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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

For approval



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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1. Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Second Regular Session of 2011. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. Appointment of the Rapporteur

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. **Opening Remarks by the Executive Director**

Under this item, the Executive Director will provide an oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP.

4. Policy Issues

a) <u>WFP Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction</u>

This paper updates the policy on disaster risk reduction presented for consideration at the First Regular Session of 2009. It takes into account WFP's latest experience and comments from regional consultations. The paper identifies issues and lessons from implementation and clarifies WFP's role and comparative advantage in supporting disaster risk reduction. It was discussed at informal consultations in July and September 2011 and is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

b) Compendium of WFP Policies Relating to the Strategic Plan*

This paper is presented annually **for information** at the Board's Second Regular Session. At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations in the Report of the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6), in which governance recommendation (d) proposed that WFP policy statements be codified in a compendium. In 2010, at the Board's request, the compendium was reorganized and redrafted to focus on policies relating to the Strategic Plan (2008–2013).

c) Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

At the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Istanbul, Member States agreed on the Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2011-2020 (A/CONF.219/3/Rev.1) during formal negotiations on 11 May 2011, and agreed on the political declaration on 13 May 2011. Further to General Assembly resolution 65/280 calling upon all the relevant stakeholders to commit to implementing the Programme of Action, the Board will have before it a document detailing the Istanbul Programme of Action, with a decision complying with the General Assembly request. This document is submitted **for approval.**

5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) WFP Management Plan (2012–2014)

At its Annual Session in June 2011, under the Financial Framework Review item, the Board decided to move from a biennial Management Plan and budget cycle to a three-year rolling Management Plan with an annually approved budget (decision 2011/EB.A/10). The Management Plan (2012–2014) – the third to be driven



by the current Strategic Plan - sets out WFP's budget for 2012 and its plans for 2013-2014 and identifies the measures and resources needed to continue the repositioning of WFP as a food assistance agency.

The budget for 2012, which is submitted to the Board **for approval**, presents: i) the projected programme of work; ii) the support budget requirements for achieving the Strategic Objectives; and iii) extra-budgetary resource activities for 2012.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

b) <u>Proposed Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee of the World Food Programme</u>

At its Annual Session of 2011, the Board suggested that the newly appointed Working Group on the Review of the Audit Committee should report to the Board on its findings and recommendations at the Second Regular Session of 2011. This report is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, for information, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

c) <u>Report of the External Auditor on Procurement of Landside Transport, Storage and</u> <u>Handling Contracts and WFP Management Response</u>

This report, presented **for consideration**, sets out the results of the audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India of WFP's performance in procuring contracts for landside transport, storage and handling, which accounts for 25 percent of the operational costs of pre-positioning food at various locations.

The objective of the audit was to assess compliance with prescribed procedures and to obtain assurance that processes for selecting service providers are transparent and provide value for money.

The Board will also have before it, for information, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ.

d) <u>Report of the External Auditor on Management of Projects and WFP Management</u> <u>Response</u>

This report, presented **for consideration**, gives the results of the audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India of WFP's performance in managing project budgets. The objective was to assess the controls that ensure that projects are designed, budgeted and resourced so as to achieve the required outcomes.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

e) Efficiency at WFP

This paper, presented **for consideration**, was requested at the Board's Annual Session of 2010. It was drafted by the Resource Management and Accountability Department in consultation with divisional managers and gives an account of efficiency in WFP.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.



f) Work Plan of the External Auditor for the Period July 2011 to June 2012*

This document, presented **for information**, outlines the External Auditor's work plan and audit activities for July 2011 to June 2012. Two performance audits - on emergency preparedness for IT support and human resources planning - and a long-form report on the Audited Accounts will also be presented. Field audits at four regional bureaux and eight country offices will be carried out.

The Board will also have before it, for information, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ.

6. Evaluation Reports

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are **for consideration**. The summaries of actions taken by management to implement the recommendations are presented as addenda to the reports.

a) <u>Summary Report of the Strategic Mid-Term Evaluation of WFP's Agriculture and</u> <u>Market Support in Uganda and Management Response</u>

Agriculture and market support constitutes the second component of the Uganda country programme (2009–2014) supporting Government-led initiatives to address hunger. It aims to develop infrastructures and enhance the productivity of smallholders to ensure that WFP can procure US\$100 million in locally produced food annually through Purchase for Progress (P4P). The evaluation assesses mid-term achievements and provides recommendations for the project.

b) <u>Summary Report of the Strategic Mid-Term Evaluation of WFP's Purchase for</u> <u>Progress Initiative and Management Response</u>

The five-year P4P pilot is designed to transform food and nutrition assistance into a productive investment in communities. WFP is testing alternative procurement in 21 countries and examining the impact on market development, access to markets and the welfare of smallholders. The mid-term evaluation will review performance in several countries with a view to helping WFP to transform the way it buys food in developing countries.

