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The Consultation is hereby requested to consider the revised version of the text on the external evaluation of IFAD, in paragraph 92 of Part VI "Measuring Results and Impact" of the report.

92.   **External evaluation of IFAD**. The Consultation discussed the proposal for an external and independent evaluation of IFAD during 2003 and 2004. The discussion was based on a paper presented by Denmark and cosponsored by The Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland. The membership endorsed the proposal to have such an evaluation and noted that there has been no independent evaluation of IFAD, apart from the Rapid External Assessment that was conducted in 1994. It has been stressed that the whole membership should have ownership of this evaluation. While emphasizing that the planning and undertaking of such an important task should be done carefully and judiciously, the Consultation stressed the need to ensure that the evaluation is completed in 2004, ahead of the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD, to eliminate any risk of delay in this replenishment.   It is hoped that, to the extent possible, the evaluation will be funded by external donors, with IFAD funding to be made available if necessary. The Executive Board will decide and authorize the modalities for structuring and managing the evaluation process. It was also agreed that the IFAD Secretariat would provide an initial list of candidates of international standing, possibly supplemented by other suggestions by the membership, for the drafting of the evaluation terms of reference (TOR). The desirability of finalizing the TOR in time to permit an early discussion by the Executive Board was stressed.