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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2008

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as proposed.

9 June 2008

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation, List E) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2008.

9 June 2008

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2008/EB.A/1 Opening Statement by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

9 June 2008

ANNUAL REPORTS

2008/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2007

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2007 (WFP/EB.A/2008/4 + Corr.1), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year.

9 June 2008

POLICY ISSUES

2008/EB.A/3 WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011)

The Board approved the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/1/Rev.1), in accordance with General Rule VI.1.

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

9 June 2008



2008/EB.A/4 WFP Communications Strategy

The Board took note of “WFP Communications Strategy” (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-B).

10 June 2008

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**2008/EB.A/5 Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007)**

The Board:

- i) approved the 2006–2007 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);
- ii) approved, in accordance with Financial Regulation 10.6, the replenishment of the Operational Reserve from the General Fund in the amount of US\$5.9 million, relating to a drawdown from the Operational Reserve based on a forecast contribution that did not materialize; and
- iii) noted the funding from the General Fund of US\$4.5 million during the biennium for the write-off of cash losses, unfunded expenditures, and contributions and accounts receivable.

The Board took note of the audit recommendations made by the External Auditor and the responses made by the Secretariat as set out in the document “Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the World Food Programme for the Biennium 2006–2007 (Section IV)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/4), and encouraged the Secretariat to implement these audit recommendations without delay.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/6 WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)

The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in “WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-B/1):

- i) approved a pledging target of US\$7.8 billion for 2009–2010; and
- ii) reiterated its proposal to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that the Council consider discontinuing the Pledging Conferences because they no longer play a significant role in WFP’s resource mobilization.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008



2008/EB.A/7 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

Having considered “Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-C/1), the Board:

- i) approved the policy for hedging the Euro component of Programme Support and Administrative expenses as outlined in this document, with effect from the 2009 budgetary period;
- ii) approved the use of US\$5 million from the General Fund for the establishment of an Emergency Security Fund; and
- iii) approved the use of up to US\$7.5 million from the General Fund for WINGS II as follows:
 - a. US\$5 million project risk contingency allocation to cover unexpected cost overruns; and
 - b. US\$2.5 million for change requests to allow the project to promptly incorporate high-value opportunities that arise during the realization phase.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/8 Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The Board:

- i) took note of the “Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-E/1);
- ii) took note of the proposal made by the Secretariat that in future, all External Audit reports presented to the Board be accompanied by a response from the Secretariat together with an action plan to implement the recommendations contained in such report; and
- iii) further noted that a summary report on the implementation of all external audit recommendations will be presented at each Annual Session of the Board, in line with recommendations of the ACABQ and FAO Finance Committee that the Board consider receiving only one progress report per year.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

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2008/EB.A/9 Report of the Inspector General

The Board took note of “Report of the Inspector General” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-F/1) and undertook to forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services with its comments.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

EVALUATION REPORTS**2008/EB.A/10 Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP’s Capacity Development Policy and Operations**

The Board took note of the “Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP’s Capacity Development Policy and Operations” (WFP/EB.A/2008/7) and requested the Secretariat to update the policy on capacity-building within the framework of the Strategic Plan 2008–2011.

The Board further requested the Secretariat to propose through the Bureau as early as possible how this could be incorporated into the future Programme of Work for the Executive Board.

12 June 2008

OPERATIONAL MATTERS**2008/EB.A/11 Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases**

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in “Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-B + Corr.1).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/12 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in “Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-C/2 + Corr.1).

10 June 2008



WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO**2008/EB.A/13 Draft Country Programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/1), for which the food requirement is 52,569 mt at a cost of US\$46.4 million covering total WFP costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

11 June 2008

**2008/EB.A/14 Projects for Executive Board Approval —
Development Project Liberia 10733.0**

The Board approved the proposed development project Liberia 10733.0 “Support for Education” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-A), subject to availability of resources.

11 June 2008

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO**2008/EB.A/15 Draft Country Programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/2), for which the food requirement is 166,620 mt at a total cost to WFP of US\$106.9 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

11 June 2008

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS**2008/EB.A/16 Humanitarian Access**

The Executive Board of the World Food Programme reiterated the importance of respect by Member States and all stakeholders for the humanitarian principles of neutrality, independence, impartiality and humanity. It recalled the obligations undertaken by all United Nations Member States to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access between and within countries to populations in need.

All national and international efforts should be made to ensure that emergency food assistance is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible to populations in distress.

The Executive Board called on governments and all stakeholders to facilitate humanitarian work and ensure the absence of restrictions and other impediments to WFP and other humanitarian partners in delivering essential humanitarian relief.

12 June 2008



ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2008/EB.A/17 Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007

In considering the “Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007” (WFP/EB.A/2008/13-A), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize and mitigate post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve commodity accounting practices, seek reimbursements from governments and cooperating partners when post-delivery losses were incurred, take all necessary measures to ensure losses were reduced and report to the Board annually on the progress of these efforts.

11 June 2008

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2008/EB.A/18 Summary of the Work of the First Session of the Executive Board, 2008

The Board endorsed the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2008/16.

12 June 2008

OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.A/19 Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008

The Board took note of the “Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008” (WFP/EB.A/2008/15).

