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Review of the Trust Fund for the Immediate Plan of Action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- i) As at 22 April 2009, the Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action had received contributions amounting to USD **3.4 million** against confirmed pledges of USD **6.4 million**.
- ii) Contributions and pledges to the Trust Fund are significantly short of 2009 extra-budgetary requirements currently estimated at USD 19.9 million pending further adjustments that might arise from the results of Phase II of the Root and Branch review.
- iii) Management wishes to underline that unless significant additional contributions are quickly received, action will have to be initiated to curtail planned IPA activities in 2009.

ACTION REQUIRED

The Finance Committee is requested to review the updates provided in the document, and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.

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Background

1. At its Thirty-Fifth (Special) Session, the Conference decided that *“implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action in 2009 requires funding by extra-budgetary contributions, and that its funding for 2010-2011 will be treated under the Programme of Work and Budget.”* In this connection, it urged all member countries *“to contribute extra-budgetary resources of a provisional amount of US\$ 21.8 million for 2009 to a special Trust Fund established for this purpose.”*¹ It resolved that *“the Trust Fund accounts will be publicly available and oversight will be provided by the Council supported by the Finance Committee.”*
2. At its March 2009 session, the Finance Committee welcomed that the review of estimated project costs had resulted in a reduction in the requirement for voluntary funding in 2009 from USD 21.8 million (USD 23.39 million including 7% Project Support Costs) to USD 18.6 million (USD 19.9 million including 7% Project Support Costs).²

Current Status of Trust Fund

3. As at 22 April 2009, the Trust Fund had received contributions amounting to USD **3,400,831** and confirmed pledges for a total of USD **6,394,335**. In addition, five countries pledged to contribute to the Trust Fund as per Conference statements (C 35), without specifying an amount. Table 1 overleaf provides the status of the Trust Fund as at 22 April.

¹ Conference Resolution 1/2008, “Adoption of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) for FAO Renewal”

² CL 136/7 Report of the 125th Session of the Finance Committee, paragraph 19

Table 1

Contributions (USD) to IPA Trust Fund

as at 22 April 2009

Country	Type of Pledge	Amount pledged	Amount received
Austria	MOU signed 12/12/08	65,933	65,933
Australia	MOU signed on 7/04/09	100,000	
Brazil	C 35 statement	100,000	100,000
Belgium	MOU signed 26/03/09	250,000	250,000
Cameroon	NV received on 6/04/09	21,739	
Cyprus	Contribution	9,186	9,186
Estonia	MOU signed 31/12/08	4,000	4,000
EC	Let/ODG/9/01/09	1,200,000	
Finland	C 35 statement		
France	Let/ADG-AFD/17/02/09	900,000	400,000
Gabon	C 35 statement		
Germany	MOU signed 5/12/08	906,736	906,736
Greece	C 35 statement	86,338	86,338
Italy	NV received 11/02/09	1,000,000	1,000,000
Ireland	Let/ODG/29/12/08	142,638	142,638
Japan	C 35 statement		
Mauritius	C 35 statement		
Mozambique	N V received 22/01/09	1,765	
New Zealand	MOU signed 16/02/09	70,000	70,000
Slovakia	Contribution	44,000	44,000
South Africa	C 35 statement		
Spain	C 35 statement	600,000	
Switzerland	2 MOUs signed 28/01/09	301,434	301,434
United Rep.of Tanzania	MOU signed 25/03/09	19,975	19,975
United Kingdom	Est pledge/draft MOU	570,000	
TOTAL	25 PLEDGES	6,393,744	3,400,240
Transfer IEE Trust Fund		591	591
		6,394,335	3,400,831

Expenditures charged against the Trust Fund

4. At its 125th session in March 2009, the Finance Committee requested “*that the status of the Trust Fund be a standing item on its agenda at its future meetings in 2009, including a summary of expenditures charged against the Trust Fund.*”³
5. As reported in the Progress Report to the CoC-IEE Working Groups I, II and III meeting on 24 March 2009 (*para 8*), IPA costs in 2009 have been earmarked in the first instance for governing body follow-up (CoC-IEE), management follow-up and Culture Change. In addition, a low level of expenditure has been committed in support of Project 9 (Reform of Administration and Management Systems). Table 2 provides a summary of Trust Fund contributions received versus amounts presently earmarked and committed expenditures.

Table 2

IPA Trust Fund - Summary of cash available versus earmarkings and commitments as of 22 April 2009 (USD million)	
Trust Fund contributions received	3.4
Earmarked Projects	Budgeted
Project 13. Culture Change	1.8
Project 15. Governing Body Follow-up (CoC-IEE)	1.3
Project 16. Management Follow-up	1.1
Sub-total for earmarked projects	4.2
Committed expenditures	
Project 9. Reform of administration and management systems	0.07
Total earmarked and committed	4.27

6. There is thus a shortfall in excess of USD 0.8 million in cash available versus amounts earmarked for IPA activities. However, compared to the level of funds pledged there is a balance of approximately USD 2.13 million available for IPA activities not tabulated above.

Conclusion

7. As at 22 April, contributions and pledges to the Trust Fund for the implementation of the IPA fall significantly short of 2009 extra-budgetary requirements currently estimated at USD 19.9 million pending further adjustments that might arise from the results of Phase II of the Root and Branch review. Management wishes to underline that unless significant additional contributions are quickly received, action will be initiated to curtail planned IPA activities in 2009.

³ CL 136/7 Report of the 125th Session of the Finance Committee, paragraph 10