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Distinguished Governors,

I am writing to update you on developments since IFAD's Governing Council approved the Report of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD12) and the IFAD12 Resolution in February 2021, and to remind you of the cut-off date for creation of IFAD12 voting rights and establishing the baseline pledges for IFAD12 effectiveness coming up on 18 August 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that we have already reached a record level of core contributions for IFAD12, with 82 pledges totalling US\$1.15 billion as of 28 June 2021. This brings us to almost 75 per cent of our IFAD12 contributions target. Many of the pledges received are extraordinary increases, including from some of the world's poorest countries.

Of this US\$1.15 billion, over US\$126 million had been received in the form of instruments of contribution (IOCs) or payments as of 28 June.

While we can accept pledges at any time during the replenishment cycle, IFAD's Executive Board will need to approve the initial country allocations for IFAD12 by December 2021. Final decisions on country allocations for IFAD12, and the overall level of grant financing for countries in debt distress, will be determined on the basis of pledges actually received and our best assessment of further pledges likely to be made over the remainder of the IFAD12 period.

The cut-off date for the creation of new replenishment votes for IFAD12 and setting the baseline level of pledges against which IFAD12 effectiveness will be calculated is **18 August 2021**. Replenishment effectiveness will be reached when the aggregate United States dollar equivalent amount of IOCs deposited with, or payments received by, the Fund represent at least 50 per cent of the pledges received, as of six months after the adoption of the IFAD12 Resolution, or upon decision by the Executive Board after recommendation from the President. The resources under any given replenishment become available for commitment only when the replenishment becomes effective.

With this in mind, I am urging all Member States that have not yet pledged to IFAD12 to communicate their pledge by the cut-off date, and pay or deposit an IOC as soon as possible after pledging to ensure timely achievement of IFAD12 effectiveness.

Should you wish to discuss your pledge, IOC or payment, Mr Ronald Hartman, Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, (r.hartman@ifad.org) and the IFAD12 Replenishment Secretariat (replenishment@ifad.org) are available.

Accept, Distinguished Governors, the assurances of my gratitude and my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marie Haga'.

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All Governors of the International
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