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Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's
Resources — Organizational Session
Rome, 15 February 2008

For: **Approval**

Note to Consultation members

This document is submitted for approval by the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

To make the best use of time available at Consultation sessions, members are invited to contact the following focal point with any technical questions about this document before the session:

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Recommendation for approval

The Consultation is invited to consider and approve the proposed dates for the Consultation's second, third, fourth and fifth sessions as contained in paragraph 3 of the present document and note the indicative workplan set out in the annex.

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1. The Executive Board, at its ninety-second session (December 2007) reviewed a draft resolution on the Establishment of the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD VIII) and decided to submit the resolution, as contained in document GC 31/L.4 together with its recommendations, to the Governing Council for approval at its thirty-first session. In anticipation of the adoption of this resolution and after consultations with the List Convenors, the President of IFAD sent out an invitation to hold the organizational session of the Consultation on Friday, 15 February 2008, at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J.F. Kennedy (EUR), Rome.
2. The resolution, once approved, will permit a review of the resources available to IFAD before the expiration of the Seventh Replenishment period on 31 December 2009. The Eighth Replenishment Consultation sessions would be held in 2008 and the Consultation's recommendations reported to the thirty-second session of the Governing Council in 2009 in order to ensure the replenishment's effectiveness by 2010. The three-year replenishment period is also consistent with that of financial windows in regional development banks and the International Development Association.
3. In this respect, it is expected that the Eighth Replenishment negotiations will be completed within one year and that one organizational and four substantive sessions would be sufficient to conclude the discussions. Accordingly, the following dates are proposed for the second, third, fourth, and fifth sessions of the Eighth Replenishment Consultation:

Second session:	Tuesday and Wednesday, 22-23 April 2008
Third session:	Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-9 July 2008
Fourth session:	Tuesday and Wednesday, 7-8 October 2008
Fifth session:	Thursday and Friday, 18-19 December 2008
4. The Member States are invited to approve the proposed dates for the Consultation's future sessions.
5. The Member States are also invited to note the annex to this document listing an indicative sequence of topics to be discussed at the Consultation.

Indicative sequence of topics to be considered by the Consultation

Organizational session:	Sessions and workplan of the Consultation
Second session (April 2008):	Priorities for the Eighth Replenishment period 2010-2012 Financing requirements for the Eighth Replenishment period 2010-2012
Third session (July 2008):	To be determined
Fourth session (October 2008):	Draft of the Consultation report
Fifth session (December 2008):	Agreement on resource requirements Finalization of Consultation report

