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For: Approval

Recommendation for approval

The Governing Council is invited to adopt the draft resolution contained in page 2.

Application for non-original membership

1. The application for membership in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) from the Russian Federation was considered by the Executive Board at its 110th session in December 2013. 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 approve the application for non-original membership by the Russian Federation.
2. In light of the foregoing, the Governing Council may wish to adopt the draft resolution herewith included.

Resolution .../XXXVII

Approval of the Russian Federation 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 Russian Federation has been a member of the United Nations since 1945;¹

Considering therefore that the Russian Federation is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Russian Federation transmitted to the Council in document GC 37/ L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Russian Federation should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

Taking note of the additional core contribution amount of US\$6 million to the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources proposed by the Russian Federation upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Russian Federation;

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

¹ The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an original Member of the United Nations from 24 October 1945. In a letter dated 24 December 1991, Boris Yeltsin, the President of the Russian Federation, informed the Secretary-General that the membership of the Soviet Union in the Security Council and all other United Nations organs was being continued by the Russian Federation with the support of the 11 member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
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