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WPW TRUST FUND ACTIVITIES AND REPLENISHMENT

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I. WPW TRUST FUND

1. In an effort to ensure the continuation of WPW activities until December 2007¹, extrabudgetary funds amounting to USD 52,972 were transferred to FAO in December 2006 by four donors (Austria, Lithuania, Norway and Switzerland) in support of WPW activities for the next two to three years, and a Multilateral Trust Fund project (GCP/RER/018/MUL) Support to the activities of the FAO-ECA Working Party on Women and the Family in Rural Development was established. The project's immediate objectives were to:

- a) build capacity to mainstream and analyse gender-specific needs into agriculture and rural development work through the organization of expert meetings and workshops, and
- b) facilitate the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences related to gender issues, agriculture and rural development in the Region.

2. The WPW Trust Fund (GCP/RER/018/MUL), has, as of 2009, a balance of USD 27,296 available; these funds will be used, in line with the Trust Fund guidelines for financing resource persons for the forthcoming 14th WPW Session and for editing and publication of papers and the final report.

3. In 2006-2008, Trust Fund resources up to USD 26,343 have been used to cover the costs of three International Consultants and one National Consultant who prepared technical papers and facilitated and reported on the three Expert Meetings organized in the period, on assignments of two-three weeks each (including travel and participation in Expert Meetings). The Trust Fund has earned USD 2,975 in interest.

4. The Secretariat will prepare for the 14th WPW Session a draft proposal to launch an appeal for voluntary contributions to replenish the existing Trust Fund.

II. OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE WPW

5. REU and SEU have also received a Regular Programme allotment for the 2008-2009 biennium under RA3FS01 Gender and Equity in Rural Societies of USD 64,274 to support up to three WPW events, e.g. a WPW Session and two Expert Meetings. An International Consultant who from January to March 2009 prepared a *Needs Assessment and Survey on the WPW with Recommendations for the ECA* (ECA: WPW/09/3 Supp. 2009 Survey on WPW Activities in the European Region refers) for USD 3,000 was financed from the allotment and a part-time secretarial assistant has been contracted to assist with work on the WPW for six months in 2009 at a cost of USD 1,000/per month.

6. The amount of USD 58,067 is available and will be used for the organization of the 14th WPW Session and follow-up activities, including, if recommended, website networking.

7. Since 2008, a Junior Technical Officer working on rural development with focus on gender provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hungary has been working and receiving training in REU on rural development and mainstreaming gender.

¹ The duration of the Trust Fund has been extended to end 2009.