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1. The Governing Council, at its thirty-eighth session, adopted resolutions 183/XXXVIII, 184/XXXVIII, 185/XXXVIII, 186/XXXVIII, 187/XXXVIII, 188/XXXVIII and 189/XXXVIII on 16 February 2015.
2. These resolutions are transmitted for the information of all Members of IFAD.

Resolution 183/XXXVIII

Approval of the Federated States of Micronesia 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 Federated States of Micronesia has been a member of the United Nations since 1991;

Considering therefore that the Federated States of Micronesia is eligible for membership in the Fund;

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Federated States of Micronesia transmitted to the Council in document GC 38/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Federated States of Micronesia should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

Taking note of the initial contribution amount of US\$500 proposed by the Federated States of Micronesia upon approval of its membership application;

Approves the membership of the Federated States of Micronesia;

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

Resolution 184/XXXVIII

Approval of the Republic of Palau 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 Palau has been a member of the United Nations since 1994;

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

Having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Palau transmitted to the Council in document GC 38/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Palau should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

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

Approves the membership of the Republic of Palau;

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

Resolution 185/XXXVIII

Approval of Montenegro 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 Montenegro has been a member of the United Nations since 2006;

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

Having considered the application for non-original membership by Montenegro transmitted to the Council in document GC 38/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that Montenegro should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

Approves the membership of Montenegro;

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

Resolution 186/XXXVIII

Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development (the Agreement), in particular articles 2 (Objective and Functions), 4.1 (Resources of the Fund), 4.3 (Additional Contributions), 4.4 (Increases in Contributions), 4.5 (Conditions Governing Contributions), 4.6 (Special Contributions), and 7 (Operations), as well as Governing Council Resolution 77/2 (1977), as amended by Resolution 86/XVIII (1995) (Delegation of Powers to the Executive Board);

Further recalling Governing Council Resolution 180/XXXVII (2014) on the establishment of the Consultation on the Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, whereby the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council, in accordance with article 4.3 of the Agreement, set the Consultation the task of reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's resources and reporting to the Governing Council, and, recalling in particular, the requirement for the Consultation to submit a report on the results of its deliberations and any recommendations thereon to the thirty-eighth session and, if required, subsequent sessions of the Governing Council, with a view to adopting such Resolutions as may be appropriate;

Having considered that for the purpose of reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's resources, account has been taken of the urgent need to increase the flow of external resources to implement IFAD's mandate of addressing rural poverty eradication, food security, and sustainable agriculture, particularly on concessional terms, as well as the Fund's special mandate and operational capacity to effectively channel additional resources to eligible Members;

Having further considered the announcements of Members' intentions to make additional contributions to the resources of the Fund, including contributions to compensate the Fund for its debt forgiveness commitments under the Debt Sustainability Framework (DSF);

Having noted the request of the Governing Council "to continue to explore the scope for increasing financing from non-donor resources, including market-based mechanisms, and to submit any proposals that may result from such exploration to the Executive Board for approval" (Governing Council Resolution 122/XXIV);

Having taken into account and agreed on the conclusions and recommendations of the Report of the Consultation on the Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 38/L.4) (the Tenth Replenishment Report) regarding the need and desirability of additional resources for the operations of the Fund; and

Acting in accordance with article 4.3 of the Agreement,

Hereby decides:

I. The level of replenishment and call for additional contributions

- (a) Available resources. The Fund's available resources at the end of the Ninth Replenishment period, together with the funds to be derived from operations or otherwise accruing to the Fund during the three-year period commencing 1 January 2016 (the Replenishment Period), are estimated at US\$2.16 billion.

