B AND C

26. The names of the members and alternate members elected or appointed by Lists A, B and C of Member Countries, respectively, shall be furnished to the President of the Fund.
27. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraphs 5 to 25 above, at the time of each election, the Members of a List of Member Countries or the members of a constituency within a List may decide to appoint a specified number of Members making the highest substantial contribution to the Fund from that List as a member or alternate member of the Executive Board for that List of Member Countries in order to encourage Members to contribute to the resources of the Fund. In such event, the result of that decision shall be notified in writing to the President of the Fund.
28. Once a new Member Country had joined a List of Member Countries, its Governor may designate an existing member of the Executive Board for that List of Member Countries to represent it and cast its votes until the next election of members of the Executive Board for that List. During such period, a member so designated shall be deemed to have been elected or appointed by the Governor which so designated it and the Member Country shall be deemed to have joined that member's constituency.
29. **Amendments to Paragraphs 1 to 4, 7, 11 and 25 to 29.** The procedures set forth in paragraphs 1 to 4, 7, 11 and 25 to 29 inclusive herein may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds majority of the total votes of the Governing Council. Unless otherwise decided, any amendment of paragraphs 1 to 4, 7, 11 and 25 to 29 inclusive shall take effect immediately upon adoption thereof.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSITION
FOR THE THREE-YEAR TERM 2006-2008**

Member**Alternate Member****LIST A**

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| Canada | Finland |
| France | Belgium |
| Germany | Switzerland |
| Italy | Greece |
| Japan | Denmark |
| Norway | Sweden |
| Netherlands (2007-2008) | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2007-2008) |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006) | Netherlands (2006) |
| United States of America | Spain |

(The Netherlands and the United Kingdom will alternate seats for the years 2007-2008.)

LIST B

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| Kuwait | United Arab Emirates |
| Nigeria | Qatar |
| Saudi Arabia | Indonesia |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | Algeria |

(The Governing Council agreed that this composition would be effective for a one-year period. It further decided that any changes to or confirmation of the above composition for the second and third year of the term would be submitted to the relevant session of the Governing Council for election.)

LIST C**SUB-LIST C1****Africa**

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| Egypt | Mali |
| South Africa | Cameroon |

SUB-LIST C2**Europe, Asia and the Pacific**

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| China | Pakistan |
| India | Turkey (2006) |
| | Yemen (2007) |
| | Republic of Korea (2008) |

SUB-LIST C3**Latin America and the Caribbean**

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| Brazil | Guatemala |
| Mexico | Argentina |

**LIST B MEMBER STATES INELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

as at 19 December 2006

List B

Gabon
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya