

The Russian Federation Statement for The Forty-fifth Session of the Governing Council of The International Fund for Agricultural Development

Dear colleagues!

I am pleased to see you all at the 45th Session of the Governing Council of IFAD. As a Governor from the Russian Federation I would like to reaffirm our strong support to the efforts put by IFAD in combating hunger especially in this tough time when we face worldwide severe consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Russian Federation welcomes the progress made on large-scale reforms and improved budget management practices of IFAD.

We expect that a Government Decree regarding our obligations of the Twelfth Replenishment will be approved soon.

The Russian Federation is one of the active providers of the official development assistance through international organizations and the UN, contributing to the achievement of the SDG-1 and SDG-2 in the context of the current global economic recession and growing demand for humanitarian assistance.

We also would like to welcome and express our gratitude to our colleagues from FAO and WFP. The Russian Federation continues this valuable and fruitful cooperation, that increases our ability to reach global goals and achieve SDGs 1 and 2 in the near future.

The priority tasks and directions of the implemented projects within the framework of the Twelfth Replenishment are defined: fight against hunger and poverty in rural areas of developing countries; agriculture development in countries; improvement of nutrition and social protection systems; food security; enhancing the South-South cooperation, etc.

Particular emphasis is placed upon projects on such issues as environmental conservation and adaptation to climate change, partnership between the government, the private sector and producers, gender equality and the advancement of women, as well as improving nutrition.

Overall, permanent building up cooperation will allow to maximize the IFAD's capacity for the exchange of experience and the establishing of common priorities in the field of food security at international venues and fora, as well as to attract Russian experts within the framework of the Fund's projects.

The Russian Federation hope that the amount of Russian assistance within the framework of the Twelfth Replenishment will make it possible to expand the tools to support the Fund's activities.

We also call for an open and transparent process of Election of Members and Alternate Members of the Executive Board. We encourage participants to fully support IFAD and follow the principle «no one left behind».

Thank you, Mr. Chair.