- (b) Call for additional contributions. Taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth Replenishment Report regarding the need and desirability of additional resources for the operations of the Fund, Members are hereby invited to make additional contributions to the resources of the Fund as defined in article 4.3 of the Agreement (Additional Contributions) in accordance with the terms set forth below. Additional contributions shall consist of core contributions (as defined in subsection II(a)(i) of this Resolution), DSF compensation contributions (as defined in subsection II(a)(ii) of this Resolution), and complementary contributions (as defined in subsection II(a)(iii) of this Resolution).
- (c) Target for additional contributions. The target for additional contributions including core, and unrestricted complementary, contributions during the Tenth Replenishment (the Replenishment) is set at the amount of US\$1.44 billion in order to support a target Programme of Loans and Grants of at least US\$3 billion and, provided it is on an administrative budget-neutral basis, up to US\$3.5 billion (in all cases, the allocation being determined through the performance-based allocation system).
- (d) Pledges. The Fund acknowledges the announcements of the Members' intentions to make additional contributions as set out in annex VIII to the Tenth Replenishment Report. Members who have not yet formally announced their contributions are invited to do so, preferably no later than the last day of the six-month period following the adoption of this Resolution. The President shall communicate a revised annex VIII to the Tenth Replenishment Report to all Members of the Fund no later than 15 days after the above-mentioned date.
- (e) Structural gap. While maintaining the target level for additional contributions as specified in subsection (c) above, the structural gap may not exceed 15 per cent of such target level. In the event that the structural gap exceeds 15 per cent at the end of the six-month period for the creation of new votes specified in subsection VIII(a) of this Resolution, the target level for additional contributions specified in subsection (c) above shall be adjusted so that the total amount of the pledges received at that date represents at least 85 per cent of the target level. If such an adjustment becomes necessary, the President will immediately communicate the new target level to the Governors, after which subsection (c) above shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly. The Fund's Programme of Loans and Grants will be adjusted to reflect the shortfall from the Replenishment target unless other sources of funds are identified during the Replenishment Period.

II. Contributions

- (a) Additional contributions. During the Replenishment period, the Fund shall accept additional contributions from Members as follows:
 - (i) Core contributions to the resources of the Fund (core contributions);
 - (ii) DSF compensation contributions, in addition to core contributions, to compensate the Fund for forgone principal reflows under the DSF in the amount of US\$3.4 million (DSF compensation contributions); and
 - (iii) Complementary contributions in addition to their core contributions and DSF compensation contributions (complementary contributions).

- (b) Conditions governing additional contributions
 - (i) Members shall receive commensurate contribution votes with respect to core contributions and DSF compensation contributions in accordance with article 6.3 of the Agreement, but shall not receive such votes with respect to their complementary contributions;
 - (ii) Core contributions and DSF compensation contributions shall be made without restriction as to their use;
 - (iii) The Executive Board shall have the authority to approve the use of complementary contributions when the Governing Council is not in session;
 - (iv) During the Replenishment period, the Fund shall accept unrestricted complementary contributions in order to support thematic operations including mainstreaming climate change, nutrition-sensitive agriculture, South-South and Triangular Cooperation and public-private-producer partnership; and
 - (v) In conformity with article 4.5(a) of the Agreement, additional contributions shall be refunded to contributing Members only in accordance with article 9.4 of the Agreement.
- (c) Special contributions
 - (i) During the Replenishment period, the Executive Board may accept on behalf of the Fund unrestricted contributions to the resources of the Fund from non-member States or other sources (special contributions).
 - (ii) The Executive Board may consider adopting measures to enable the participation of the contributors of special contributions in its meetings on an ad hoc basis, provided that these measures have no consequences for the governance of the Fund.
- (d) Denomination of contributions. Members shall denominate their contributions in: (i) special drawing rights (SDR); (ii) a currency used for the valuation of the SDR; or (iii) the currency of the contributing Member if such currency is freely convertible and the Member did not experience, in the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013, a rate of inflation in excess of 10 per cent per annum on average, as determined by the Fund.
- (e) Exchange rates. For the purposes of subsection I(d) of this Resolution, commitments and pledges made under this Resolution shall be valued on the basis of the average month-end exchange rate of the International Monetary Fund over the six-month period preceding the adoption of this Resolution between the currencies to be converted into United States dollars (1 April - 30 September 2014), rounded to the fourth decimal point.
- (f) Unpaid contributions. Those Members who have not yet completed payment of their previous contributions to the resources of the Fund and who have not yet deposited an instrument of contribution or paid their contribution for the Ninth Replenishment are urged to make the necessary arrangements. Upon proposals by the President, the Executive Board shall adopt measures aimed at realizing the settlement of unpaid contributions.
- (g) Increase of contribution. A Member may increase the amount of any of its contributions at any time.

