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- 80. The World Food Programme (WFP) Secretariat outlined the selection and appointment procedures of the WFP External Auditor indicating that at its Annual Session in 2009, the Executive Board requested the Executive Board Bureau to develop recommendations on the arrangements for appointment of the External Auditor, to be approved by correspondence following Rule IX.8 of the Rules of Procedure, modified to allow the Bureau to perform the functions that are otherwise attributed in that Rule to the Executive Director *mutatis mutandis*. The document presented thus outlined the mandate, composition and continuity of service of the Evaluation Panel, and the selection procedure, criteria for evaluation, with their relative weightings, for the evaluation of candidates. The paper also described the role of the Audit Committee in the different steps.
- 81. The Committee commended the clarity of the paper and the excellent outline of selection criteria. It further cautioned against possible duplication of the work of the Audit Committee and the advisory bodies such as the Finance Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). The Committee noted the WFP Secretariat's clarification that the role of the Audit Committee was specific and strictly advisory in reviewing the Request for Proposal, providing comments during the evaluation process and assisting the Evaluation Panel as silent observers in the interview process of the shortlisted candidates. The Audit Committee's advice was primarily on the process. The Committee agreed to the different stages of the process to be followed and concluded that it could be recommended to the Board for approval.

