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## Applications for non-original membership

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**Action:** The Governing Council is invited to adopt the draft resolutions contained in the annex.

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## **Applications for non-original membership**

### **I. Background**

1. By a letter dated 18 October 2023, signed by His Excellency Ivica Dačić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Serbia applied for non-original membership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in accordance with articles 3.1(a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
2. The Republic of Serbia has been a member of the United Nations since 1 November 2000.
3. By a letter dated 10 November 2023, signed by Her Excellency Ingrida Šimonytė, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Lithuania applied for non-original membership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in accordance with articles 3.1(a), 3.2(b) and 13.1(c) of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
4. The Republic of Lithuania has been a member of the United Nations since 17 September 1991.
5. The above applications for non-original membership were considered by the Executive Board at its 140<sup>th</sup> session in December 2023. In accordance with the applicable legal framework and as recorded in the minutes of its 140<sup>th</sup> session, the Executive Board decided to recommend to the Governing Council that it approve the applications for non-original membership by the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Serbia.
6. In light of the above, the Governing Council is invited to adopt the draft resolutions contained in the annex.

**Draft resolution .../XLVII****Approval of the Republic of Serbia 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 or of the International Atomic Energy Agency 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 Serbia is a member of the United Nations;

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

**Having considered** the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Serbia transmitted to the Council in document GC 47/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Serbia should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

**Approves** the membership of the Republic of Serbia;

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

## **Draft resolution .../XLVII**

### **Approval of the Republic of Lithuania 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 or of the International Atomic Energy Agency 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 Lithuania is a member of the United Nations;

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

**Having considered** the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Lithuania transmitted to the Council in document GC 47/L.2, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that the Republic of Lithuania should be admitted to membership in IFAD;

**Taking note** of the additional contribution of fifty thousand euros (EUR 50,000) to the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources that the Republic of Lithuania wishes to make, upon approval of its membership application and adoption of the Resolution on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources;

**Approves** the membership of the Republic of Lithuania;

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