III. Instruments of contribution

- (a) General clause. Members making contributions under this Resolution shall deposit with the Fund, preferably no later than the last day of the six-month period following the adoption of this Resolution, an instrument of contribution formally committing to make additional contributions to the Fund in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and specifying the amount of their contribution in the applicable currency of denomination.
- (b) Unqualified contributions. Except as specified in subsection (c) below, such instrument of contribution shall constitute an unqualified commitment by the concerned Member to pay its contribution in the manner and on the terms set forth in this Resolution, or as otherwise approved by the Executive Board. For the purpose of this Resolution, such contribution shall be called an "unqualified contribution".
- (c) Qualified contributions. As an exceptional case, where an unqualified commitment cannot be given by a Member due to its legislative practice, the Fund may accept from that Member an instrument of contribution that expressly contains the qualification that payment of all instalments of its payable contribution, except for the first one, is subject to subsequent budgetary appropriation. Such an instrument of contribution shall, however, include an undertaking by the Member to exercise its best efforts to: (i) arrange such appropriation for the full amount specified by the payment dates indicated in section VI of this Resolution, and (ii) notify the Fund as soon as the appropriation relative to each instalment is obtained. For the purpose of this Resolution, a contribution in this form shall be called a "qualified contribution", but shall be deemed to be unqualified to the extent that appropriation has been obtained and notified to the Fund.

IV. Effectiveness

- (a) Effectiveness of the Replenishment. The Replenishment shall come into effect on the date upon which instruments of contribution or payments made without an instrument of contribution relating to the additional contributions from Members referred to in section II of this Resolution have been deposited with or received by the Fund in an aggregate amount equivalent to at least 50 per cent of the pledges as communicated by the President to Members pursuant to subsection I(d) of this Resolution.
- (b) Effectiveness of individual contributions. Instruments of contribution deposited on or before the effective date of the Replenishment shall take effect on that date, and instruments of contribution deposited after such date shall take effect on their respective dates of deposit.
- (c) Availability for commitment. As of the effective date of the Replenishment, all additional contributions paid to the resources of the Fund shall be considered available for operational commitment under article 7.2(b) of the Agreement and other relevant policies of the Fund.

V. Advance contribution

Notwithstanding the provisions of section IV of this Resolution, all contributions or parts thereof paid prior to the effective date of the Replenishment may be used by the Fund for its operations, in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement and relevant policies of the Fund, unless a Member specifies otherwise in writing. Any loan and grant commitments made by the Fund on the basis of such advance contributions shall for all purposes be treated as part of the Fund's operational programme before the effective date of the Replenishment.

VI. Payment of contributions

(a) Unqualified contributions

- (i) Payment of instalments. Each contributing Member shall, at its option, pay its unqualified contribution in a single sum or in two or a maximum of three instalments. Instalment payments in respect of each unqualified contribution shall be, at the option of the Member, either in equal amounts or in progressively graduated amounts, with the first instalment amounting to at least 30 per cent of the contribution, the second instalment amounting to at least 35 per cent and the third instalment, if any, covering the remaining balance.

(ii) Payment dates

Single-sum payment

Payment in a single sum shall be due on the sixtieth day after the Member's instrument of contribution enters into effect.

Instalment payments

Payments in instalments shall be made according to the following schedule:

The first instalment shall be due on the sixtieth day after the Member's instrument of contribution enters into effect. The second instalment shall be due on the first anniversary of the effective date of the Replenishment. Any further instalment shall be paid no later than the last day of the three-year period following the adoption of this Resolution.