c) <u>Summary Evaluation Report—Haiti Country Portfolio and Management Response</u>

The country portfolio evaluation studies seven years of WFP support for vulnerable groups, covering all WFP's operations and the response to the 2010 earthquake with a view to enabling the country office to make informed decisions regarding its position. The evaluation addresses the alignment, performance and results of the WFP portfolio and the effectiveness and impact of decisions.

d) <u>Summary Evaluation Report—Kenya Country Portfolio and Management Response</u>

The evaluation assesses the portfolio in 2006–2010, focusing on: i) WFP's alignment with government policies and partners' strategies; ii) WFP's strategic choices in the past; and iii) the outcomes and impacts of operations. The findings and recommendations will inform the country office's choices as to future directions, planning and programme implementation.

e) Summary Evaluation Report—Yemen Country Portfolio and Management Response

The evaluation assesses the portfolio over a five-year period, focusing on; i) WFP's alignment with government policies and partners' strategies; ii) WFP's strategic choices in the past; and iii) the outcomes and impacts of operations. The findings and



recommendations will inform the country office's choices as to strategies, planning and programme implementation.

f) <u>Summary Report of the Impact Evaluation of School Feeding in Bangladesh and</u> <u>Management Response</u>

This is one of five impact evaluations between 2009 and 2011 in African and Asian countries, where school feeding covers over 300,000 beneficiaries per year for long periods, sometimes decades. The evaluation uses a mixed-method approach including surveys and participatory approaches to report on outcomes and impacts and the factors affecting them. It analyses results according to variables such as type of feeding and type of operation, and recommends ways to increase future impacts.

g) <u>Summary Evaluation Report of Niger Emergency Operation 200170 and Management</u> <u>Response</u>

The evaluation was conducted at the request of the West Africa regional bureau. It assesses WFP's response to the crisis in 2010, evaluates the impacts of assistance and considers the factors contributing to successes and failures.

Operational Matters

7. Draft Country Programmes

The following draft country programmes are submitted to the Board **for consideration**:

- Malawi 200287 (2012–2016)
- Mozambique 200286 (2012–2015)
- Central African Republic 200331 (2012–2016)

8. Country Programmes

The following country programmes, the drafts of which were considered by the Board at its Annual Session, are now submitted to the Board **for approval on a no-objection basis**:

- Bangladesh 200243 (2012–2016)
- Ethiopia 200253 (2012–2015)
- ➢ Ghana 200247 (2012−2016)
- Honduras 200240 (2012–2016)
- Indonesia 200245 (2012–2015)
- Lao People's Democratic Republic 200242 (2012–2015)
- Mauritania 200251 (2012–2016)
- Senegal 200249 (2012–2016)

9. Projects for Executive Board approval

a) <u>Development projects</u>

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following development projects exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ➢ Chad 200288
- ➢ Haiti 200150



b) Budget Increases to Development Activities

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increases to development activities exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ► Egypt CP 104500
- ➢ Liberia 107330
- Madagascar CP 103400
- c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following PRROs exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Chad 200289
- Colombia 200148
- Ethiopia 200290
- United Republic of Tanzania 200325
- d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increases to PRROs exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ➢ Yemen 200038
- ➢ Kenya 106660
- ➢ Kenya 200174

10. Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January-30 June 2011) *

a) <u>Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Burundi 200164
- ➢ Cameroon 200053
- Central America 200043
- ▶ Republic of the Congo 200147
- b) <u>Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the</u> <u>Executive Director</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

c) <u>Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the</u> <u>Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing EMOPs approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.



11. Organizational and Procedural Matters

Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2012–2013.

12. Administrative and Managerial Matters

a) <u>Update on Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies*</u>

In September 2009, the Board endorsed "Directions for Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies (WFP/EB.2/2009/11-C) as the basis for cooperation between FAO, IFAD and WFP. Since then, the agencies have increased their collaboration at the policy, operational and administrative levels, and three pilot activities have provided lessons for mainstreaming activities. Current work focuses on country-level actions, smallholder development, advocacy and common services. This update is submitted **for information**.

b) FAO-WFP Joint Strategy on Information Systems for Food and Nutrition Security*

This joint WFP/FAO document outlines the framework for developing sustainable information systems relevant to food and nutrition security. The strategy is a commitment to support Member States in enhancing the collection, handling and use of such data; gender and social inequities are also addressed. The document is submitted **for information**.

13. Summary of the Work of the 2011 Annual Session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the Annual Session of 2011 is submitted **for approval**.

14. Other Business

Report on the Field Visit to Bangladesh of the WFP Executive Board^{*}

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to Bangladesh, which took place from 18 to 23 September 2011, is presented to the Board **for information**.

15. Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.



^{*} In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the Annual Session and Third Regular Session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.