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DEFINITION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS



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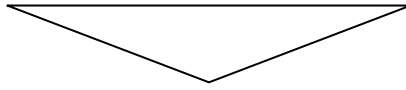
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board approves the following amended definition of the special operations programme category in the General Rules as set out in the document WFP/EB.1/2005/5-B:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

- i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs;
- ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

* 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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1. At its Annual Session in 2004, the Board approved the following change to the definition of the special operations (SO) programme category:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

- i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure* to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs;
- ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

*The issue relating to technical assistance will be discussed again at the Third Regular Session in October 2004.

2. At the Third Regular Session of the Board in October 2004, members requested that WFP present a paper setting out the financial framework for the policy paper “Building Country and Regional Capacities”. The issue of the footnote in the approved definition of SOs was postponed until the First Regular Session in January 2005.
3. Having reviewed the matter, the Secretariat is of the opinion that there is no need to amend the definition of SOs, because it accommodates the needs of the programme to undertake various interventions as required.
4. Accordingly, the Secretariat seeks the Board’s approval to delete the footnote in the definition of SOs approved by the Board at the Annual Session in 2004.
5. The proposed new text appears below:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories:

Special Operations Programme Category, for interventions undertaken to:

- i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs;
- ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

