



## **Changes in the rules of procedure**

The Board is invited to consider the following amendment to its Rules of Procedure:

### **1. The quorum requirement**

Following the discussion at the 22 June 2004 meeting and at the Board's request, the Secretariat has prepared a proposed draft of Article 8 intended to reflect the views made by several members:

#### Current Article 8

A quorum of at least two thirds of all the members of the Board (i.e. 10) shall have to be physically present in order for the meeting to be valid.

#### Proposed new Article 8

Without prejudice to Article 11 (vote by proxy), a quorum of at least two thirds of all the members of the Board (i.e. 10) shall have to be physically present in order for the meeting to adopt decisions. The determination of the quorum may take into account members participating to the meeting through video or telephone link. In order to secure the widest possible involvement of members, such remote connection shall be particularly encouraged in case of meetings convened urgently for the purpose of addressing emergencies or food crisis situations.

In the absence of a quorum, draft decisions will be submitted to the Board for adoption by written procedure under the conditions set out in Article 12.