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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Corrections to evidence provided at the JSCOT Hearing 22 March 2004 on Australia's withdrawal from the International Fund for Agricultural Development

After checking the advice provided by myself, Alan March and Peter Versegi to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties public hearing of 22 March 2004, Mr Versegi and myself would like to correct two pieces of evidence. I therefore put forward the attached as a supplementary submission.

Yours sincerely

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**Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Public Hearing, 22 March 2004**

**Australia's withdrawal from the International Fund for Agricultural
Development (IFAD)**

Corrections to evidence

The **Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)** wishes to correct two pieces of evidence to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties public hearing of 22 March 2004.

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Mr March is recorded as saying

“From the records that we have been able to obtain from IFAD – and they are sketchy – yes, they are the single largest participant.”

In fact, IFAD has never been able to provide us with details about Australian contractors. GRM itself informed us of its income derived from IFAD but could not confirm that it was the largest Australian contractor. However, with an estimated income of A\$2.07million in 2002/03 financial year, GRM is the single largest recipient that AusAID is aware of.

(Transcript page 12)

Mr Versegi is recorded as saying

“No; I think the latest record is November this year”.

In fact, after checking the Inception Report of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of IFAD dated 1 March 2004, the estimated timing for completion of the IEE is February/March 2005.