

Supplementary Information on
FCR(2010-11)6 : Transfers to Funds
(Subhead 990 Payment to the Disaster Relief Fund)

for the Finance Committee (FC) Meeting on 23 April 2010

As requested by the FC Chairman, supplementary information on the above FCai is appended below.

Basis for the amount of donation

2. In the past three years, FC gave approval for injecting supplementary provisions to the Disaster Relief Fund (the Fund) on the following four occasions -

- ◆ \$250 million in February 2008 to address the need for grants from provincial/municipal governments and relief organizations for providing emergency relief to the snowstorm victims in the Mainland.
- ◆ \$350 million in May 2008 to address the need for grants from central/provincial governments and relief organizations for providing emergency relief to the victims of the earthquake in Sichuan.
- ◆ \$50 million in August 2009 to address the need for grant from Taiwan authorities for providing emergency relief to the typhoon victims in Taiwan.
- ◆ \$150 million on 1 April 2010 to address the need for grants from provincial governments and relief organizations for providing emergency relief to the drought victims in the Mainland.

3. Having regard to the information obtained on the latest development of the earthquake in Qinghai Province vis-à-vis the scale of damage as impacted by the four catastrophic disasters above and the level of relief grants subsequently made, we propose to seek a supplementary provision of \$130 million for injection into the Fund. Out of this amount, \$100 million will be donated to the Provincial Government of Qinghai as contribution to their disaster relief and rehabilitation work. The balance of \$30 million is to cater for applications for grants submitted or to be shortly submitted by relief organizations to provide emergency relief to the earthquake victims.

4. We will keep in view closely the latest development of the disaster. We stand ready to offer further assistance where circumstances so warrant.

Applications from relief organizations

5. On the advice of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee, a grant of \$4.5 million was made to The Amity Foundation on 19 April 2010 to provide emergency relief to earthquake victims in Qinghai Province. We have just received two more

applications. Several other major relief organizations have also indicated that they will shortly submit applications for grants to undertake emergency relief projects for the victims.

Administration Wing
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