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COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Thirty-fifth Session

Rome, 14, 15 and 17 October 2009

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- c) Membership of the Committee

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AGENDA NOTES

1. The Thirty-fifth Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) will open at 9.30 hours on Wednesday, 14 October 2009, at FAO headquarters. Provision has been made for the Session to continue up to Saturday, 17 October 2009 for the approval of the final report, with a one day interruption on 16 October on the occasion of World Food Day.

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II. ECONOMIC CRISIS AND IMPACT ON FOOD SECURITY

2. This session will include a brief presentation of the highlights from SOFI (2009) followed by a facilitated discussion on the key issues in a multi-stakeholder type forum. This item will include presentations from various governments and NGO representatives highlighting how they have addressed the impact of the economic crisis on food security at the national level.

III. REFORM OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

3. Under this item the Committee will consider the “Reform of the Committee on World Food Security” discussion document with proposals to Reform CFS developed by the CFS Bureau assisted by the Contact Group (see doc.CFS:2009/2). The proposed reforms are designed to redefine the CFS’ vision and role to focus on the key challenges of eradicating hunger; expanding participation in CFS to ensure that voices of all relevant stakeholders are heard in the policy debate on food and agriculture; adapt its rules and procedures with the aim to become the central United Nations political platform dealing with food security and nutrition; strengthening its linkages with regional, national and local levels; and supporting CFS discussions with structured expertise through the creation of a High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) so that decisions taken by the CFS are based on hard evidence and state of the art knowledge.

4. One pending item from 34th Session of CFS is to improve reporting on the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action through the CFS (see doc. CFS:2008/2 para 13). Various timetable, procedures, and formats have been attempted but all have experienced a number of difficulties. How to monitor and report on progress towards eliminating hunger and food insecurity is being examined within the context of CFS reform.

IV. FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ICARRD)

5. The Committee will consider a document (see doc. CFS:2009/3) which highlights the importance of secure access to land and other natural resources for alleviating poverty and hunger, the broad challenges currently facing tenure reform, and outlines FAO actions in this regard. This

session will include a brief overview of the document, followed by a facilitated discussion on the key issues highlighting those dimensions of land tenure governance that are in greatest need of policy guidance and other land related issues that may constrain rural development.

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