- (iii) Early payment. Any Member may pay its contribution on dates earlier than those specified in subsection (a)(ii) above.

- (iv) Alternative arrangements. The President may, upon the request of a Member, agree to a variation in the prescribed payment dates, percentages, or number of instalments of the contribution, provided that such a variation shall not adversely affect the operational needs of the Fund.

- (b) Qualified contributions. Qualified contributions shall be paid within 90 days after the Member's instrument of contribution enters into effect, as and to the extent that the relative contribution becomes unqualified and, where possible, in accordance with the payment dates specified in subsection (a)(ii) above. A Member who has deposited an instrument of contribution for a qualified contribution shall inform the Fund of the status of the qualified instalment of its contribution no later than 30 days after the annual payment date specified in subsection (a)(ii) above.

- (c) Currency of payment
 - (i) Contributions shall be made in freely convertible currencies, subject to subsection II(d)(iii) of this Resolution.
 - (ii) In accordance with article 5.2(b) of the Agreement, the value of the currency of payment in terms of SDR shall be determined on the basis of the rate of exchange used by the Fund for translation purposes in its books of account at the time of payment.
- (d) Mode of payment. In conformity with article 4.5(c) of the Agreement, payments in respect of contributions shall be made in cash or, at the option of the Member, by the deposit of non-negotiable, irrevocable and non-interest bearing promissory notes or similar obligations of the Member, payable on demand by the Fund at their par value in accordance with the terms of subsection (e) below. To the extent possible, Members may favourably consider payment of their contributions in cash.
- (e) Encashment of promissory notes or similar obligations. In conformity with the provisions of article 4.5(c)(i) of the Agreement and regulation V of the Financial Regulations of IFAD, promissory notes or similar obligations of Members shall be encashed in accordance with the drawdown policy approved by the Executive Board at its seventy-first session or as agreed between the President and a contributing Member.
- (f) Payment modalities. At the time of depositing its instrument of contribution, each Member shall indicate to the Fund its proposed schedule and mode of payment on the basis of the arrangements set forth in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) above.

VII. Allocation of Replenishment Votes

- (a) Creation of Replenishment Votes. New Replenishment Votes shall be created in respect of core contributions and DSF compensation contributions provided under the Tenth Replenishment (Tenth Replenishment Votes). The total amount of Tenth Replenishment Votes shall be calculated by dividing by US\$1,580,000 the total amount of pledges of core contributions and DSF compensation contributions received as of six months after the date of adoption of this Resolution.
- (b) Distribution of Replenishment Votes. The Tenth Replenishment Votes thus created shall be distributed in accordance with article 6.3(a)(ii) and (iii) of the Agreement as follows:
 - (i) Membership votes. Membership votes shall be distributed equally among all Members in conformity with article 6.3(a)(ii)(A) of the Agreement.
 - (ii) Contribution votes. In conformity with article 6.3(a)(ii)(B) of the Agreement, contribution votes shall be distributed among all Members in the proportion that each Member's paid-up core contribution and DSF compensation contribution bears to the aggregate of the paid core contributions and DSF compensation contributions specified in section II of this Resolution.

- (iii) The allocation and distribution of the original, Fourth Replenishment, Fifth Replenishment, Sixth Replenishment, Seventh Replenishment, Eighth Replenishment and Ninth Replenishment Votes shall continue irrespective of the entry into force of this Resolution.
- (c) Effectiveness of Replenishment Votes. The distribution of the Tenth Replenishment Votes, as specified above, shall enter into effect six months after the adoption of this Resolution. The President shall communicate the fact of the distribution of the Tenth Replenishment membership and contribution votes to all Members of the Fund no later than 15 days after such date, and shall report such information to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session.

