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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 in 2007. 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, **for consideration**, an overview of the issues facing WFP.

4. *Policy Issues*

a) Strategic Plan Concept Note

The presentation of the Strategic Plan Concept Note **for consideration** is the first milestone of WFP's strategic planning process – the other two being the presentation of a first full draft of the Strategic Plan at an informal consultation with the membership in early 2008, and the submission of the Strategic Plan for adoption at the Annual Session of the Board in June 2008. The Concept Note aims to delineate what the main features of the Strategic Plan will be, and provides the Board members with a framework to express their expectations regarding the strategic planning process as well as its final result.

b) Gender and Geographical Diversity – a Way Forward for Meeting Established Targets

At its Annual Session in June 2007, the Board requested that a strategy for improving gender balance and geographical representation, especially at the senior levels, be presented. The purpose of this document, submitted **for consideration**, is to provide the Board with an approach for developing a comprehensive and integrated human resource strategy for improving the geographical representation and gender balance in its international workforce and achieving set targets.

c) Emergency Needs Assessment: Final Progress Report on the Implementation Plan and Next Steps*

At its Second Regular Sessions in 2005 and 2006, the Board took note of the progress made in strengthening WFP's emergency needs assessments under the three-year Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment implementation plan, and was apprised of plans to evaluate the outcomes and identify options for including essential components in WFP's regular budget. This document, submitted to the Board **for information**, provides a final progress report on the implementation plan and outlines the next steps proposed to capitalize on the momentum created by the project and address remaining areas for improvement.



d) Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report on the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. The “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies” was first submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2002. The update of the Consolidated Framework is submitted to the Board **for information**.

e) Update on WFP’s Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies*

This paper, **for information**, updates the Board on progress in WFP’s engagement in poverty-reduction strategies. Following approval in 2006 of the WFP policy paper “Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies” (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-B), a number of initiatives have been undertaken to provide guidance to country and regional offices in their efforts to engage in poverty-reduction strategy processes. This paper describes these initiatives and outlines emerging strategic issues and challenges facing WFP.

5. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***

a) WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009)

As per Financial Regulation 9.2, a Management Plan is to be submitted to the Board, at the last regular session in the second year of each financial period; the first Management Plan was presented to the Board at the Third Regular Session in 2003. As the new Strategic Plan is still under discussion, the Biennial Management Plan (2008-2009) is based on the last Strategic Plan (2006–2009). The Management Plan will be updated at the Second Regular Session of 2008, after the new Strategic Plan has been approved. The document 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.

b) Termination Payments for Service Contract Holders

At its Annual Session last June, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on the implications to WFP of staff employed under Special Agreements, Service Contracts and Assignments of Limited Duration contracts. This paper, submitted **for approval**, describes the evolution of the use of the contractual tools used by WFP to employ its locally recruited staff in the field. It also explains how the terms of termination indemnities have been determined to date for the various contract types during separation programmes of local employees in the field. It draws lessons from WFP’s field staffing experience and proposes a way forward.

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

c) Has Decentralisation Met the World Food Programme’s Operational Needs? Report by the External Auditor

This report, submitted to the Board **for consideration**, reviews decentralization at WFP in order to provide an independent and objective contribution to the deliberations of the Board and senior management at a time when the organization is reviewing its financial and budgetary constraints. It examines three aspects: i) whether decentralization has led to appropriate, controlled and timely allocation of resources; ii) whether decentralization has focused resources effectively to meet operational needs; and iii) whether decentralization has led to the cost effective and efficient use



of resources overall. The report presents the External Auditor's findings, indicates areas where greater resource efficiencies might be obtained and proposes five recommendations to strengthen the management of decentralized operations.

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

d) Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the External Auditor

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented **for consideration**.

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

e) Fifth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a progress report document on the transition to international accounting standards.

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

f) Special Audit Requested by the Executive Board in Relation to WFP's Activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Report by the External Auditor

In February 2007, further to a request by the ACABQ for the United Nations Board of Auditors to carry out a special audit on the operations of the United Nations organizations, including the Funds and Programmes, in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Board requested a special external audit of WFP operations in that country, emphasizing the need to consult and coordinate with the United Nations Board of Auditors' audit of the same issues. This report by the External Auditor, which is submitted **for consideration**, presents the findings of the External Auditor's examination as well as his recommendations.

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

g) Status Report on WINGS II*

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WINGS II project, outlining the project's objectives, scope, current status and funding.

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

6. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and the associated matrixes summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.



a) Evaluation of WFP's Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan

This evaluation has been undertaken at the request of the Emergency Needs Assessment Service (ODAN). The main objective of the evaluation is to provide an external assessment of the progress made to improve the utility, credibility, transparency and quality of the emergency needs assessments undertaken in WFP.

b) Summary Evaluation Report of Haiti PRRO 10382.0

The evaluation of this PRRO examines whether the intervention approach has adequately addressed the immediate food needs of those most affected by crises and helped them to recover their food security.

c) Summary Mid-Term Evaluation Report of Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0

The mid-term evaluation of the Ethiopia PRRO examines, *inter alia*, the effectiveness of the intervention approaches and their potential impact on people's livelihood, including graduation from chronic vulnerability. The Ethiopia PRRO is currently one of WFP's largest operations globally.

Operational Matters

7. *Draft Country Programmes*

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

- Bolivia 10596.0 (2008–2012)
- Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011)
- Nicaragua 10597.0 (2008–2012)

8. *Country Programmes*

The following country programmes are submitted to the Board **for approval on a no-objection basis**:

- Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012)
- India 10573.0 (2008–2012)
- Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012)
- Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010)

9. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Development Projects

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

- Cuba 10589.0
- Sri Lanka 10607.0
- Rwanda 10677.0



b) Budget Increases to Development Activities

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

- Nepal 10093.0

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations (PRROs)

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

- Cambodia 10305.1
- Ethiopia 10665.0
- Haiti 10674.0
- Malawi 10586.0
- Mozambique 10600.0

d) Budget Increases to PRROs

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

- Sri Lanka 10067.1

10. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence***

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document listing the projects approved by correspondence by the Executive Board since its Annual Session in June 2007.

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January – 30 June 2007)***

a) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director*

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

b) PRROs Approved by the Executive Director*

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

- Armenia 10053.2
- Central America Regional 10444.0
- Côte d'Ivoire 10672.0
- Djibouti 10544.0
- Guinea 10553.0
- Lao People's Democratic Republic 10566.0
- Liberia 10454.0
- Nepal 10676.0
- Sierra Leone 10554.0
- Tajikistan 10603.0



c) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director*

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

d) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or Jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of 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.

12. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

a) Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) of the Executive Board

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2008–2009.

b) A Proposal for Handling Succession Planning Issues in the Executive Board Bureau

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document considering succession matters which affect the Executive Board Bureau and setting out proposals for (i) dealing with a potential change of the President of the Board, the Vice-President and any other member, (ii) resolving the issues raised and (iii) amending the Rules of Procedure of the Board accordingly.

c) Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies

Following a request by the Board at its last Annual Session, this report, which is submitted **for consideration**, presents a review of cooperation among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies to date, at global, regional and country levels. It also gives an outline of the challenges and opportunities for the future.

13. *Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2007*

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 2007 is submitted **for endorsement**.

14. *Other Business*

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 2000 Annual and Third Regular Sessions, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.