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Colombia - Mauritania - Mozambique

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1. Three Country Strategy Outlines (CSOs) are presented to the Second Session of the Executive Board: Colombia, Mauritania and Mozambique. In accordance with the discussions during the Fortieth Session of the CFA, the CSOs are submitted for discussion in order to obtain guidance on the strategic focus of our future Country Programme. In all three cases, Country Programme Documents will be submitted to the Executive Board in 1997.
 2. The Colombia CSO has been produced by the country office, with preliminary inputs from local experts, and finalized in the field by the Regional Manager for OML in full consultation with the Planning Secretariat.
 3. In the case of Mauritania, the document has been produced by the Country Director and supported with a short backstopping mission from headquarters, under the final supervision of the Regional Bureau.
 4. The Mozambique CSO draws heavily on a previous document produced by the country office and supported by an external consultant who had also played an important role in the Country Strategy Note. This document, of which a Portuguese version had facilitated discussions with the Government, was updated in December 1995 by a backstopping mission from headquarters. (The Mozambique CSO includes several elements facilitating the transition into a future Country Programme Document.)
 5. All three documents have been discussed with United Nations agencies and with the Government. Bilateral donors were also consulted. Only in the case of Mozambique had the Government finalized its Country Strategy Note.
 6. While all three countries have important food deficits, the strategic objectives are to reduce food insecurity of poor households.



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