VIII. Additional Resource Mobilization

- (a) Borrowing by the Fund
 - (i) Purpose of borrowing. Whereas replenishment contributions are, and should remain, the basic source of the Fund's financing, it is recognized that sovereign borrowing by the Fund during the Replenishment period could provide an important way to further its objective "to mobilize additional resources to be made available on concessional terms for agricultural development in developing Member States", as specified in article 2 of the Agreement.
 - (ii) Borrowing framework. The Executive Board shall establish a general framework for sovereign borrowing, which shall govern the arrangements for borrowing by the Fund during the Replenishment Period. Within the scope of such framework, the President shall have the authority to enter into negotiations with eligible lenders in order to fulfil the target of the Programme of Loans and Grants set forth in subsection I(c) of this Resolution and shall bring any resulting borrowing proposals to the Executive Board for approval.
- (b) Cofinancing and miscellaneous operations

During the Replenishment Period, the Executive Board and the President are encouraged to take necessary measures to strengthen the Fund's catalytic role in raising the proportion of national and international funding directed at improving the well-being and self-reliance of rural poor people, and to supplement the resources of the Fund by using the Fund's power to perform financial and technical services, including the administration of resources and acting as trustee, that are consistent with the objective and functions of the Fund. Operations involved in the performance of such financial services shall not be on the account of the Fund.

IX. Reporting to the Governing Council

The President shall submit to the thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council and to subsequent sessions, reports on the status of commitments, payments, and other relevant matters concerning the Replenishment. The reports shall be submitted to the Governing Council together with the Executive Board's comments, if any, and its recommendations thereon.

X. Review by the Executive Board

- (a) The Executive Board shall periodically review the status of contributions under the Replenishment and shall take such actions, as may be appropriate, for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

- (b) If, during the Replenishment Period, delays in the making of any contributions cause, or threaten to cause, a suspension in the Fund's lending operations or otherwise prevent the substantial attainment of the goals of the Replenishment, upon the request of the Executive Board the Chairperson of the Governing Council may convene a meeting of the Consultation established by Resolution 180/XXXVII (2014) to review the situation and consider ways of fulfilling the conditions necessary for the continuation of the Fund's lending operations or for the substantial attainment of those goals.

XI. Mid-term review

A mid-term review of the implementation of the measures and actions referred to in the Tenth Replenishment Report will be undertaken and its findings presented at an early meeting of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

Resolution 187/XXXVIII

Administrative budget comprising the regular, capital and one-time budgets of IFAD for 2015 and the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2015

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 113th session, the Executive Board reviewed and agreed upon a programme of work of IFAD for 2015 at a level of SDR 793 million (US\$1,210 million), which comprises a lending programme of SDR 760 million (US\$1,160 million) and a gross grant programme of US\$50 million;

Having considered the review of the 113th session of the Executive Board concerning the proposed regular and capital budgets of IFAD for 2015 and the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2015;

Approves the administrative budget, comprising: firstly, the regular budget of IFAD for 2015 in the amount of US\$151.59 million; secondly, the capital budget of IFAD for 2015 in the amount of US\$2.69 million; and thirdly, the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2015 in the amount of US\$6.07 million, as set forth in document GC 38/L.6, determined on the basis of a rate of exchange of EUR 0.735:US\$1.00; and

Determines that in the event the average value of the United States dollar in 2015 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 2015 bears to the budget exchange rate.

Resolution 188/XXXVIII

Establishment of an IFAD Trust Fund for the After-Service Medical Coverage Scheme

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Noting the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards adopted by IFAD, and specifically IAS 19 (revised), to fully recognize its liability to employees and former employees in its financial statements and to transfer sufficient assets to cover this liability to a separate legal entity;

Considering document GC 38/L.7 on the IFAD After-Service Medical Coverage Scheme Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement (IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund IPS);

Considering developments in the international financial environment and the nature of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund;

Aware that the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund IPS has been submitted to the Audit Committee for its review prior to submission to the Executive Board for approval of its submission to the Governing Council;

Declares that Resolution 132/XXVI is superseded by this Resolution;

