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Action: The Governing Council, at its forty-sixth session, adopted resolution 228/XLVI, on 14 February 2023; and resolutions 229/XLVI, 230/XLVI, 231/XLVI on 15 February. These resolutions are transmitted for the information of all Members of IFAD.

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Resolution 228/XLVI

Review of the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD

The Governing Council of IFAD,

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;

Recalling resolution 176/XXXVI and the endorsement by the Governing Council of the established good practice for the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD and the proposal that this practice be reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council Bureau as appropriate;

Further recalling resolution 202/XLI and the endorsement by the Governing Council of the recommendations of the Governing Council Bureau following its review of the established practice for the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD, as contained in document GC 41/L.9;

Having considered the recommendation made by the Executive Board at its 137th session as contained in document GC 46/L.7;

Decides to request the Governing Council Bureau to review the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD, taking into consideration best practices in use for comparable processes at other United Nations agencies and international financial institutions, and make proposals in order to enhance this practice for future appointments. The Bureau shall be assisted in its task by the IFAD Secretariat and shall submit a report on the results of its review and any recommendations thereon to the Executive Board in December 2023, for submission to the Governing Council for endorsement at its forty-seventh session in February 2024.

Resolution 229/XLVI

Approval of Ukraine 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 Ukraine is among one of the 51 original members of the United Nations;

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

Having considered the application for non-original membership by Ukraine transmitted to the Council in document GC 46/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that Ukraine should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

Approves the membership of Ukraine;

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

Resolution 230/XLVI

Establishment of the Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

The Governing Council of IFAD,

Recalling article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, which provides that, in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund;

Further recalling that the period established by Governing Council resolution 219/XLIV for the Twelfth Replenishment of the Fund's Resources (IFAD12) will conclude on 31 December 2024;

Having considered the statement of the President on the need for a review of the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund and document GC 46/L.4 thereon;

Having further considered the need for the establishment of a Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources;

Decides that:

1. A Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD13 Consultation) shall be established, to review the adequacy of the Fund's resources and to report to the Governing Council. Based on the favourable experience with an external chair during the IFAD09, IFAD10, IFAD11 and IFAD12 Consultations the Governing Council approves that an external chair be maintained for the IFAD13 Consultation and selects Mr Kyle Peters for the role. The tasks of the Chair of the Consultation are annexed to this resolution.
2. The first session of the Consultation shall be held on Thursday 16, and Friday 17 February 2023.
3. The Consultation shall consist of 25 Member States from List A, 10 Member States from List B and 22 Member States from List C. The countries participating from each List should be determined by the Members of that List and communicated to the President no later than 14 February 2023. List A Members not designated as one of the 25 Members of the Consultation from that List shall be authorized to attend the sessions of the Consultation as silent observers. The Consultation may also subsequently invite such other Member States to participate in sessions of the Consultation as may facilitate its deliberations. The Consultation shall submit a report on the results of its deliberations and any recommendations thereon to the forty-seventh session and, if required, subsequent sessions of the Governing Council, with a view to adopting such resolutions as may be appropriate.
4. The President is requested to keep the Executive Board informed of the progress of the deliberations of the Consultation.
5. The President and the staff are requested to provide such assistance to the Consultation as may be necessary for the effective and efficient discharge of its functions.

Tasks of the Chair of the Consultation

The responsibilities of the IFAD13 External Chair would be similar to those of previous IFAD replenishment chairs. Under the authority of the IFAD13 Consultation, the Chair would:

- (i) Chair formal Consultation meetings;
- (ii) Oversee all aspects of the Consultation meetings, discussions and deliberations, providing guidance and support to the Secretariat;
- (iii) Critically review and comment on draft documentation and reports prepared for each Consultation, ensuring quality control and strategic coherence;
- (iv) With support from the Secretariat, synthesize discussions and prepare a summary of each meeting concisely and accurately, reflecting the status of negotiations;
- (v) Lead and facilitate discussions and negotiations among Member States, as well as between IFAD's leadership and Member States, to build consensus in order to achieve successful outcomes for reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's resources;
- (vi) Mobilize external support for IFAD, including at the political level, within Member States in collaboration with delegates and IFAD Management;
- (vii) Ensure that the final report and recommendations of the Consultation respond to the terms of reference of the Consultation and conform to the Agreement Establishing IFAD and other documents adopted by the Governing Council; and
- (viii) Work with the President and staff to prepare for meetings and negotiations in order to ensure that issues are presented effectively.

Resolution 231/XLVI

Administrative budget comprising the regular budget and capital budgets of IFAD and an Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD budget for 2023

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 137th session, the Executive Board reviewed and agreed upon a programme of loans and grants of IFAD for 2023 at a level of SDR 1,172 million (US\$1,548 million), which comprises a lending programme of SDR 1,145.5 million (US\$1,513 million) and a gross grant programme of SDR 26.5 million (US\$35 million);

Having considered the review of the 137th session of the Executive Board concerning the proposed regular budget, capital budget and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD budget for 2023;

Aware that, in 2004, Governing Council resolution 133/XXVII authorized the amendment of regulation VI, paragraph 2 of the Financial Regulations of IFAD, to allow unobligated appropriations at the close of the financial year to be carried forward into the following financial year up to an amount not exceeding 3 per cent of the said financial year;

Conscious that the aforementioned 3 per cent carry forward currently applies to the administrative budget, and noting the need for a 3 per cent cap for carrying forward unspent balances arising from savings achieved in 2022 into the 2023 financial year to support delivery of certain corporate priorities;

Approves the administrative budget comprised of, first: the regular budget of IFAD for 2023 in the amount of US\$175.7 million, which has been prepared on a cost classification basis and that includes US\$78.75 million of management resources to cover indirect costs and US\$96.96 million of programme resources to cover direct costs; second, the capital budget of IFAD for 2023 in the amount of US\$6.5 million; and third, the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2023 in the amount of US\$5.97 million, as set forth in document GC 46/L.6, determined on the basis of a rate of exchange of EUR 0.923:US\$1;

Determines that, in the event the average value of the United States dollar in 2023 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 2023 bears to the budget exchange rate; and

Further approves that unobligated appropriations at the close of the financial year 2022 may be carried forward into the 2023 financial year up to an amount not exceeding 3 per cent of the corresponding appropriations.