12 June 2008



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3. *Opening Statement by the Executive Director*
4. *Annual Reports*
 - Annual Performance Report for 2007 (for approval)
5. *Policy Issues*
 - a) WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (for approval)
 - b) WFP Communications Strategy (for consideration)
6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
 - a) Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007) (for approval)
 - b) WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010) (for approval)
 - c) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)
 - d) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (for approval) – **withdrawn**
 - e) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations (for consideration)
 - f) Report of the Inspector General (for consideration)
 - g) Sixth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for information)
 - h) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g)) (for information)
 - i) Status Report on WINGS II Project (for information)
7. *Evaluation Reports*
 - Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations (for consideration)

Operational Matters

8. *Draft Country Programmes* (for consideration)
 - Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
 - Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)



9. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

- a) Development Projects
 - Liberia 10733.0
- b) Budget Increases to Development Activities
 - Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases
- c) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations
 - Somalia 10191.1 – **withdrawn**
 - Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

10. *Projects Approved by Correspondence*

- Afghanistan 10427.0 (for information)

11. *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters* (for information)

- a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director
(1 July–31 December 2007)
 - Haiti 10386.0
 - Lesotho 10582.0
 - Syrian Arab Republic 10678.0
- b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director
(1 July–31 December 2007)
- c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director
(1 July–31 December 2007)
 - Ecuador 10443.0
 - Ghana 10673.0
 - Mauritania 10605.0
 - Niger 10611.0
 - Pakistan 10671.0
 - Senegal 10612.0
 - Zambia 10593.0
- d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)
- e) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account
(1 January–31 December 2007)



12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009) (for information)

13. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007 (for consideration)
- b) Update on WFP Food Procurement (for information)
- c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (for information)
- d) Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements (for information)
- e) WFP Security Report 2007 (for information)

14. ***Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008***
(for endorsement)

15. ***Other Business***

- Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti (for information)

16. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***



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4	Annual Performance Report for 2007	WFP/EB.A/2008/4 + Corr.1
Policy Issues		
5 a)	WFP Strategic Plan (2008-2011)	WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/1/Rev.1
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2 WFP/EB.A/2008/6 (A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2 + * (French only)
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3 WFP/EB.A/2008/6 (A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3
5 b)	WFP Communications Strategy	WFP/EB.A/2008/5-B + * (French only)
Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters		
6 a)	Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007): Section I – Report of the Executive Director on the Financial Administration of the World Food Programme for the Biennium 2006–2007	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/1
	Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007): Section II – Opinion of the External Auditor on the Audited Financial Statements (2006–2007)	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/2
	Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007): Section III – The Audit of the Financial Statements of the World Food Programme for 2006–2007	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/3 + * (French only) + Corr.1 (Spanish only)
	Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007): Section IV – Response by the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on the Audit of the WFP's Financial Statements for the Biennium 2006-2007	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/4
6 b)	WFP Pledging Target: 2009 – 2010	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-B/1
6 c)	Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-C/1
6 d)	Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-D – withdrawn



Provisional agenda item	Title of agenda item and document	Document symbol
6 e)	Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-E/1
6 f)	Report of the Inspector General	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-F/1
6 g)	Sixth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-G/1
6 h)	Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g))	WFP/EB.A/2008/6-H/1
6 i)	Update on the WINGS II Project	WFP/EB.A/2006/6-I/1
Evaluation Reports		
7	Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations	WFP/EB.A/2008/7
	Management Response Matrix: Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations	WFP/EB.A/2008/7/Add.1
Draft Country Programmes		
8	Draft Country Programmes:	
	➤ Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)	WFP/EB.A/2008/8/1
	➤ Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)	WFP/EB.A/2008/8/2
Projects for Executive Board Approval		
9 a)	Development Projects:	
	➤ Liberia 10733.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/9-A
9 b)	Budget Increases to Development Activities:	
	➤ Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases	WFP/EB.A/2008/9-B + Corr.1
9 c)	Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations:	
	➤ Somalia 10191.1	WFP/EB.A/2008/9-C/1 – withdrawn
	➤ Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases	WFP/EB.A/2008/9-C/2 + Corr.1



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Projects Approved by Correspondence		
10	Budget Increase to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Afghanistan 10427.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/10
Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters		
11 a)	Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July – 31 December 2007)	
	➤ Haiti 10386.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-A/1
	➤ Lesotho 10582.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-A/2
	➤ Syria 10678.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-A/3
11 b)	Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July – 31 December 2007)	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-B
11 c)	Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July – 31 December 2007):	
	➤ Ecuador 10443.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/1
	➤ Ghana 10673.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/2
	➤ Mauritania 10605.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/3
	➤ Niger 10611.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/4
	➤ Pakistan 10671.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/5
	➤ Senegal 10612.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/6
	➤ Zambia 10593.0	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-C/7
11 d)	Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July – 31 December 2007)	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-D
11 e)	Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January – 31 December 2007)	WFP/EB.A/2008/11-E
Organizational and Procedural Matters		
12	Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009)	WFP/EB.A/2008/12
Administrative and Managerial Matters		
13 a)	Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January - 31 December 2007	WFP/EB.A/2008/13-A
13 b)	Update on WFP Food Procurement	WFP/EB.A/2008/13-B



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13 c)	Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories	WFP/EB.A/2008/13-C
13 d)	Information Note on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements	WFP/EB.A/2008/13-D
13 e)	WFP Security Report	WFP/EB.A/2008/13-E
15	Report on the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1 – 9 March 2008	WFP/EB.A/2008/15
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	Report of the Executive Director on Recent Senior Staff Movements	WFP/EB.A/2008/INF/5
	Information Note on Development and Qualification of Sampling Methodology and Statistical Analysis for Measuring Post-Delivery Losses	WFP/EB.A/2008/INF/6
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	WFP/EB.A/2008/INF/7

¹ To be issued after endorsement by the Executive Board at its Second Regular Session in October 2008.



ANNEX III

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