Dear IFAD11 Delegate,

I am writing to thank you for participating in the third session of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD11). We had a very informative and constructive exploration of key issues and I am convinced that it brought us closer to our goal of a successful replenishment outcome for IFAD11. My summary of the session was posted on the IFAD Member States Interactive Platform for your review and comment.

Some of you have asked me, on various occasions, for arguments that could help convince your minister, your parliamentarians, and/or your public at large that they should support a strong IFAD11 replenishment. With that in mind, I put together the attached note, which I drafted from the perspective of what I, were I in your position, would tell my minister to convince her/him that my country needs to invest in IFAD, and indeed invest at a higher level than in the past.

In order to keep the note concise, I have not included many details, numbers or references. These can readily be found in the IFAD11 Consultation Report and in the documents that we discussed at the previous three Consultation sessions.

I am sharing this note with you in the hope that it will be useful in your efforts to make the case for a strong IFAD replenishment. Of course, you will want to pick and choose, add and delete, amend and improve on the arguments presented in the attachment to tailor them to your country’s interests and conditions. And I would welcome any feedback on how the points could be improved and made more convincing generally.

Again, many thanks and best regards,

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