

International Fund for Agricultural Development Amendment Bill 2012

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Portfolio: Foreign Affairs

Response received: 31 November 2012

Committee view

1.2 The committee thanks the Minister for his response. Having considered this further information, the committee is satisfied that the bill does not appear to give rise to any human rights concerns.

Purpose of the bill

1.3 This bill amends the *International Fund for Agricultural Development Act 1977* to allow Australia to legally accede to the Agreement Establishing IFAD under Australian law by:

- amending the definition of 'Agreement' to ensure the legislation refers to the most recent version of the Agreement;
- repealing a section stating that membership of IFAD is approved; and
- removing the Schedule to the IFAD Act 1977 (as it refers the original IFAD Agreement) and replacing it with a web link to the most recent IFAD Agreement, which is updated as the Agreement is amended.

1.4 The Minister's response can be found in Appendix 1.