Decides:

1. For the purpose of covering IFAD's liability to employees and former employees for the ASMCS and to hold sufficient funds to cover such liability, a trust fund for the ASMCS will be established (the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund).
2. IFAD is hereby appointed the administrator of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund.
3. The IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund is authorized to receive and hold the following resources:
 - (a) funds transferred from IFAD's resources, when required, subject to the approval of the President of IFAD; and
 - (b) the investment income earned on the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund's own resources.
4. The Executive Board will periodically review the adequacy of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund's resources, taking into account the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards.
5. IFAD will invest the resources of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund prudently, non-speculatively and in accordance with the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund IPS, as herewith approved. The Executive Board is delegated to make any changes to the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund IPS as may be necessary from time to time.
6. The IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund will be used to meet IFAD's obligations to eligible former staff members and family members for after-service medical coverage. Should the level of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund's resources be deemed significantly higher than that required, after an independent external actuarial valuation, the Executive Board may decide to transfer some of the excess resources directly to IFAD's own resources.

7. Withdrawals from the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund for the purposes stated in paragraph 6 above will be made by the President of IFAD, in the following manner:
 - (a) the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund will make payments or repayments on behalf of IFAD every month until all obligations to eligible former staff members and family members for the ASMCS have been fully met; and
 - (b) excess resources shall be transferred to IFAD's own resources by the President of IFAD, upon decision of the Executive Board.
8. The incremental administrative expenditures directly incurred by IFAD in administering the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund will be paid to IFAD from the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund's resources.
9. The Executive Board will terminate the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund upon a proposal from the President of IFAD at an appropriate time. At that time, the Executive Board will decide upon the arrangements for the termination of the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund and the disposal of its resources.
10. The President of IFAD will report to the Executive Board annually on the IFAD ASMCS Trust Fund's operations and the resources that it holds.

Resolution 189/XXXVIII

Proclamation of an International Day of Family Remittances

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly and Member States on 3-4 October 2013;

Recalling Resolution 55/93 adopted by the General Assembly, proclaiming 18 December as International Migrants Day, which calls for the protection of their human rights;

Welcoming the recommendation, unanimously endorsed by representatives of the public and private sectors and civil society during IFAD's Global Forum on Remittances, held in Bangkok on 20-23 May 2013, to declare an International Day of Family Remittances;

Considering that in many developing countries, international remittances constitute an important source of income to poor families, projected to exceed US\$500 billion annually from 2016 onward;

Noting that the transformative impact remittances have on access to education, food, health and housing is most apparent in communities of the developing world, particularly in rural areas where poverty rates are highest;

Recognizing the critical contributions of migrants in supporting their families living in fragile states and during times of crisis;

Recognizing the work done by Member States, the United Nations system and the role of civil society organizations in promoting the development impact of family remittances;

Recognizing the role of the private sector in developing cost effective and accessible financial transfer services;

Noting that families, as basic units of social life, are major agents of sustainable development at all levels of society and that their contribution to that process is crucial for its success;

Stressing that South-South remittances can represent an important element for international cooperation among developing countries, in their collective pursuit of economic growth and sustainable development;

Mindful that millions of families in rural areas are also supported by domestic remittances sent by family members typically living in urban locations;

- (a) Proclaims 16 June to be the International Day of Family Remittances;
- (b) Invites all governments, private-sector entities, civil society representatives and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to undertake special efforts in observance of this Day;

- (c) Focuses attention on the receiving end of family remittances, and the need to capitalize on their potential to further help meet the economic, social and environmental challenges confronting developing countries, particularly in rural areas;
- (d) Encourages the private sector to facilitate the sending of remittances and to link these flows to a range of financial services and products for migrants and their families;
- (e) Invites civil society organizations to bring forward initiatives based on synergies and partnerships with international organizations, governments and the private sector, that enhance the development impact of remittances in communities of origin; and
- (f) Calls upon the United Nations General Assembly to endorse the observance of this day.