

Comments from ExCo Members on Representation of Regional Development Banks in ExCo and on Chairmanship of ExCo/FC

Comment from FAO on Representation of Regional Development Banks in ExCo (J. Ekebil--February 8, 2002)

Comment on Revisions to Integrated Proposal Attachments:

Attachment 1: Functions of the CGIAR Executive Council (ExCo)

Line 197: 'Regional Bank Representatives' have been excluded from ExCo membership. Originally, they had been listed alongside 'Foundation Representatives'. I do not recall a decision on this and it seems unwise given the need to mobilize new resources and the new strategic emphasis on reduction of food insecurity and poverty at the regional level.

Comment from USAID on the Chairmanship of ExCo/FC (J. Conly, March 15, 2002)

ExCo Committees

Chair: We note that it is proposed that the Chair of the Program Committee be elected while the Chair of the Finance Committee be “the largest donor to the regular budget.” We agree with the former but wish to propose that the wording of the latter in the TOR be changed to read “The Bank representative will serve as FC chair.” We believe that it is extremely important that the Bank continue in this role because its funds are made available to the entire system rather than just to individual centers or programs. It is also important that there be continuity. If the proposed phrasing were utilized, the selection in any one year might be heavily determined by short-term variations in restricted funding, which often cannot be determined in advance or quantified until after the fact.