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# **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

## **Agenda item 1**

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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 First Regular Session in 2005. 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. *Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur*

In accordance with Rule IV of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board shall elect among the representatives of its members a President, a Vice-President and three other members (collectively designated as the Bureau), who shall hold office until their successors are elected. Each member of the Bureau shall be chosen from one of the Lists of States as defined in Appendix A to the General Regulations of WFP.

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

### 3. *Current and future strategic issues*

Under this item, the Executive Director will provide, **for consideration**, an oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme.

### 4. *Policy issues*

#### a) Definition of emergencies

This document, submitted **for the Board's approval**, reviews WFP's existing definition of emergencies in the light of the definitions in use by other United Nations agencies and partners and current emergency trends. This paper is prepared in response to the Board's request, in its discussion of the first "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" at its 2002 Annual Session, that the Secretariat present proposals for policy topics to be discussed at future sessions, with particular focus on topics related to emergencies.

#### b) Exiting emergencies

This document reviews lessons learned from WFP experiences in exiting from emergency responses. It stresses the importance of exit strategies and sets out recommendations to guide future organizational practice in exiting. The paper is prepared in response to the Board's request, in its discussion of the first "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" at its 2002 Annual Session, that the Secretariat present proposals for policy topics to be discussed during the next biennium, with particular focus on policy gaps related to emergencies. "Exiting emergencies" was presented as a policy topic at the Third Regular Session in 2003. This paper is presented **for approval**.

#### c) Annual Report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council

With regard to streamlining corporate reporting to the Executive Board and WFP parent bodies (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F), the Board decided at its Annual Session in 2004 that the Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council would be presented at its First Regular Session every year, starting in 2005. The report combines three previous reports — Section II of the former "Annual Report of the Executive Director", the



“Report on Follow-Up to General Assembly and ECOSOC Resolutions” and the “Progress Report on General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/201, Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review” — into a single report that provides a comprehensive picture of WFP’s engagement in United Nations system-wide activities and responses to relevant United Nations General Assembly and ECOSOC resolutions. This report is presented **for approval**.

#### 5. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*

##### a) Financial framework for Strategic Priority (SP) 5 implementation

At the Third Regular Session of the Board in October 2004, members requested that WFP present a document setting out the financial framework for the policy paper “Building Country and Regional Capacities”. An informal consultation is scheduled in January and the formal paper is submitted **for approval**.

##### b) Definition of special operations (SOs)

At its Annual Session in 2004, the Board approved a new definition of the SO programme category, with a footnote that the issue relating to technical assistance would be re-examined at its Third Regular Session in October 2004. The discussions on building local and regional capacity and the financial framework for this Strategic Priority were postponed until the First Regular Session in 2005. As no change in the definition of SOs is required, irrespective of the outcome of these discussions, WFP presents a paper **for approval** whereby the definition of the SO programme category is submitted without the footnote.

##### c) Business process review (BPR): working-capital financing

The report on BPR presents **for approval** a proposal for the working-capital financing mechanism for BPR pilot projects and provides a summary update of all BPR work to date. BPR, which started in March 2003, addresses the inefficiencies evident in large unspent balances.

##### d) Proposed programme of work of the External Auditor for the 2004–2005 biennium\*

The WFP External Auditor, the National Audit Office (NAO) of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, appointed for 2002–2005, will present **for information** a document outlining its programme of work.

##### e) Report of the External Auditor on financial reporting standards of the World Food Programme

The External Auditor presents **for consideration** a report outlining the procedures required and the impact on the financial statements at WFP of the introduction of international accounting standards.

##### f) Follow-up on the recommendations of the External Auditor

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

##### g) Update on the WFP Management Plan 2004–2005\*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2004–2005.

The Executive Director will forward the documents presented under agenda item 5 to the presidents of the FAO Finance Committee and the Advisory Committee on



Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for review. The comments and recommendations of the two advisory bodies on these documents will be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2005.

## 6. *Evaluation reports*

### a) Summary evaluation report of Afghanistan PRRO 10233.0

The evaluation of the Afghanistan protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO), which is submitted **for consideration**, took place in May 2004. In line with WFP's commitment to results-based management (RBM), OEDE policy and repeated requests from the Executive Board, the evaluation of the PRRO in Afghanistan is focusing on the progress towards results achieved through the implementation of WFP activities.

The Board is requested to take note of the reports and the associated information note summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.

### b) Information note on the implementation plan of the PRRO evaluation recommendations\*

This paper on the implementation plan of the PRRO evaluation recommendations is presented **for information** in response to the Board's request at its Second Regular Session in 2004 (WFP/EB.2/2004/2-A) for an update on the implementation of actions identified by WFP to improve the quality of its PRROs.

## *Operational matters*

## 7. *Projects for Executive Board approval*

### a) Budget increases to development activities

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

- Ethiopia Country Programme 10208.0 (Activity 2)

### b) Protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs)

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

- Uganda 10121.1
- Colombia 10366.0

## 8. *Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters*

### a) Emergency operations (EMOPs) approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, 1 July–31 December 2004\*

The Executive 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 sub-paragraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

### b) Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: updated annex\*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated annex to Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0 is submitted to the Board **for information**.

## 9. *Organizational and procedural matters*



➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)\*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2005–2006) is presented **for information**.

10. *Administrative and managerial matters*

➤ Funding Arrangements for UN Staff Safety and Security

At its Annual Session of 2004, the Board considered the document “Information note on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements” (WFP/EB.A/2004/7-C) and took note of the information it contained, including the Secretariat’s intention to inform the Board of progress and funding status of the WFP Security Upgrade Programme at its First Regular Session in 2005 as well as any changes in WFP’s financial obligations towards the United Nations Security Management System. This document is submitted **for approval**.

11. *Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2004*

In accordance with the Board’s decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of 2004 is submitted **for endorsement**.

12. *Other business*

The following subject will be addressed under this item:

- Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and WFP

Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Board.

13. *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.

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\* In accordance with the Executive Board’s decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 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.

