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1. The Governing Council, at its thirty-sixth session, adopted resolutions 171/XXXVI, 172/XXXVI, 173/XXXVI, 174/XXXVI, 175/XXXVI, 176/XXXVI, 177/XXXVI and 178/XXXVI.
2. These resolutions are transmitted for the information of all Members of IFAD.

Resolution 171/XXXVI

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

The Governing Council,

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 States members of the United Nations or any of its specialised 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 Nauru, has been a member of the United Nations since September 1999;

Considering therefore that the Republic of Nauru is eligible for membership in the Fund;
Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Nauru transmitted to the Council in document GC 36/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Nauru should be admitted to membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Taking note of the contribution amount proposed by the Republic of Nauru, AUD 1,000, upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Republic of Nauru;

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

Resolution 172/XXXVI

Approval of Tuvalu as a non-original Member of the Fund

The Governing Council,

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 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 Tuvalu has been a member of the United Nations since September 2000;

Considering therefore that Tuvalu is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by Tuvalu transmitted to the Council in document GC 36/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that Tuvalu should be admitted to membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Taking note of the initial contribution amount proposed by Tuvalu, AUD 1,000, upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of Tuvalu;

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

Resolution 173/XXXVI

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

The Governing Council,

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 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 Vanuatu has been a member of the United Nations since September 1981;

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

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Vanuatu transmitted to the Council in document GC 36/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Vanuatu should be admitted to membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Taking note of the initial contribution amount proposed by the Republic of Vanuatu of US\$500, upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Republic of Vanuatu;

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

Resolution 174/XXXVI

The emoluments of the President of IFAD

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Taking into account section 6(1) of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, which states, inter alia, that the salary, allowances and other entitlements of the President of IFAD shall be determined by resolution of the Governing Council;

Recalling resolution 163/XXXIV, adopted by the Governing Council on 19 February 2011, whereby a committee was established to review the overall emoluments and other conditions of employment of the President of IFAD;

Noting and having considered the report of the Emoluments Committee contained in document GC 36/L.3 and the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon;

Decides that:

- 1) The salary of the President of IFAD shall continue to be established on a par with that of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- 2) The President's representation allowance of US\$50,000 per annum shall continue to be provided.
- 3) The President shall continue to be entitled to participate in insurance, medical, pension, retirement and other plans as may be established for the employees of the Fund and not otherwise covered by his/her emoluments.
- 4) The Fund shall make housing arrangements for the President in accordance with the following conditions:
 - a) The Fund, with due consideration to the cost implications of the security aspects, will continue to provide appropriate housing for the President. Subject to subparagraphs 4(b) through 4(d) below, the Fund's annual housing expenditures will not exceed the amount of EUR 180,000. The ceiling will apply to expenditure incurred over a calendar year and be pro-rated in the event that a President does not serve for a full calendar year. A statement of recurrent housing expenditures will be prepared annually and audited after the end of each year, with IFAD recovering from the President any amounts determined to be in excess of the ceiling or ineligible for payment by IFAD.
 - b) The recurrent housing costs that will be payable by IFAD and counted as expenditures subject to the ceiling will include rent and associated banking/service charges; utilities; telecommunications equipment and connections; and upkeep, repairs and maintenance for the house and grounds and other related expenses.
 - c) Recurrent expenditures on security will be paid by IFAD, provided that they are certified as necessary by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security; they will not be subject to the ceiling. The cost of official telephone calls will be reimbursed by IFAD and not counted against the ceiling. The cost of personal telephone calls will be paid by the President. In the event that the costs of official and personal phone calls are difficult to separate, the total cost of calls will be divided equally between the President and IFAD.

- d) The Fund will cover reasonable and necessary one-time expenditures in connection with the acquisition and setting up, equipping, and refurbishing of a President's residence. Such expenditures will be charged either against the ceiling for the first year of a President's term or, in equal instalments, against the ceilings for each year of the term. Such installation costs will be payable by IFAD only on one occasion and only upon the initial appointment of a President.
- 5) The salary, allowances and other entitlements specified in paragraphs 1 to 4 of this resolution shall apply to the person appointed as President of IFAD at the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council.

Resolution 175/XXXVI

Appointment of the President of IFAD

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Having acted upon the proposal for the appointment of the President contained in document GC 36/L.4 dated 16 January 2013;

Decides, in accordance with Article 6, Section 8(a), of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, to appoint Mr Kanayo Felix Nwanze of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as President of IFAD for a term of office of four years, to take effect from 1 April 2013.

Resolution 176/XXXVI

Established good practice for the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD

The Governing Council,

Taking into account Article 6.8 (a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, Section 6.2 of the By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, and Rule 41 of the Rules of procedure of the Governing Council;

Having considered the report regarding the "*Established good practice for the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD*" contained in document GC 36/L.5;

Taking into consideration the recommendation made by the Executive Board at its 107th session thereon;

Desirous of ensuring that IFAD remains at the forefront of international good practice;

Endorses the current, established practice regarding the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD; and

Proposes that this practice be reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council Bureau, as appropriate.

Resolution 177/XXXVI

Administrative budget comprising the regular and capital budgets of IFAD for 2013 and the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2013

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Bearing in mind article 6.10 of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and regulation VI of the Financial Regulations of IFAD;

Noting that, at its 107th session, the Executive Board reviewed and agreed upon a programme of work of IFAD for 2013 at a level of SDR 682 million (US\$1,066 million), which comprises a lending programme of SDR 644 million (US\$1,007 million) and a gross grant programme of US\$59 million;

Having considered the review of the 107th session of the Executive Board concerning the proposed regular and capital budgets of IFAD for 2013 and the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2013;

Approves the administrative budget, comprising: firstly, the regular budget of IFAD for 2013 in the amount of US\$144.14 million; secondly, the capital budget of IFAD for 2013 in the amount of US\$3.7 million; and thirdly, the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2013 in the amount of US\$6.01 million, as set forth in document GC 36/L.8/Rev.1, determined on the basis of a rate of exchange of EUR 0.72/US\$1.00; and

Determines that in the event the average value of the United States dollar in 2013 should change against the euro rate of exchange used to calculate the budget, the total United States dollar equivalent of the euro expenditures in the budget shall be adjusted in the proportion that the actual exchange rate in 2013 bears to the budget exchange rate.

Resolution 178/XXXVI

Revision of the Lending Policies and Criteria

The Governing Council of IFAD

Recalling Resolution 158/XXXIII, in which it decided that upon the proposal of the President, the Executive Board should submit to the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council the revised Lending Policies and Criteria that shall take into account all developments since the last revision of the Lending Policies and Criteria in 1998 and express concisely and clearly the broad policies and criteria applicable to financing by the Fund;

Having reviewed the proposed Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing submitted by the Executive Board as contained in document GC 36/L.9;

Adopts the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing, which shall take effect immediately; and

Tasks the President with maintaining a consolidated text of the policies and guidelines adopted by the Executive Board pursuant to the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing hereby adopted.