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POLICY FOR DISCLOSURE OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS TO MEMBER STATES

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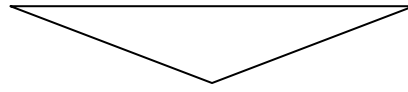
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Policy for Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports to Member States” (WFP/EB.A/2010/5-A*).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

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The World Food Programme (“WFP”) affirms its commitment to transparency and accountability in all its activities and decision-making. Accordingly, the Executive Director may make WFP’s internal audit reports, once issued in final format, available to States Members of the United Nations and Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (each a “Member State”) in accordance with the procedures outlined below, which will not be applied retroactively:

- a) Requests for access to internal audit reports are to be made in writing and should be specific as to the internal audit report, the reason and purpose for the request, and confirm the Member’s adherence to these procedures of disclosure and to the obligation of confidentiality.
- b) Having considered and determined that the written request is consistent with these procedures of disclosure, the Executive Director will, prior to disclosure, immediately inform and provide a copy of the request to the Board and, where the internal audit report in question contains findings related to a specific Member State, inform the Government of that Member State. The concerned Government will be provided with the opportunity to review the internal audit report in question, which will be made available for reading at the Office of the Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office, and comment on the report.
- c) The Executive Director may, having given the concerned Government reasonable time to read and comment on the report, make the requested internal audit report available for review to the requesting Member State and in making the report available shall exercise the greatest discretion and protect the legitimate rights of countries where WFP has programmes.
- d) Information contained in a WFP internal audit report shall be treated as confidential by any Member to which it is made available.
- e) Should the Executive Director decide to make an internal audit report available for review by a Member, such report a) shall be made available on a voluntary basis without prejudice to the privileges and immunities of WFP; and b) shall only be made available for reading at the Office of the Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office. No copies of the internal audit report, or any part thereof, irrespective of the utilized media, process or means shall be made during the consultation.
- f) Where information contained in an internal audit report is deemed by the Executive Director to be particularly sensitive in relation to a Member; or as compromising to a pending action; or as being likely to endanger the safety or security of any individual, or to violate his/her rights or invading his/her privacy, such internal audit report may be redacted or withheld in its entirety at the discretion of the Executive Director or Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office.
- g) The Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office shall include in his/her annual report to the Board, starting in 2011, information on the implementation of this decision, including, *inter alia*: the number of requests to make internal audit reports available; the outcomes of those requests; the number of internal audit reports disclosed and their titles; and confirmation of adherence to the principle of confidentiality for audit information disclosed in accordance with this decision.