



## **Additional comments—Mr Greg Hunt MP, Mr Peter King MP and Senator Tsebin Tchen**

We support the findings of the Committee's Report, however, we have one reservation in relation to the proposed withdrawal from the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* while Australia has ongoing financial commitments from IFAD 4 and 5 until 2007-08. In our view there would be value in deferring the decision to withdraw from the Agreement until those commitments have expired or at least until the independent external evaluation is complete. This would involve negligible additional cost to Australia while preserving the position of Australian agricultural contractors. Australia could remain a non-contributing member during this period with no prejudice to our position.

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