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dear gillian,
further to our discussions in the committee, on monday and tuesday, it would be appreciated if you could share with the committee, the information below extracted from the statement of the acting governor of the USA, at our Governing Council last month.

best personal regards, & once again, thank you for the wonderful assistance you have provided to us. the australian parliamentary system shows itself as a truly functioning, open, transparent democracy, of which you should be very proud. alan

"Together, we have worked hard in recent years to put in place policies and programmes that should enable IFAD to deliver resources to the rural poor more effectively and accountably, as reflected in the IFAD-6 policy reforms. The United States remain a strong supporter of IFAD We look forward to the year - and years - ahead, as we further our endeavours to maintain IFAD's record as a leader in rural development".

(extract from statement by david bloomgarden, the acting governor of the USA, at the Governing Council of IFAD on Feb 18-19,2004)