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For: **Approval**

Recommendation for approval

The Governing Council is invited to approve the draft resolutions on pages 2 and 3.

Applications for non-original membership

1. Two applications for membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) from the Governments of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of South Sudan were considered by the Executive Board at its 104th session in December 2011. In accordance with section 10 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Executive Board decided to recommend to the Governing Council that it approves the applications for non-original membership by the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of South Sudan.
2. In light of the foregoing, the Governing Council may wish to adopt the draft resolutions herewith included.

Resolution .../XXXV

Approval of the Republic of Estonia as a non-original Member of the Fund

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Taking into account Articles 3.1(a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and Section 10 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD;

Considering that non-original Members of the Fund shall be those other States members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies that, after the approval of their membership by the Governing Council, become parties to the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development by depositing an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Considering that the Republic of Estonia has been a member of the United Nations since 1991 and numerous of its specialized agencies;

Considering therefore that the Republic of Estonia is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Estonia transmitted to the Council in document GC _____, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Estonia should be admitted to membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Taking note of the initial contribution amount proposed by the Republic of Estonia, EUR 45,000, upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Republic of Estonia;

Tasks the President to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this decision.

Resolution .../XXXV**Approval of the Republic of South Sudan as a non-original Member of the Fund****The Governing Council of IFAD,**

Taking into account Articles 3.1(a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and Section 10 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD;

Considering that non-original Members of the Fund shall be those other States members of the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies that, after the approval of their membership by the Governing Council, become parties to the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development by depositing an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Considering that the Republic of South Sudan has been a member of the United Nations since July 2011 and several of its specialized agencies;

Considering therefore that the Republic of South Sudan is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of South Sudan transmitted to the Council in document GC _____, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of South Sudan should be admitted to membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Taking note of the initial contribution amount proposed by the Republic of South Sudan, US\$10,000, upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Republic of South Sudan;

Tasks the President to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this decision.