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**INTERVENTION OF ANGOLA**

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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS**

**ROME- ITALY**

**Mr. Chairman of the Governing Council,  
Governors,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

First of all, allow me to congratulate and address the President of IFAD, Gilbert Houngbo, who recently visited my country, and had the opportunity to be received by the President of the Republic, meet a few heads of sector and to be aware of the consideration we have for the work developed by IFAD and the interest of my country in strengthening the collaboration.

We are pleased with the way the President and his team are leading this institution, seeking innovation to improve efficiency and finding new ways of mobilizing funds to assist countries in the realization of the 2030 Agenda, in particular with regard to the elimination of hunger, nutritional improvement and the reduction of poverty.

We welcome IFAD's attention to the African Continent in its Program, which unfortunately is where the highest levels of undernourishment are found, where climate change affects most harshly and where armed conflicts are progressing and finding fertile ground in food insecurity.

We appreciate the pragmatism with which IFAD wants to involve the private sector in its work, giving priority to youth entrepreneurship and small producer organizations and associations, so that they can develop and use more productive and mechanical means.

That is why we support the proposed amendments to the basic legal texts, without the fact that IFAD continues to focus mainly on the poorest rural populations.

The random factor of agriculture, aggravated with the climate change, calls for the inclusion of agricultural insurance, so that peasants and small farmers feel more protected.

IFAD's mandate is noble, which is why it has been able to count on the generous contributions of traditional donor Countries. We know that the international financial crisis does not help much in mobilizing new resources, but it is in these moments that there is a moral obligation to support those who need it the most.

In this regard, I would like to inform that the Government of Angola, beyond the 2 million dollars already transferred for the 11<sup>th</sup> Replenishment of Resources, has responded favourably to President Gilbert Houngbo's call for Countries to increase their contributions. Thus, Angola will contribute with \$ 2 million dollars more, thus doubling its contribution.

Mister President,

Angola is experiencing a new dynamic and puts the priority to the fight against corruption, to the diversification of production, with priority given to the sectors of agriculture, fisheries and the mitigation of the strong regional imbalances.

In this context, the Government has created a set of Programs to support agricultural development in order to facilitate access to fertilizers, improved seeds, soil remediation and mechanical means, with a view to improving both production and productivity and, in the medium term, to achieve self-sufficiency in certain food products, with particular reference to cereals, tubers and fishery products.

It is also planned to create employment opportunities for young people in the agricultural sector, by using more mechanized processes and by expanding throughout the country field schools, cooperatives and the promotion of community funds.

Family farming continues to play a relevant role in supplying local markets, but the Government is also encouraging medium and large-sized domestic and foreign entrepreneurs to invest in agriculture and agribusiness intended for the internal market and export.

Thank you very much, Mister Chair of the Governing Council.

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